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CREATE A COUNCIL

Have you heard about the changes on the Parish Council? Three councillors have resigned - the chairman, Joan Bloomfield, Frank Wells and Kevin Kerry.

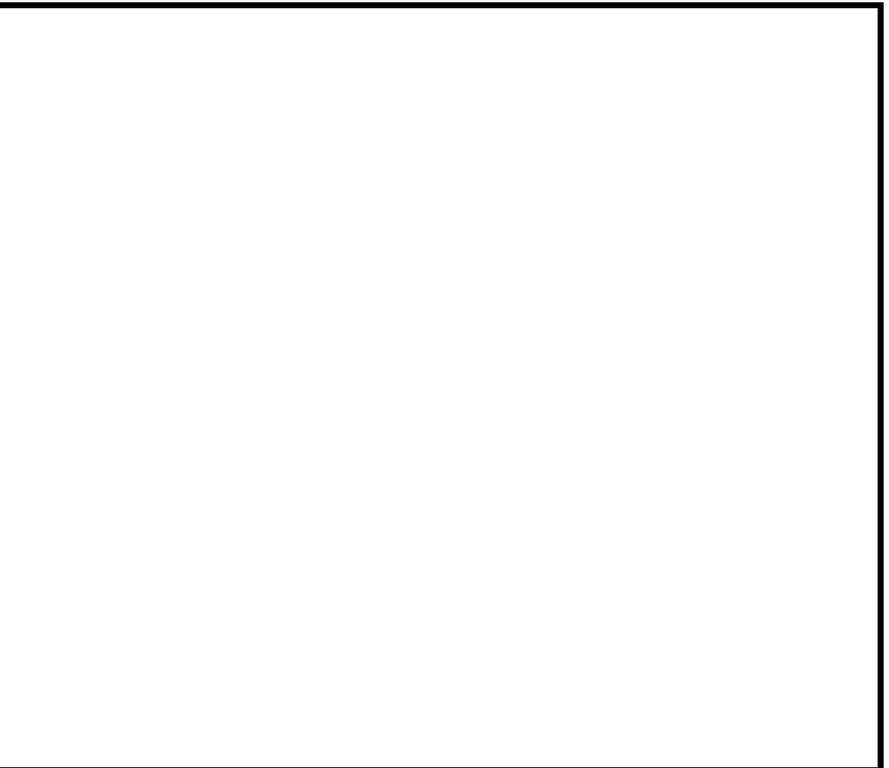
The next Council meeting is on **16th September at 7.30pm** in the village hall. Hopefully all three vacancies will be filled and a new chairman chosen.

An additional "attraction" is the anticipated visit of our new police liaison officer, Brian Malster. Do come along and meet him. He is eager to hear your views....

Also on the agenda for the evening is talk about the speed limit, lorries in the village and the road surface.

Parish Council meetings allow you to be in touch with village affairs and knowing your councillors means you can influence change - progress. Do come along!

Parish Clerk



This has been a unique week for the country with the passing of Diana, Princess of Wales. I have tried to encapsulate the words of Earl Spencer at Diana's funeral in the photograph above. For all those who mourn, it is the happy memories of the past that heal.....

"Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, beliveth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.... the greatest.... is love."

1 Corinthians 13

Last week Tuddenham benefited from the voluntary work of a band of helpers working on behalf of the Greenways Project, headed by James Baker. There were eight volunteers, armed with scythes, etc. clearing the Back Lane, in preparation for the resurfacing of the footpath in October.

I spoke to several helpers, puzzled as to why they had volunteered to work in a village where they did not live. John, from Grundisburgh, said he had retired from ICI and worked through Otley College on Tuesdays in support of environmental projects. Norman, from Ipswich, had taken early retirement from the Health Service and enjoyed the physical work he did for the Greenways Project and Suffolk Wildlife on Tuesdays and Thursdays. He noted how environmental issues had been considered nutty in the 60s when he first got involved but were now mainstream. Both John and Norman felt that the boardwalk in Foxhall was the best scheme in which they had been involved. Other volunteers were younger, several coming from Otley College. Such people are an inspiration, eh?

So now you can have a chance to join them..... The job of clearing Back Lane ready for the new surface will involve digging, carting and whacking in the "hoggin". This will give us a 1.2m wide path with side boards where needed to hold in the hoggin and an occasional step to stop the hoggin coming down the hill if it rains. The job will be overseen by James Baker on

October 26th, starting at 10.00am

and any village volunteers will be very welcome. Please come, armed with spades and refreshments, and help to improve this important path in your village. Your help would be great any time during the day - either manual or just a cold drink or snack for the workers!

The more helpers we get the quicker we can finish. The Parish Council are paying several hundred pounds for the path surface to be supplied but your contribution will save the village having to pay for the labour. Hopefully there will be enough of us to make the day a pleasure to be involved with.

S, I look forward to seeing you on October 26th and in the meantime, thanks to the volunteers who have already worked on the path.

Free Delivery

The Tattler has found three restaurants that can deliver free to your door if you live in Tuddenham. All you need to do is to phone in your order and wait.... oh and pay for the food!

Martlesham Pizza

on

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delivers free if the order costs more than £6 and in addition to pizzas they serve chips, jacket potatoes and various desserts. For example a 9" pizza with salad, garlic bread and a chocolate gateau comes to around £11. Recommended by P. C. Steve Warne.....

The Sonar Bangla

on

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offers tandoori food at a very reasonable price. Thus a group meal for two is £13.95. The portions are huge!

The Agra

on

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also delivers to Tuddenham free if the order comes to at least £12. I have tried this one and the food came promptly and warm. Grab a menu next time you pass St. Matthew Street.

Gemini Village Excursion

The parting words of Mrs. Woods senior were, "Don't you get my son drunk at Edgbaston." Well, Mrs. Woods, I didn't, but everyone else did! Who could blame them after England thrashed the Aussies by nine wickets. The day started slowly for England with one wicket before lunch. After lunch the wickets tumbled for the Aussies and the rest is history because of England's fabulous victory.

A really superb day out was had by all.

Gemini are busy arranging another cricket match, Euro-Tunnel excursion in October and the Thursford Carol Service.

For details please phone Ed at **Gemini on 212705**



or at
home on
785819.

Ipswich Buses

Phone 0800 919390 free for details of excursions in September and October. Among them there is the trip to Kings Lynn on Tuesday 16th September, and Norwich on 30th. In October the Newmarket Races are on 4th, London on 7th, Airshow at Duxford on 12th and Cambridge on 29th.

Sutton Hoo

This is the burial site of the Anglo-Saxon Kings of East Anglia. There are guided tours at 2.00 and 3.00pm on Saturdays and Sundays through till 14th September. It can be found across the river from Woodbridge off the B1083 at Hollesley turn.

We went there recently and found the place very interesting - particularly the sandmen. You may have heard about the lottery grant to the National Trust to develop the place and encourage more visitors. I can see why it needs to be preserved but there will be no more chances to walk over the mounds and get close to the sandmen - what a loss. Try to go

French Treasure

On a Friday in the Summer holidays I decided to take the invitation that Mr. French offered me and join him on a *treasure hunt*. I was in a group with three older boys and my mum. There were two other groups. We were given some instructions at the entrance to Christchurch Park. As we were the last to go the boys decided some catching up

was needed and we ran most of the way. We looked for the dates when people died on stands under trees, drains, times and (so the boys thought) the other groups. When we came to the end we found Mr. French sitting on the grass and he gave us some gold in a cup, which we drank (orange squash, do you call it?) I thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and would recommend it to others.....

TUTORING

I am offering tutoring in Biology and or Combined Science up to G.C.S.E. level. Please phone 785360 for details.

Ipswich Cycle Map

If you cycle in Ipswich and would like a copy of this map please contact me on

CHURCH FLOODLIGHTING

“What a lovely sight,” has been the frequent remark from those passing Church Hill in the evening. The flood lighting of the Church is certainly a very good idea. Did you know that for £5 you can request a weekend of flood lighting? Many people are doing this in memory of a friend or relative and sometimes just as part of a celebration. Phone Cannon Lunney for further details on

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Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch schemes create community spirit and a strong partnership with the police, so says the area N.W. Chairman. Certainly, in Tuddenham, I think the first is correct though with our parish liaison officer on sick leave it is good to welcome a new officer - P.C. Brian Malster.

We are encountering some vandalism at the moment - mostly petty but annoying. Please notify the police if you see anything suspicious.

The police have warned us about two possible callers; Kesgrave Global Water Treatments - not Anglia Water - who are offering very expensive work and European Environmental Controls with questionnaires to be filled in about security - the police say “Steer

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WEEKEND AWAY

Some months ago all the parents of children who attend the Sunday Club at Tuddenham Chapel were told about a planned trip to London. The Tattler has several articles by participants and three super photos to tell the story. As a parent, however, I would like to thank everyone involved for giving the children a great weekend and the parents a weekend off! I think it must have been a success for there has been talk of a repeat run already.

Read and enjoy.....!

Our Trip To London

Recently I went to London with the Chapel. We left on Friday at 6.30pm. I went in Tony's car with Laura and Sarah. We listened to lots of music on the way there and ate lots of sweets. We were in the front of the four cars that were going. When we arrived two of the other cars didn't. We were a bit worried but they got there in the end.

We had a lovely burger and chips when we got there and soon after that we went to bed. But nobody got to sleep because Sarah was very noisy!

In the morning we had to get up at 7.30. I had seven pieces of toast for breakfast. Ian had fifteen. Julie - Tony and Elaine's daughter - brought little Josef in to see us. He is really cute. We left at 10.30 to get on the tube. We all had our own tickets to put into the machines. William wanted his but Tony kept it in case it got lost. First we went near to the Tower of London and looked in the Tower shop. We got back in the tube to go to Covent Garden. We were there for a long time. There were very interesting shops to look at so we had a late lunch. We walked to another set of shops. There were some funny shoe shops. The shoes had really funny, high heels and were weird colours. A foreign man tried to sell us a Kangol hat. He said we could have it for a good price. Laura whispered £5 but he heard and said no, NO, **NO, NOT £5!**

Then we went back to Kilburn and had lasagne. That night we played loads of games and I played snap with Hazel and won all the games. We weren't supposed to go into the boy's room but just for fun we all jumped on Roger's bed and sat on top of Peter.

Then, late at night, we went for a drink of water and

CONGRATULATIONS

to

Simmy and Aiden
for their wedding on
13th September
in Tuddenham Church



-yet another married
couple from the "Rees
stable"!

found some lovely sweets, so Elaine let us buy some. We made the boys jealous because we had got some sweets.

On Sunday we packed all our stuff up, undid our airbeds and started to put things in the cars. Then we got ready for Church. The Church was really weird. We went to a sort of Sunday Club where we sang songs then we

got into groups and did booklets. It was just like school.

Then we had to go into Julie's house because there was something else going on in the other part of the house. We had a lovely roast lunch which Elaine's sister cooked. She is very nice.

Julie brought some magnums and iced lollies for us after lunch. Then we walked to the park. We got a bit lost so Tony asked a lady. She was going to the park with her little granddaughter so we followed her there. There were lots of adventure playgrounds for all ages. But we played rounders first. The other team won but they kept cheating. After that we went to the "Up to 8 years" playground and pretended to be looking after William. Kirsty and I got bored so we went up to the "Up to 12 years". It had a big slide which was quite fun. We didn't have long there because we had to meet the others. Then we walked back from the park and it was time to go back to Ipswich.

On the way Peter's car passed us and Katy, Kirsty and William were all heads down and asleep. We had a really good time. Thank you Tony, Elaine, June, Peter, Hazel, Roger, Eddie, Julie and David for looking after us.

Lorna Williamson.

The London Experience

On Friday evening, 25th May, a group of young people (with a few not so young) set out on what was to be a truly memorable weekend. Departing from Tuddenham Chapel our destination was the Salvation Army Goodwill Centre in Kilburn, London. This was to be home for us all for the next two nights - it's also the permanent home for Tony and Elaine's daughter, Julie, and her husband David, both Salvation Army Officers.

It's always exciting for young people to "sleep over" and the fact that we were to sleep on the floor of the Goodwill Centre armed with sleeping bags, foam mattresses etc. just added to the fun. Arriving safely in Kilburn we unpacked and had supper. As it was now only 10.00pm we decided that a walk up the Kilburn High Road would be a good idea. There were still lots of people around - very different to the country.

It was about 1.00am when most of us gave in to sleep and about 6.30am when a low rumbling noise from deep below decided that we'd had enough - I'd forgotten that we were next door to the Kilburn Tube Station. After a breakfast of tea, toast and cereals we got ready for our day in the City. With a packed lunch

and a ticket that allowed us to ride on the tube all day there was no stopping us: Tower of London first then back to Covent Garden (Katy's favourite place) with lots of interesting shops and museums, market stalls and street entertainers. Next stop was Hamley's in Regent Street where we all had a drink - courtesy of a gentleman from the Chapel who had kindly given us some money to spend. The Underground was very busy and it was good to see the older children of the group helping to look after the smaller ones.

We returned to the Goodwill Centre just before 6.00pm, weary and footsore but were soon revived with a most delicious evening meal. After dinner we played various box games and entertained each other with Charades. Sleep was most welcome (after the toy mobile phones had stopped ringing - several had been bought earlier that day in the Covent Garden area.)

Next morning we awoke to sun steaming through the windows. Today we were going to an Anglican Church (minus mobile phones) just

around the corner. There were people of many races there and it became clear during the service that they were concerned for Christians in other countries, including their own. Whilst we were there the Goodwill Centre was being used by a number of Russian people worshipping in their own language - we were beginning to see how different it all is in the city. After a splendid Sunday lunch we all went to the local park where there were lots of people playing sports and we played an enthusiastic game of rounders. Everybody enjoyed themselves.

We all felt quite sad when it was time for us to leave. A big thank you was conveyed to Julie and David for allowing us to stay over. I am sure I speak for all when I say thank you to Elaine and her sister June for the superb meals they prepared for us over the weekend. And for Tony too, a thank you for organising such a memorable weekend. Memorable - Yes! we not only saw the "Bright lights" and big shops but also the huge blocks of flats where none of us fancied living and what about the young lady with her baby, begging in the Tube station! The Goodwill Centre, we learnt, was a lifeline for many people. Life in the

Safari Supper

“You must be mad” said all my work mates. “Did you really volunteer?” “What course are you doing?” “How many did you say were coming to yours?” and so the questions went on and I did begin to wonder if I was indeed mad.

Still in the days leading up to the event I was optimistic that the weather would improve so that our guests would be able to spill out into the garden. For a keen gardener it is hard to imagine anything better on a balmy Summer’s evening than wandering around a heavily scented garden with a glass of my favourite tittle and some good company to chat to.

Well Saturday the 21st dawned and rain was forecast for the whole day. Also I had still not decided what to cook. In the end my choice was to try one new sweet but back it up with some old favourites as I could not afford any disasters; there was not much time left.

What a day, cooking, cleaning, shopping, picking strawberries (in the rain), laying the table and, at last, I am ready. Late in the day I check Monica’s letter, we are due at the Old School House at 7.30hrs and we are expecting 17 people for puddings. Oh dear! Have I done enough? IT’S ALSO RAINING.

At 7.20 we are on our way up the hill with a brolly each and a carrier bag with the liquid refreshments. Others in the village are also on the move. “See you later for coffee,” we call. At the Burns’ house we all admire the wonderful view over the Fynn Valley. The next thing we

hear is a voice saying “No No, don’t let him in. It’s Henry, he has followed us here.” Two of our other guests had arrived but who was not being let in? It turns out that their cat did not like the idea of them going out to eat without him and sat outside the window asking to be let in. Henry was no fool; we were given a delicious Grapefruit and Avocado starter; he knew what he was missing.

Our main course was prepared by Fiona at Well Cottage. David was on his travels to the States again so a carver was enlisted in the form of Andrew Gunn. We enjoyed wonderful roast beef and gammon

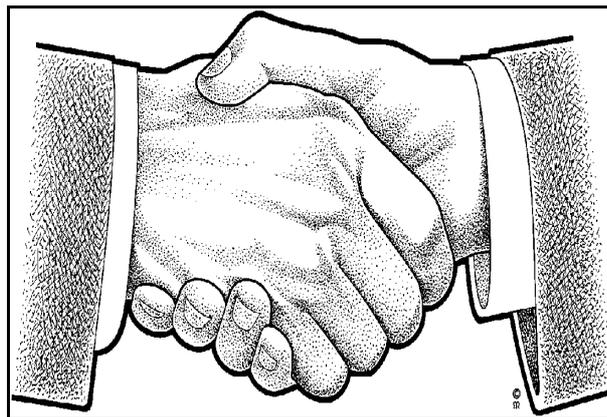
with lovely fresh veggies. How do these people serve up hot vegetables when they have been out to eat themselves?

Then it was our turn. I went ahead to whip up the cream and decorate the sweets. People started to arrive and I was trying

hard not to panic. It was raining yet again and my rooms looked so small. I served up the sweets and they seemed to go down well even if they did ruin a few diets. Time seemed to go so quickly and it was soon time to open the envelope containing our coffee destination. It was to be served at the Tanners and our guests departed up the hill.

At Rivendell we met up with all the other Safari guests and swapped tales of our moving meals and caught up with all the news. It concluded a very enjoyable evening and we must all thank Monica for yet again being a great organiser.

Was I mad? Yes, perhaps I was but it



CYCLING NEWS

First a reminder of a safe cycle route for family outings if you can get to Norwich with your bikes- The **Marriott's Way** path which was a disused railway track. It comes complete with old stations and mature hedgerows, is lovely and flat and there are

only walkers and cyclists so it's peaceful.

Next a plug for the Suffolk **Connexions** shops in St. Helen's Street and in the Woodbridge Library - they sell lots of safety gear and

books for cyclists, adult and child alike, at knock down prices.

Next issue I hope to include an article about the Ipswich Family Cycle group who go on outings every last Sunday in the month. I will try to get an itinerary.

Now that the nights are beginning to draw in do please check your lights and put

Mobile Library

The mobile library calls at The Fountain car park on alternate Tuesdays at 9.40am:

Sept. 16 and 30th

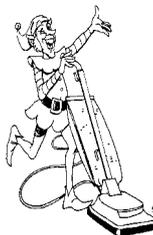
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For further details please phone 588522 or 584564.

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housework?

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The Tuddenham Women's Institute are holding a "Soup and Sweet" lunch on Saturday, 18th October, in the village hall at 12.30.

The guest speaker will be Dr. John Arthur whose talk is entitled "Alexander Paton - A Tuddentam Benefactor." John will describe some of the work of a minister in the village in the middle of the nineteenth century including his contribution to the building of the 1850 vicarage and the 1861 school.

Tickets are £3.50 each from Jackie Lugo - tel. 252315
Everyone very welcome!



Although Lucille Morrison lived in Winesham I am writing this appreciation of her life, so tragically shortened, in The Tattler as she was known by many residents of Tuddenham.

All who knew Lucille were touched by her caring and lively spirit as well as her closeness to Keith. Her work in the community of Winesham was tireless.

Our thoughts are with Keith and family.

The recent campaign, headed by Janet Welham and Margaret Taylor, to alter the proposed name of the new cemetery in Tuddenham Road from "Tuddenham Fields" met with success. Many of our readers will have signed the petition and will know, thus, of the energy behind this achievement. You, too, can have influence by attending Parish Council meetings, and keeping in touch with local affairs.

People power!

You have probably already noticed the poor quality of this Tattler - spelling mistakes, minimal content, and no Reporting Reporter articles. Yes, you guessed it; she has been away on holiday and left me to it.... I am glad to welcome Maggie and Ralph back to Tuddenham, ready, I hope, for the October issue!

Same Place, Next Issue..

The next Tattler will be out in October. We hope to have a report on the Parish Council meeting with the names of the new councillors.

Do you wish to put in any articles, letters, pictures etc.? We would love to hear from you - **please phone 785314** or pop into Pear Tree Cottage and see the one (and only, phew) Ridiculous Reporter. We are particularly eager to get some more children's drawings for our front covers - any subject welcome though Tuddenham places or residents preferred!

Do you know of an interesting outing we could mention or a place to eat? Have you taken any photos you would like to enyer in our competition - hopefully more details of that in the next issue too.

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