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BEAUTY GETS HER BEAST

This has been the twelfth T.A.D.P.O.L. E.s' pantomime and yet again, Monica has come up with a winner.

The irrepressible Barry, played by Bob Boosey, the Glum dame played by Gary Butler, the grotesque sisters played by Barbara Butler and Margaret Taylor, the muscle bound Jean Claud played by Alastair Compton, the fairies - Pauline Procter and Becky Kerry, straight faced Widget and Fidget, they all surrounded the Bestial David Woods and Beautiful Hannah Woolnough to create an entertaining evening. The children were wide eyed on the stage *and* in the audience and the loud guffaws from Michael Stone at the dress rehearsal told of the quality of the production.

There was a wealth of talent and application front stage and behind tabs where the backroom boys apply makeup, paint and erect scenery, offer props, costume the players, prompt "occasionally", get the children ready, play the music, light the stage, make the tea, create the side effects, and do a host of other jobs to create the finished affair. I should give a special mention to Alan - Mr. Music, - Judy and Fiona - Costumes - and Piers - Mr. Props. There are plenty of others to mention but we have saved some for our next issue. Then there are the audience who put up with verbal and physical abuse - and pay for it!

However, for me, the accolade goes, as ever, to Monica, for her tireless leadership through line learning and crises.

LONG LIVE PANTO LAND!

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FOUND

A torch was left behind after the carol singing in December. If you have lost a black and yellow one please contact Tony French on 785804.

Best Wishes

The Tattler wishes Amy a speedy recovery after her recent illness. Hopefully Amy's jolly smile and cheerful chat will help her through now she is home in Tuddenham.

WANTED

Tuddenham Church is looking for volunteers to take part in a Millennium Peal lead by the Open Churches Trust. This is to involve, hopefully, every belfry, tower or spire throughout the world. If you would like to volunteer please contact David Woods on 785268.

Welcome

Welcome to Lisa and Stephen Ellis who recently moved into Porch Cottage. Both are very sporty people. Lisa enjoys hockey and even plays football at work, while Stephen will be back again, joining in almost anything, when he is fully recovered from his knee injury. Samba, their delightful dog, made his appearance on Christmas Day on their doorstep when they were living in Birmingham. He

Resident's Request

We have been asked to draw everyone's attention to the fact that the whole large grassy area behind Keightley Way is a children's playground and not an area to be used by dogs.

Neighbourhood Watch

Several of you have told me of the difficulties you sometimes have contacting the police if there is a need to do so. So I wrote to Inspector Krolik at Woodbridge Police Station pointing out how much better it would be if we could contact our local police station - Woodbridge - rather than having to go through the Martlesham switchboard all the time. Here is a summary of his reply:

*With approximately 60,000 public calls received by Suffolk Constabulary each month there is a need to prioritise these calls. So if there are offenders or suspects in your village please use the 999 emergency service. That is what it is there for and using it if you are suspicious is **not** an abuse. If you want to contact the police in other circumstances please use the 613500 number. This system offers the opportunity to leave a message if the call is not able to be answered straight away and we will respond to your message so that you do not have the inconvenience of waiting. Furthermore, the Martlesham Control Room is in radio contact with every on-duty police officer in the county - which is not the case at Woodbridge police station. However, if you want to talk to a particular police officer you can do so by dialling the number where he or she is stationed though the call may go unanswered if the officer is unavailable.*

The message therefore is:

If you suspect something is wrong ring 999.

If you want to ring the police about other things ring 613500.

Janet Wells.

Winter in Jamaica?

"How beautifully warm during the Winter is the lovely island of Jamaica! Wonderful scenery; an unlimited variety of sports and entertainment; the perfect place for a winter holiday. Return Fare £57.

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Weekly sailings from Bristol (Avonmouth Docks), Elders & Fyffe Ltd. Bow St. London, WC2.

This advert appeared in the Daily Telegraph on Monday, 4th September, 1939. If you had the money you could get away from the dreary and dangerous war years of 1939-45 in Britain.

There were a few sinkings of merchant ships by German Submarines in the Caribbean but other than that the war would have had very little impact. You would certainly not have gone short of sugar and bananas.

If you did not fancy being stuck out in the West Indies you could buy a house in a safe area, away from threatened air attack by the Luftwaffe.

How about this one?

"In absolutely safe area, bungalow for sale, Elmer Sands Estate, 3 double, 3 single bedrooms. lounge, large kitchen, bath etc. Mains gas,

water, electricity. Price £650 freehold. Apply 'Neptune', The Layne, Bognor Regis, Sussex."

People were desperate to get rid of property at this uncertain time. For those who didn't have the money, here was the other side of the coin.

"Whipps Cross Hospital, Leytonstone, Borough of West Ham. Applications are wanted from women between 18 and 30 years of age with a good general education to train as nurses at the above hospital. Salary for four years, £30, £35, £45, and £50 per annum with board, lodging laundry and indoor uniform. A 48 hour week will be introduced as soon as possible."

Within a year these young women would have been earning their 57 pence a week dealing with the casualties of the Blitz.

Are you a Lotteryist? Do you want some "easy" money?

Your Editor has "acquired" a lottery ticket for the 14th Feb lottery draw. If you can tell whether it won the £4,000,000 jackpot, or any other prize, you could be on 50% of the dibs! Phone **785588** for yet another Tattler Throw Away!

Village Quiz

All routes led to the Village Hall on Saturday, 17th January, as it was the Tattler Quiz evening. Full of anticipation and knowledge, so I thought, we made our way there, complete with a bottle of wine.

The Question Master was resplendent in his dinner jacket and red bow tie flanked by two elegant ladies seated on the dias. I must not forget our R.R. (rabble rouser) beating the drum - tin jug and spoon - touting for raffle funds. I soon discovered that my housewifery attributes, my Bible knowledge and my guessing qualities were sadly lacking. Never the less I did enjoy exercising my dull brain box but was thwarted at every turn. I found David's farm implements quite a challenge. The foreign greetings baffling and was below par with the "Top of the Pops" scene. Congratulations to the Rabbits who walked off with a well deserved Toad and their prizes.

Yes. I will go again in 1999 to join in the fun and hilarity, if any team will have me! A hearty thank you to the Tattler Team for a well organised, fun evening including tasty food. From a mediocre grub.

Sue Punton.

Quiz Night Report from "Man on the Hill":

Local Newspaper Headlines?

Rabbits put sheep into a stew - Lambs to the slaughter.

Butterflies fly close but Bunnies leap ahead.

This was intended to be a poetic account of the Annual Tuddenham Tattler Quiz night.

The Tuddenham Tattler Quiz

Got us in a tizz

Should we enter?

Were we meant to
Think we'd be the biz? and
We'd be no good at all
So what, we'll have a ball
At Tuddenham Village Hall
We'll sit just by the wall.

Well, it seemed O.K. on Saturday night!
So instead here is a series of random
comments many overheard during a very
enjoyable evening.

How come they took the Dutch answer
out of that round? It's discrimination.

How do we play the joker? I think we just
did!

Shhhh! They're listening at the next
table!

Do you realise that two thirds of our team
had Toad in the Hole for dinner?

How on earth did you know that it was
George Lazenby?

Isn't that one wash at low temperature?
Don't ask me. Have you seen the state of
my clothes?

The answer to this one must be Jeremy
Paxman.

Will you stop him shouting out
He's acting like a lager lout

They'll take our points away, no doubt.

Never mind about the Tuddenham
through traffic, I'd worry about the
residents. No one here knows about the
highway code.

We don't want that team to win again
They always do.

Where is Phil Drabble when we need
him.

Pigs' rings are difficult to spot but I think
it's too small for a bull's nose.

See? I told you we would need a Teletubbies expert.

They usually get some of the answers wrong. Anyway the Spice Girls' first concert was in Turkey? New York? etc...

I'd like to keep the toad for ever. It's splendid.

We came, we saw, we drank a lot and shouted out, (sorry) and somehow, incredibly, first time luckily, we won. But it's the taking part that counts. Many thanks to the organisers, one and all.

Andrew West

Several quizzies have asked about the Suffolk Man round seeking more details. David Lugo has kindly offered the following:

- 1 Seed Drill or Sower for sowing the seeds before horse ploughing them into the ground.
- 2 Stack Knife - before bailers were introduced hay and straw were carted and stacked loose and this knife was used to cut the stack into sections for easier handling.
- 3 Ear Markers for marking black skinned pigs where tattooing could not be seen - one ear was marked tens and the other units.
- 4 Pig Ringing Pliers for placing rings into the pig's nose to stop them rooting up grass pastures which was part of their feed.
- 5 Wire Strainers for straining wire before stapling it to the posts.
- 6 Land Drain Pipe Layer. Deep trenches about four inches wide were dug across the fields into the ditches, clay pipes, one foot long, were then laid end to end with the pipe layer.
- 7 Foot Irons for climbing up poles

and trees.

- 8 Bull Leader for controlling bulls by fixing the bull leader to the bull's nose ring.

Editor: Our thanks to all those who made the evening such a success. Jackie Lugo, the sandwich queen, produced her usual mouth-watering fare and sold raffle tickets, as Janet Wells, our regular raffler, was unable to be present. Sophie Sykes expended a lot of energy in helping with the distribution and preparation of refreshments. David Lugo manned the door, provided the props and donated a basket of apples. Pauline and Malcolm were their usual efficient selves. We will certainly miss them if they move.

The raffle was a great success - thanks to all those who gave us prizes. We had so many that we decided to keep one or two in reserve for our next fund raising event.

Our total profit was £450. You may know that we are worried about a possible doubling of our printing costs. Thank you, everyone, for helping us to

Ipswich Museum

Have you been to the Ipswich Museum lately? They have been celebrating their 150th anniversary with events and new displays. The Anglo Saxon room is full of exhibits and information with a video and a "hands-on" computer. In the Annex there is an exhibition of Tudor carvings from the buildings of Ipswich as well as a ducking stool and a beautiful fireplace with kitchen tools from the period. This display will be enlarged soon with an area where activities will make the display more interesting for the children. Peep through the wooden door at the end to see the staff working on future displays!

Occasionally, on a Wednesday, the museum has a talk and last week this was on some of the museum benefactors. Did you know that the Fison empire was started by the finding of phosphate rich rocks in Felixstowe? Or that elephant remains were found when the Stoke Railway Tunnel was built incidently, the first railway tunnel built with a curve? Have you heard about Project Orwell? I think it involves a three mile tunnel under Ipswich.

The next event will be Science Week, starting on 16th March. There will be internet access and tuition as well as lots of other interesting scientific displays. Go along with the family for a fun, free frolic! On 18th March there will be another lunchtime talk on a scientific theme. It is at 1.15, lasts about 30 minutes and costs £1. Details available at the

The Detectorists!

It is nearly time for the next detector meeting. At the January one we were told all about the Lakenheath Anglo Saxon Cemetery found under the Baseball pitch at the base. Two hundred and sixty one graves were uncovered with those which were in chalk leaving very well preserved bones along with spears, shield heads, money, and other items. The horse and rider have attracted particular interest. The talk was given by John Newman, the County Archaeologist and was illustrated with slides. The end of the evening brought the "Find of the month" competition when we see, and handle, Roman coins, Anglo Saxon stirrups, Elizabethan spoons, etc. If you are interested in history this is an evening you will enjoy. Please contact Ralph Taylor on

Could you give us just 2 hours
of your time in 1998?

Red Cross Week 3-9th May

2 hours collecting door to door in your area
will raise vital funds for those in crisis at
home and abroad.

Please call 01284 767215

Thank you.

Get Better Soon!

Our best wishes to Pauline Rees after
her recent accident, as Malcolm calls it!

Our thoughts are also with Tony and
Elaine after Tony's Mum's recent illness.
Glad to hear it was not too serious.

The things I liked and didn't like.

Just after Christmas we started rehearsing. It was a Sunday afternoon and it was not very interesting. Judy, Alan and Fiona were there. We had to dance and sing. I already knew the story from the video.

When we got near to the end of rehearsing it got interesting because we got through things quicker and didn't need to learn things so much.

I have a reindeer costume with antlers that keep falling off and a spider costume when I have to wear black makeup which is not very nice. I have a opening costume when we sing Consider Yourself. I am with George Jennings, William Boosey and William Jennings.

The girls are Gemma, Helena, Jessica, Annie, Rachel, Alice and Alex. They are carol singers, teddy bears and china. I would not like to be a girl because girls have all these dresses and they have to move them round.

The Beast was very frightening when I first heard him. The funniest bit is when the servants come on with numbers. I liked it when Adrian thinks he is a number nine when he is really number six. My favourite song is I Get By With A Little Help From My Friends.

I want to be in next time so that I don't have to stay home with Mummy - it is fun at the party too!
William Lopez

Housing Advice Service

Suffolk Coastal District Council will provide advice on almost anything to do with housing in the area. This includes the Housing Register and allocation points of the Council and Suffolk Heritage Housing Association, landlords, status security and rights of occupation, neighbour disputes, harassment and illegal eviction, rent, mortgage arrears and related debt, problems regarding homeless people, grants and repairs.

If you have any queries at all please phone Janice Naylor on 01394 444264 or Nicola Clark on 01394 444214 or attend Surgery in the Parish Rooms at Grundisburgh the third Tuesday every month, 2-4.00pm.

Parish Council

The next meeting is on 3rd March at the village Hall at 7.30pm. All residents are welcome to attend. Among other subjects the agenda is to include street lighting - can the light outside the Chapel be adjusted so that it does not stay on all night?, could the lights in Keightley Way go out at ?midnight to reduce "light pollution" and cost? Please do come along and take part in local democracy - it is your village!

Parish Clerk, 785588.

News From St. Martins.

We are still waiting for some notification or indication of the hierarchy's intentions for making a priestly appointment. Parishioners should not be concerned about the notice attached to the Church door. This is a requirement of Church law and not a statement of facts. Until someone is appointed anyone requiring a priest or the use of the Church should contact Alan Forsdike, John Arthur or me.

The Alpha Course at Winesham is now successfully underway. A Beta Course will be held at Warley Cottage, home of Jessica and John Arthur, beginning at 7.30pm on 4th March and thereafter on the following four Wednesdays. More details in next Month's Tattler.

At the P.C.C. meeting on 26th January, several projects were discussed. The improved lighting system is well underway to the planning stage where the only thing we need is authority to proceed with the work. The two other major projects discussed were the addition of a toilet in the South Porch area and a better Crèche/Sunday School area and the replacement of the hardboard on the nave side of the tower with a window. We will keep everyone informed of the progress which may take quite a time as the Church is over 900 years old and any alterations suggested have to meet with full approval from a number of bodies.



Ash Wed. 25th Feb, 19.30 Holy Communion at Westerfield, this to be confirmed.

Sun. 1st Mar, 8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Family Service

Sun. 8th Mar, 9.30 am Family Communion

Sun. 15th Mar, 9.30am Morning Prayer.

Sun. 22nd Mar. 9.30am Mothering Sunday Family Communion

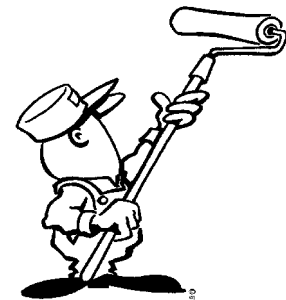
Sun. 29th Mar. 10.30am Combined Service at Winesham.

Parishioners will be pleased to hear we may be able to enlist the services of Michael Stone as a visiting minister occasionally.

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Bigger Birthdays

We have two "big" birthdays to celebrate this issue - Eileen Offord has got the "Bus Pass Award" at last and Doris Westrip is half way to getting two!



Eileen was on the stage at the Saturday night Panto and in fine fettle. After two years off it seems she is preparing for a come

It was just over ten years ago, on 14th February, 1988, that Tony and Elaine French began their ministry at the Chapel having been inducted on the previous Saturday. Previously they had been worshipping at the Salvation Army Citadel in Tacket Street, Ipswich, transported in their earlier days on a motorcycle with Elaine as the pillion passenger, but now Elaine prefers the comfort of a car!

Within a month of their arrival they had commenced a Sunday Club for young people - a club that still goes on today for youngsters aged from about 7-14.

In the Spring of 1990 they moved into the village with their daughter Julie and son Alan, both of whom are now married.

Many have been the activities over these ten years; ladies' afternoon fellowship, youth club and two Alpha Courses. Much has taken place out of the public eye with visits to unwell villagers and occasional transport for hospital visits. Also many have called in for a chat or to seek counsel.

Their enthusiasm remains undiminished after all these years and indeed another Alpha Course is being planned.

P.S. It may take a few more years to convert them to "Country folk"!

Roger the Bouncer.



Ten years with Tony

In the last ten years Tony and Elaine French have been at the Chapel. Has it been worthwhile?

The building has changed; new lights, new piano, new heating, new seating. Very worthwhile.

What of the people who comprise the Church? Well they have changed also. For gone is that reserved mood becoming more friendly, more together, more joyful, more like a family in caring and sharing each other's garden. A big improvement.

Why the change? Tony and Elaine have set out to follow the Commandment that "Ye love one another," and by example we have learnt so to do. No sermons, just pleasure at being able to worship with a bright, happy hour together. This applies also to the nearby Manse - we used to buy gobstoppers there years ago - now it hosts activities every week for young and old.

We have, each month, a prayer letter. I call it a *care* letter. It helps us to remember each other.

Without Elaine by Tony's side this would not work. We are grateful for all the ladies in our Church. Tony is adept in getting others involved to so Roger, Terry, Lorna, Lynda and others gladly share in the work with him.

Thanks to Tony and Elaine but most of all, I say DEO GRATIS - Thanks be to God our Father.

A Chapel Worshipper.

Quiz Answers

Our thanks to Andrew West for the quiz in our last issue. It kept us busy after Christmas lunch. For those who need them - are you prepared to admit it?! - here are the answers.

- 1 January, February, March, April, May.
- 2 North, South, East, West.
- 3 Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue. Rainbow Colours.
- 4 One, Two, Three, Four, Five. Cardinal Numbers.
- 5 100, 200, 400, 800, 1500. Olympic running distances.
- 6 Aries, Taurus, Gemini, Cancer, Leo, Virgo.
- 7 Triangle, Square, Pentagon, Hexagon, Heptagon, Octagon.
- 8 Red, Yellow, Green, Brown, Blue, Pink. Snooker balls in ascending value.
- 9 Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter. Planets out from the Sun.
- 10 First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth. Ordinal numbers.
- 11 Hydrogen, Helium, Lithium, Beryllium, Boron, Carbon. Chemical elements 1-6.
- 12 5 Gold Rings from the "12 Days of Christmas."
- 13 Elizabeth, George, Edward, George, Edward, Victoria, William. Elizabeth and before.
- 14 Ipswich, Westerfield, Woodbridge, Melton, Wickham Market, Saxmundham. Railway stations on our local line Ipswich to Lowestoft.

What's On

- * 28th Feb. Fossil and Geology walk in Covehithe with English Nature. Phone 01394 384948
- * 4-14 March Photographic Exhibition at Corn Exchange from 11am-9pm.
- * 30-31 March. Fidelio and La Cenerentola operas by English Touring Opera at The Regent, Ipswich. Phone 281480.
- * 10-13 April. Various concerts for Aldeburgh Easter Festival.
- * 1-3 May. Festival of racing, music, arts and heritage in Newmarket. Phone

The TuddenhamTattler congratulates Tony and Elaine on their tenth anniversary of arriving in Tuddenham to adopt the Chapel.

FOUND

Man's green coat left in Village Hall after pantomime. Is it yours?
Phone 785272 to claim.