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## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING BROUGHT FORWARD

**5th NOVEMBER, 1998.  
7.30pm Village Hall.  
EVERYONE WELCOME.**

The Parish Council Meeting has been brought forward to allow the Council to make decisions with you, and for us, on the problems regarding traffic and parking in the village.

You may have been to the last meeting - lots did - and the Council are aware how many residents think this is a major problem in the village. Since then the Councillors have met a representative from Highways and had some very interesting ideas suggested that might be THE SOLUTION. Do come to this meeting and give your views or chat to a Councillor beforehand. Hopefully this meeting will lead to changes in the village for ALL our benefits.

Other important items to be discussed include the appointing of a **new Councillor** - have you made a suggestion? - to replace Malcolm Rees who is moving to Reading.

The precept also has to be decided upon. That is, how much of your money can the Council spend on what? How much would YOU pay for traffic calming measures in the village?

So, this is an important meeting

with far reaching decisions to be made. **THAT** is why as many residents as possible should try to come. And **THAT** is why the Council have chosen 5th November, despite other possible commitments, so that the Council can get things moving - in every sense!!

*Parish Clerk, 785588.*

*Editor: I have put the following letter on this page*

Dear Editor,

Having spent most of my youth in Tuddenham, some fifty years ago, and still a frequent visitor, for various reasons, I felt the urge to make a contribution to The Tattler to express my concern for this wonderful, typical, Suffolk village.

My concern is the strangulation of the village by the car. Each time I visit the problem is more acute than the last time with cars parked everywhere. It is like a cancerous growth spreading out from the centre of Church Hill to all areas. The growth has reached the river at the bottom of the hill, and up to Keightley Way. Where next, I wonder?

When I was a youngster I could sit in the front garden of Porch Cottages with my old mate, Wally, and not see a parked car, well perhaps one or two on Church Hill but none on the road. The others were all tucked away in gardens. Of course there was not the amount of cars in those days but

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## PANTOMIME MEETING



Auditions will be held at 7.45pm on 11th November at Poplar Farm. Everybody who is interested is welcome. Even if you don't want to tread the boards tell the Panto team how you would like to help. Phone Monica on 785272 for more details.

## BIRTHS

Congratulations to Janet and Frank Wells on the birth of their first grandson. Dylan James was born in Bangkok on Tuesday, 29th September, (our Monday, 28th) weighing 7lbs 2ozs. Henrietta, their daughter, and David have now returned home to Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

## Best Wishes



We were sorry to hear that Lorna Beckett had an unexpected hospital stay. We hope that now she is home she will soon be feeling her old self.

Our best wishes, also, to Audrey Gorham, after her fall. Her cheery face has been missed by those walking up the street.



Our congratulations to all those who have , or are about to, gain another year. Amy North has reached a magical eighty! May she have many more. Various Lugos deserve a cake! Oh and well done to Gemma on getting her reading game certificate. William Jennings will be celebrating soon as should Ralph Taylor who looks all his %\$\* years.

**The Tattler is looking for someone to compile a new "birthday list." Are you our man - or woman? Please phone 785314 to volunteer....**

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## Attention all bus users!

Country Travel and Ipswich Buses will be the new operators of services between Ipswich and Grundisburgh from **26th October**. Eastern Counties will continue to operate the existing Route 71 early morning peak into Ipswich and the evening peak service from Ipswich.

Advice on the new time tables can be had from **Travel Line - 0645**



## THE FOUNTAIN INN

Tuddenham St. Martin

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Saturday, 24th October,

**BOOK THIS DATE NOW FOR A REALLY GOOD EVENING OUT!** It is the grand opening. A Country band has been booked. Lots of little goodies will be produced by Margaret, Rick's Mother. EVERYONE in the village is welcome. Linda and Rick have

already met many residents but, that night, hope to meet the rest on the electoral role.

There have already been changes, particularly with regard to food. Now it is difficult to choose from the very varied menu, always with a vegetarian option. On our latest visit, although already full from my main dish, I couldn't resist sticky toffee pudding with ice cream. Ralph restrained himself although he did pinch a spoonful of mine, but next time he will look at the pudding list first!

**31st October;** it's Halloween Night when it is hoped that everyone will enter "into the spirit" by dressing up to some degree. There will be a prize for the best costume.

**14th November** is to be "Bonfire and Fireworks". It seems late but there were so many other parties the previous weekend that this date was chosen. The bonfire will be lit about 7.00pm and the fireworks set off soon after. Linda has particularly timed it so that young children can come and still get to bed at a reasonable time. Tea, coffee and hot dogs will be served. There will be a prize for the best Guy.

If you have any ideas for your "Community Pub" phone, chat or write! The new hosts' priorities are to bring back a bustling, village pub where friends meet.

*Revelling Reporter.*

Dear Editor,

The weather outside was awful on Thursday, 8th October, pouring with rain, very cold and a very nasty cold wind blowing. As Derek and I had not yet been to The Fountain since Linda and Rick moved in we decided to cheer ourselves up by going out for lunch.

A lovely, warm, glowing log fire greeted us when we entered this wonderful, Grade II listed building. An equally warm welcome was given to us by Linda as she served our drinks as we

looked at the home made dishes of the day. We both went for the cottage pies, served piping hot with roast potatoes, fresh vegetables and gravy. At the end of my main course I was quite prepared to have just a cup of tea as usual but Derek always likes a pudding so we had apple pie and custard. Delicious!

Rick's Mother, Margaret, is the cook in charge and I would recommend her cooking. It is mouthwatering. We came away, both with the same thoughts. We must go again.

Derek & I wish them every success in their new venture and hope they remain at The Fountain for many years to come.

## VILLAGE HALL - AGM AND COMMITTEE MEETING OF 6TH OCTOBER 1998

Once again, the annual General Meeting of the Village Hall was only attended by the Committee members, as no members of the public turned up. The past year has been quite productive, with the complete re-decoration of the interior of the hall. New curtains have been put up, and the floor has been sanded and re-sealed. Outside, new arrangements have been made for keeping the grass cut, and a new shed has been put up: although it is not technically a part of the village hall, it improves the facilities for two user groups, the Toddlers Group and the T.A.D.P.O.L.E.s. Generous donations from the T.A.D.P.O.L.E.s and the Tattler, together with the co-operation of the Parish Council, all helped to meet the financial cost of these improvements, while Bob Pyke's invaluable help with the shed and Fiona Woods' efforts with the selection and hanging of the curtains were greatly appreciated. Although there was a small deficit on the year's accounts, the village hall remains with a small capital fund for the next financial year. Malcolm Rees, chairman for the past five years, has resigned, and Gill Cruikshank was elected in his place. Fiona Woods and Bob Tanner (elected members) were both re-elected and agreed to continue as Treasurer and Secretary respectively. Of the other two elected members, Pauline Rees and Nancy Pitcher, the latter was re-elected, but as Pauline Rees has resigned, another elected member is required. Existing representative members were all re-elected, but there is a need for new committee members, and residents in the village are urged to offer themselves as members to help with the not-too-onerous job of keeping the village hall going.

Bob Tanner

## Neighbourhood Watch

Sandy's hilarious account, in last month's Tattler, must have been read by many of us with great sympathy. How many of us have had a similar experience - but most have not been so athletic, I suspect! It sent alarm bells ringing through Tuddenham's Neighbourhood Watch - for what Sandy did, so could a slim, unwanted visitor. Needless to say, The Schoolhouse is now like Fort Knox.



It is so safe here when compared with Grange Farm, at Kesgrave, and Wickham Market, for example, but I think we should remember the barn fire a few weeks ago. I have also seen the results of a very nasty burglary. I saw the boy - very ordinary, in a grey track suit with a Sainsbury's carrier

bag, but I couldn't catch him. As well as the usual video recorder he took all sorts of little things - things that are very special and irreplaceable. We had a fire next door to us in Ipswich and what was most missed was not the carpets and the curtains but the photos of the family parties and christenings and so on.

With the darker evenings coming on do make sure that your doors and windows are shut - in the garage and the shed as well as the house. And do make sure your smoke alarm batteries are still working.

**In other words BE SAFE!**

***Next Tattler is out in November.***

*Please put any copy, adverts etc. through my door - Pear Tree Cottage - or ring 785314 to get into print.*

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the road was, even then, busy. Especially in the morning and at knocking off time. All you see now are parked cars from top to bottom, a complete ruination of the street scene. There is little room to walk on the narrow footpaths and even less room to drive safely. It seems to me that there are more cars than houses which indicates two car households. I find it quite annoying that families considering moving to small cottages do not appear to consider the question of "Where do I park my car?"

The problems, of course, are not just Tuddenham's. Other villages, towns and cities, are also trying to find a solution. The Government's White Paper on Transport might help in the long term but it needs the will of the people, Parish, District and County Councils to address the problems. It would add to everyone's quality of life if the situation was improved.

There is no magic cure. We all need our cars but we do need to consider the problem. Here are some suggestions;

1. 20m.p.h. speed limit with traffic calming measures severe enough to stop people breaking the speed limit.

2. Double yellow lines for the length of The Street and anywhere else where parking problems exist combined with permit parking on some parts of The Street. Those permits to be issued to original parishioners and certainly not to two-car households or newcomers to the village.

3. Purchase of land by the Parish Council for a secure car park for residents with access by key with an open area for visitors, to be paid for by the Parish Council raising the money by Precept.

These suggestions are quite contentious. I am sure there are more that everyone, owners, landlords, tenants and businesses have a responsibility to try to come up with and to make work.

Some of you will read this and think "Who is this busy body poking his nose in?" Well I am someone who cares for our heritage and would like you all to make Tuddenham a better place to live in

## New Council I or

Are you interested in your village? Can you spare one evening, four times a year? Do you like to be "in on the decision?"

If so you are the one that we want. If not, tell us about someone you know!! Phone Parish Clerk on 785588.

Meanwhile, the village thanks Malcolm Rees for all his work on the Council as well as his time as Parish Council Chairman.

The Tattler also sends thanks for his printing contributions as well as his healthy hailing for



F A R E W E L L

Our best wishes to Margaret Hillman who has left Tuddenham to be nearer her relatives, especially her grandchildren. The Hillman family have given so much to the village in time, care and community spirit. Keep in touch, Margaret!

We hope to interview/interrogate the new residents for our next issue.....



## The Enormous Pumpkin !

Although there was a big crowd at the pub for the annual "Marrow and Pumpkin Competition" there were not many entries and even those that there were, were not as big as usual.

We met some contestants who were weighing their entries by torchlight in the car park.

**Dotsy Offord** was a fourth time winner with a 23lb marrow and **Peter Garrod**, also a previous winner, won with his 22¼lb pumpkin.

No-one seems to know why there are not many large pumpkins this year - even the professional nurseries who grow them for Halloween are mystified.....

*Runt-of-a-Reporter.*

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## 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 Witnesham 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.

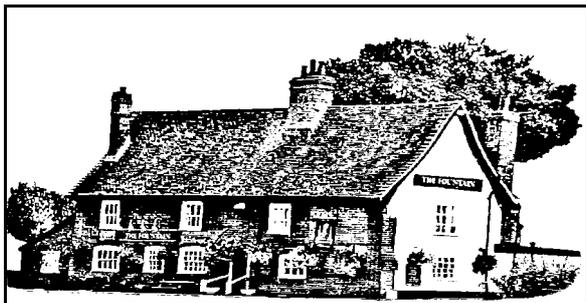
At the P.C.C. meeting on 26th January, several projects were discussed. The improved lighting system is well underway to the planning stage where the only thing we need is authority to proceed with the work. The two other major projects discussed were the addition of a toilet in the South Porch area and a better Crech/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.

- Sun. 15th Feb, 9.30** Morning Prayer  
**Sun. 22nd Feb, 9.30** Family Communion  
**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 Witnesham.

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

*J i m*

*Punton.*



## **THE FOUNTAIN INN**

**Tuddenham St. Martin**

**Home made food, real ales, Marstons Pedigree & Green King IPA**  
**Darts & Pool free every Tuesday night**

**March 15th, 8pm** Odds 'n Ends - 50/60's pop music

**March 22nd, 8pm** Kancing Karaoke - entertain yourself

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

**Traditional Jazz every Friday night**  
**featuring Doug Barber**

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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