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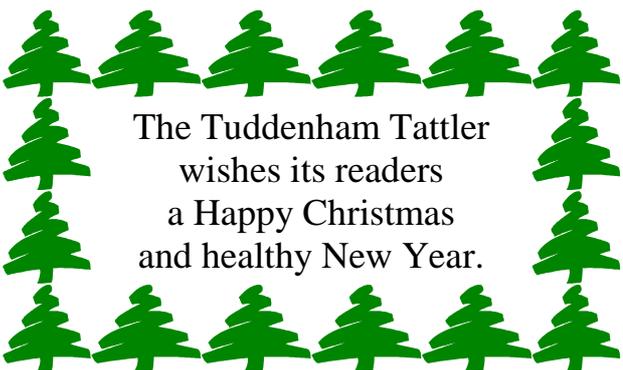
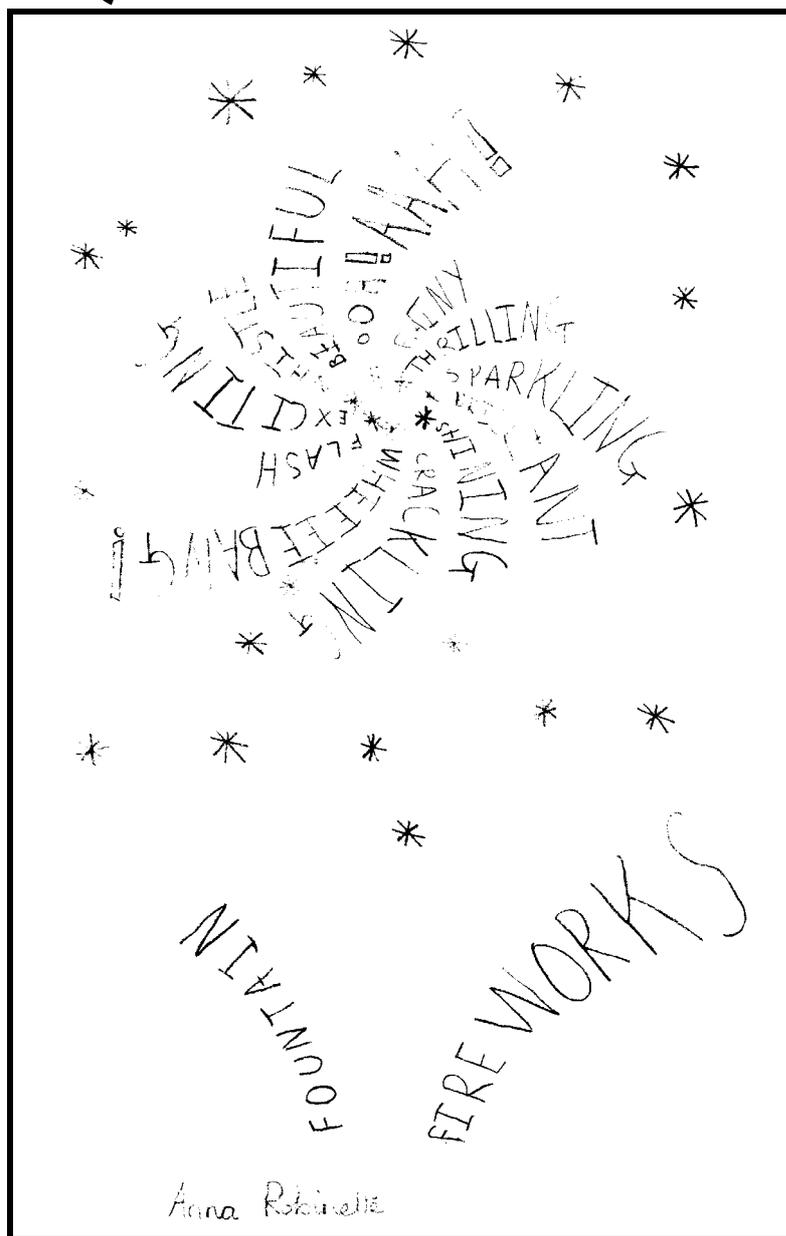
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## TATTLER QUIZ NIGHT

The Tuddenham Tattler Quiz Night is here again. Make yourself available at 7.30pm on 23rd January and learn everything in preparation! The regulars know that competition for the tickets is fierce with limited numbers in the village hall, so if you are interested book your table of six seats as soon as you can organise it. Phone 785314 or 785588. This is the last Tattler before the quiz. Tickets are £3.50 each which includes refreshments. Bring your own glasses and drinks - is there any spirit in this?!? Costumes will be rewarded.... in some way... and the prizes will amaze, as ever! Suitable raffle prizes would be very welcome so do help us.

Our selected charity for this year is, once again, Romanian Aid. They are looking for a typewriter if you know of one, as well as playground and sports equipment as the children have little to play with at the orphanage. Although this is for children far away it feels like a Tuddenham charity with Barbara and Gary Butler so heavily involved.



The Tuddenham Tattler  
wishes its readers  
a Happy Christmas  
and healthy New Year.

Thanks to Anna Robinette for this lovely fireworks drawing. If you have time to spare over the Christmas holidays please draw us something festive for our New Year issue - adults and children welcome! Any copy gratefully received.

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# PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

This was a busy meeting with over 30 residents to oversee the Council's work. The District and County Councillors were also present.

In matters arising the Clerk reported that the new street light is now installed near the Chapel. It has since been connected and is working.

The Council is to insure the street lights in the village in future.

Cherry Trees School has written to the Council hoping to start a mobile nursery school in the village. They were advised to contact the village hall committee as a possible site for their coach.

Suffolk County Council have written confirming that they have abandoned the Northern Bypass and dropped its "adopted road status."

Tuddenham has a new village policeman called P.C. Backhouse. He was unable to come to the meeting but hopes to meet more village residents soon.

Malcolm Rees was thanked by the Council for his work as Councillor and Chairman now that he has resigned, soon to leave the village.

Mr. Colin Harper from Clopton Road has joined as a new Parish Councillor.

Traffic problems were discussed at the meeting and the public were allowed to speak. The Clerk has since written to Mr. Butterwick from Environment and Transport regarding the problems with buses in the village requesting more timetables, reinstatement of the 8.05am bus and reinforcement of the rule that a return ticket paid for in Tuddenham is acceptable on any return bus, whichever

company runs it.

The Council has asked for "H-markings" to be painted outside Brickfields House and Pear Tree Cottage to ensure these openings are kept clear and provide a pull-in for cars going down the hill. A bus stop marking has been requested on the road from the junction down The Street. This will ensure the bus can pull in next to the kerb easing use by passengers as well as clearing the road from obstruction and when no bus is present the area will allow cars to pull in for a better view down the hill. Hopefully these measures will reduce traffic speeds in the village, aid bus users and help to make Tuddenham a safer place.

The Highways Dept representative is to contact the council when this work can start. The Clerk has written asking for more speed checks in the village and asked that the leaves on the Chapel bend be cleared as they are hazardous to traffic.

The Clerk is to contact several residents who are reducing the width of the pavement up The Street as this is dangerous for pedestrians. Thank you to villagers who have already cut back their plants to uncover the path to a width of a metre.

The Clerk has got an estimate for painting the bus shelter and this will be done in the Spring.

Precept discussions were sadly

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## THE FOUNTAIN INN

Tuddenham St. Martin

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Linda and Rick would like to thank everyone for their support and friendliness in the few weeks they have been here. On their chilling Halloween night the pub was full of somewhat frightening characters. The first prize was shared by David Broom, who was a

very convincing Count Dracula, and Lisa Ellis, a rather large spider, complete with eight legs and sticking out eyes. There were lots of entries and evidence of blood, knives and axes. The children were all very good making it difficult to choose an outright winner so a large box of sweets was shared by them all. The late bonfire night was a great success. What a good idea to have an extra bonfire this year and to have it early so that the little children could enjoy without going to bed late. The fire and fireworks were greeted with lots of "oohs" and "ahhs" as the sky sparkled explosively. The atmosphere in the pub afterwards was very relaxing and friendly, conversation ranging from metal detecting and sport to initials and surnames. Did you know that someone in the village was named M.T. Carr before marriage? This revelation gave rise to people remembering other name combinations, Theresa Green, of course, being the first, followed by many others, some unrepeatable. Linda would like to thank Steve Ellis for helping with the firework display, to Paula and Sam on the hot dog stand, Julie for help in the bar and to Peter and Gary as well.

There is nothing booked at the moment. They are discussing Christmas Eve, possibly a pianist and "sing a long" with no ideas as yet for New Year's Eve. Plans in the pipeline for the Spring onwards are a children's day with races etc., an Easter egg hunt, its a knock out and anything else they could organise as a result of suggestions from the village.

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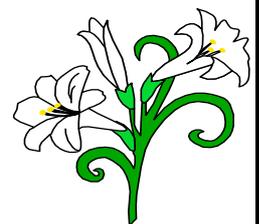
unwatched by most residents who had already left the hall. This determines how the Council spend your money and how much they request. The final figure was £2400 - less than last year.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, 2nd March, 1999. Please come!

*Parish Clerk, 785588.*

### Obituary

Our commiserations go to the relatives of Ollie Mann who died at her home on 28th November aged 84. Her family (Garrod) have been part of the village for a long time. She was very proud of her late Victorian photographs of Tuddenham some of which provided the basis for Christmas cards issued by The Tattler some years ago.



## BUS TIMETABLES

The early bus to Ipswich which used to leave at 8.05 has been replaced by the 8.25, creating problems for several residents. However, negotiations are in hand with the aim of adding another bus leaving earlier to give customers a choice. By now bus users can collect the official timetables from the bus station. Contact Mr. Butterwick, Suffolk County Council, (Transport) for more details. If you write to him complaining about the loss of the early bus it is sure to help in its reinstatement.

**Mr Butterwick,  
Environment & Transport,  
St. Edmund House,  
County Hall,  
Ipswich, IP4 1LZ.  
Tel: 583331**



Dear Editor,

At the recent Parish Council meeting concerns were expressed at the big increase in traffic through the village of Tuddenham St. Martin, which had resulted in several accidents in the village. The experience of Tuddenham is shared by Westerfield, Playford, Little and Great Bealings - those villages which form the area covered by me as your District Councillor.

The obvious conclusion to make is that since the introduction of a 30 m.p.h. limit on the A1214 (Ipswich to Woodbridge) road together with numerous new traffic lights, more drivers are opting to "rat-run" through our villages. It appears that Suffolk County Council are adamant that the speed limit on the A1214 should stay. The only course of action for residents of these villages is to write individually to Suffolk County Council pointing out that having a 30m.p.h. speed limit on the A1214 is diverting traffic through villages such as Tuddenham and completely ruining our lovely villages.

Letters should be addressed to:

**Mrs. L. Homer,  
Chief Executive,  
Suffolk County Council, St. Helen Court,  
County Hall, Ipswich, IP4 2JS.**

*Ivan Jowers,  
D i s t r i c t*

*Councillor.*



## SWIMATHON

Last year I was told to swim in a team with Kirsty and Jean Ellinor, Katy and William Lopez. They say I swam the least but I don't want to talk about that! Suffice it to say *they* raised lots of money. The next Swimathon is in March, 1999. Are you game? The money raised will go to children's charities and the event is great fun. Go to Crown Pools or Fore Street Pool for

***Next Tattler is out in January.***

*Please put any copy, adverts etc. through my door - Pear Tree Cottage - or ring 785314 to get into print. We are sorry to have missed a November issue - domestic matters intervened!*

**Why does a stork stand on one leg? If he didn't he would fall over!!!**

## The Poppy Appeal.

I would like to express my thanks to all those who supported the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal in, and around, Tuddenham, which amounted to two hundred and sixty pounds and eleven pence. Also many thanks to the collectors who made it all possible.



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## Romanian Child Action.

**HELP!** The orphanage at Pascani badly needs a manual typewriter and ribbons. Under Ceaucescu typewriters were banned except to registered government departments. They were a means of communication with the outside world and thus were controlled by the government. When we first went there, there were only two telephone lines out of Romania. We have taken two old typewriters but the staff are not very good at looking after them due to lack of experience. There is no one who knows how to repair them.

Enjoy an evening out and support our work in Romania by attending a

**Christmas supper dance  
Rushmere sports club,  
Main Road, Rushmere.  
Friday, 11th December,  
£12.50 including super supper.**



Dancing to East Anglia's popular big band, "Swing Machine."

*Barbara Butler,  
High View, Tuddenham Lane,  
Witnesham, tel. 785206.*

## Soups and Sweets.

*The sun was shining and came out to play  
On October 17th, a Saturday,  
The soups were hot, the sweets were sweet  
When the W.I. ladies decided to meet.  
They got together to prepare the food  
And my oh my, was it good!!!  
We had some coffee and chatted a while  
Then the speaker, Mr ???? kept us all beguiled  
I think a good time was had by all  
At the Tuddenham St. Martin Village Hall.*

## A Christmas Idea

After trailing round bookshops for hours I finally found a joke book suitable for a young child who has a sense of humour. The cover is a cat's face.



"The Animal Joke Book" by Patricia Borlenghi, Bloomsbury Children's books, at £2.99. It is also suitable if you make your own crackers!



## WANTED

Someone to take over the responsibility of getting paying adverts for the Tattler and collecting information for our "What's on" column. Please contact *Roving Reporter* on 785314.



## WELCOME

To all the newcomers to the village. We have not targeted YOU yet but will



We still have a vacant pulpit and a priest will not be nominated this side of Christmas. It is most unlikely that an appointment will be achieved before Easter - we are not holding our breath on the issue. In the meantime we continue to march on like good Christian soldiers, but without a visible general! Services have been, and will continue to be, maintained at 09.30 hours each Sunday morning by retired clergy and our dedicated team of Lay readers, and it is really quite refreshing to have a different face/style in the pulpit each week. It is true to say that, with the interregnum continuing for so long, some of our regular visiting preachers are almost part of the family. We would reiterate that all are welcome at the services with the continued assurance that we are still not experiencing any seat problems!! The new lighting system currently being installed, will highlight some of the beautiful internal features of the building by the evening of the Carol Service.

The Harvest Supper (lunch) held on 5th October showed a surplus of £140 after all expenses had been settled. This was donated to the charity "Water Aid" to help drought victims, in much greater need than we, in our cosy environment. The Gift Day on Saturday, 10th October, proved most successful, as usual, despite having no incumbent priest. The Church Wardens, Treasurer and Parish

## Toddlers' Time Change

The Toddlers meet at the Village Hall on a Wednesday morning during term time,

**9.30-11.30am.**

Come along for a coffee and chat while the children play and enjoy story time and lots of activities.

*Michelle Offord.*

## St. Martin's News

Church Councillors extend their grateful thanks to villagers and others who donated to St. Martin's needs in a most generous manner. The amount raised totalled £969, which included £84 raised by Jackie Lugo with the Bring 'n Buy Stall. A big thank you to all our supporters. This sum compares with £962 last year just after Henry's retirement from the benefice.

We have received complaints of dogs being permitted to foul footpaths and grass in the churchyard. *Consequently we would ask dog owners to ensure control of their pets in this area of hallowed ground.* Thank you.

Services, which some of you may wish to attend in December, are

**18.30 on 20th December,**  
Carol Service

**15.30 on 24th December,**  
Children's Service, parents welcome.

**22.30 on 24th December,**  
Watchnight Service at Westerfield Church for Christmas Eve with a service at Winesham at the same time.

**09.30 on 25th December,**  
Christmas Day Service.

The Floodlighting Weekend Sponsorship Scheme continues at £5 per weekend. If you wish to sponsor the lighting for some special occasion or remembrance of a loved one please contact me on 785296 or Dr. John Arthur on 785235 - Finnlands and Warley Cottage respectively. A Happy Christmas and a Guid Ne'er and healthy, prosperous 1999 to all. Take care and God Bless.

*Jim Punton.*

## PLAYGROUND UPDATE

At the meeting of the Playground Committee it was decided that the running of the Playground would be handed on to Peter and Sandy Burn who had expressed willingness to take it on. At the moment I am in the process of having the present leaseholders' names removed from the lease and getting the deeds vested with the Official Custodian for the Charity Commission. Once that is done Peter and Sandy are in charge.



## CYCLE CORNER

As the dark mornings and evenings close in please take care to be seen. Lights, reflectors and fluorescent jackets all help. Hopefully, with more cyclists on the road, motorists are all more cautious too.

There are to be new cycle lanes from The Mulberry Tree to The Regent, from Newbury Rd to Heath Rd and in Rope Walk.

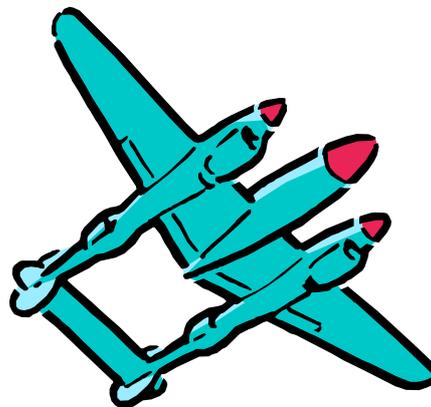
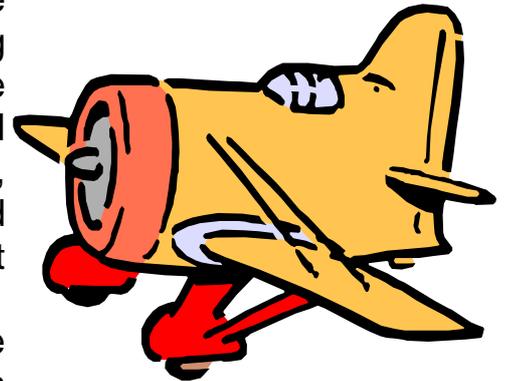


*Safe Cycling!*

## To all Tuddenham Residents, ANGLIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPARK BUSINESS AIRPORT & ENTERPRISE PARK BENTWATERS.

There is still time to influence the outcome of Planning Application C98/0747 (Development of former Bentwaters Airbase). The Inspector will be hearing representations on the Suffolk Coastal Local Plan, First Alteration, during January, 1999, and will be reporting in about September, 1999.

It is too late to have any input into this as this should have been made some weeks ago **BUT** there is still time to influence the Development Control Subcommittee who will be considering the Planning Application at the January Committee meeting. Although the Subcommittee will not make a decision at that time they expect to give the Inspector their thoughts at the inquiry later in January.



Any representations you may have should be sent to:

**Mr. J. Schofield, Dir.**

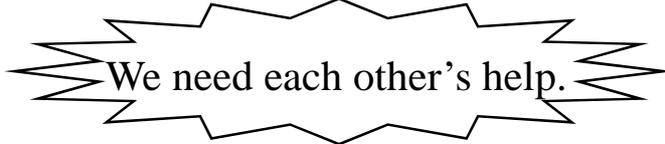
**Planning & Leisure,  
Suffolk Coastal District Council,  
Melton Hill, Woodbridge,  
Suffolk.  
IP12 1AU.**

Any comments should be sent to the above by 18th December, 1998.

If you have any queries or need help please contact me by phone on 01473 624152.

*Ivan Jowers,  
your Suffolk Coastal District Councillor.*

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



The team of voluntary contacts who help to make Neighbourhood Watch successful needs augmenting. Good though they are, and I am very grateful to them all for their outstanding vigilance, we cannot expect them to have eyes like hawks, and at the back of their heads, all the time. As some of them have moved away we need others to fill the gaps. We have a very good track record here in Tuddenham of keeping crime at bay. It needs a full team to succeed.

So, if you are willing to take action the moment that you see something suspicious, and that doesn't mean charging in with guns blazing, but, rather, telephoning the police station and alerting the other Neighbourhood

Watchers, do, please, let me know. I can be found at 3, The Granaries, or on 785555. Guidance for our helpers can be provided but it really is a question of acting on suspicion or telling the police if something irregular has happened.

The community spirit being fostered so vigorously by Linda and Rick at The Fountain needs a safe environment in which to

operate and a really efficient Neighbourhood Watch Scheme like ours can help to provide that.



### SUFFOLK COAST & HEATHS PROJECT

**Mon. 28th Dec.** 10-1pm All about Orford, £2 adults kids free. 4 mile stroll from Orford Quay to see mystery and history on the River Ore.

**Sun. 24th Jan.** 10-12. Waders and Wildfowl of Holbrook Bay to see the Stour Estuary. Meet at car park in Lower Holbrook. £2, kids free.

**Sun. 28th Feb.** Winter exposure 10-4pm £23/person including 36 exp. b & w film for brooding skies, wild seas and bleak marshes. From Southwold. Book to improve your photographic technique.

## Soup & Sweet

On Saturday, 17th October, the W.I. held their Soup and Sweet lunch in the Village Hall. The idea for the Soup and Sweet came as a result of a visit by a member to her cousin who lives on an island between Vancouver Island and mainland Canada. The community there is very spread out but very active. Coffee Mornings are not worth the travel involved and something between a Coffee Morning and a full lunch filled their bill.

At Tuddenham there were six soups on offer. The ladies came round offering seconds and even thirds so one had the opportunity to sample the different flavours.

There was an even wider variety of sweets from fruit salad, fruit crumble and cheesecakes to trifles making choice very difficult. Again the ladies pressed their guests than one of the delights on offer.

To round off the occasion there was a talk on Forestry by a member of The Forestry Commission with particular reference to the forests in our neighbourhood. Quite an inspired choice of speaker.

*Ken Williams.*



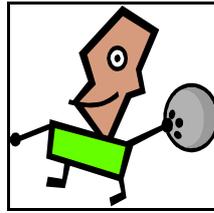
## The Parish Council Meeting

On the evening of 5th November to a background of fireworks I attended my first Parish Council meeting. I knew I wanted to mention the Bus Service problems and, so, was a bit nervous about how to go about getting myself heard.

There were quite a few people already there and more slowly drifted in as the meeting got under way. To begin with the audience couldn't hear what the Councillors were saying as they were mumbling to themselves, obviously not used to having the audience, but after a prompt, they spoke up for all to hear. There was a lot to discuss as well as parking, speeding and the bus service. Things I hadn't really thought about before; the cost of insurance for the street lights and things like that. There was a lively debate over the H-markings and then about the parking problems. Fortunately there was not anyone there who told you to be quiet if it wasn't "an audience input" section as we had plenty to say, which I found encouraging, and yes, I had my say.

No one could agree if the biggest problem was the speeding traffic or the parking but it seemed to me that most people agreed that the parked cars were as good a traffic calming measure as any. I don't think any conclusion was made about it all.

I remember being shocked at the price of a light near The Fountain. I have to admit I left just before the end of the meeting which went on very late but once home I felt much more part of the village for going. I also was glad that I had gone out on a cold evening to do my bit rather than just complain and not do anything about it.



## CARPET BOWLS

Do you know that Tuddenham has a Carpet Bowls Club which meets in the Village Hall every Monday evening from 7 to 9 o'clock?

If you have never played Carpet Bowls before it is a very popular sport in Suffolk. It consists of a special long mat approximately 11 by 1.5 yards with bowls much smaller than those used in the outdoor games.

The club night, on Monday evening, is very relaxed, with members having the opportunity to play bowls against each other and having a friendly chat over a cup of tea. If you feel as though you may be interested you would be very welcome to come and see us on a Monday evening. You can either sit and watch or take part in a game. There is no obligation to join in, or to join!

*Ray Soames.*

Dear Editor,

I have been given an Amstrad WPC 8512 with some spares and software. If anyone would like the word processor or computer, complete with instruction manual and some discs, please let me know.

It should suit someone who is a secretary to, or runs, an organisation. It would be good to learn to type and I have a teaching programme. The keyboard is qwerty but the layout differs somewhat from the now standard arrangement.

*Ken Williams.*



### A Christmas Evening

This either *is*, if the Tattler got to you in time, or *was*, if not, on 13th December, 1998, at 6.15 At the Chapel.



### A Christmas Concert

on Thurs, 17th December, 1998 at 6.30 in the Chapel. Carols, mince pies, coffee, sausage rolls.

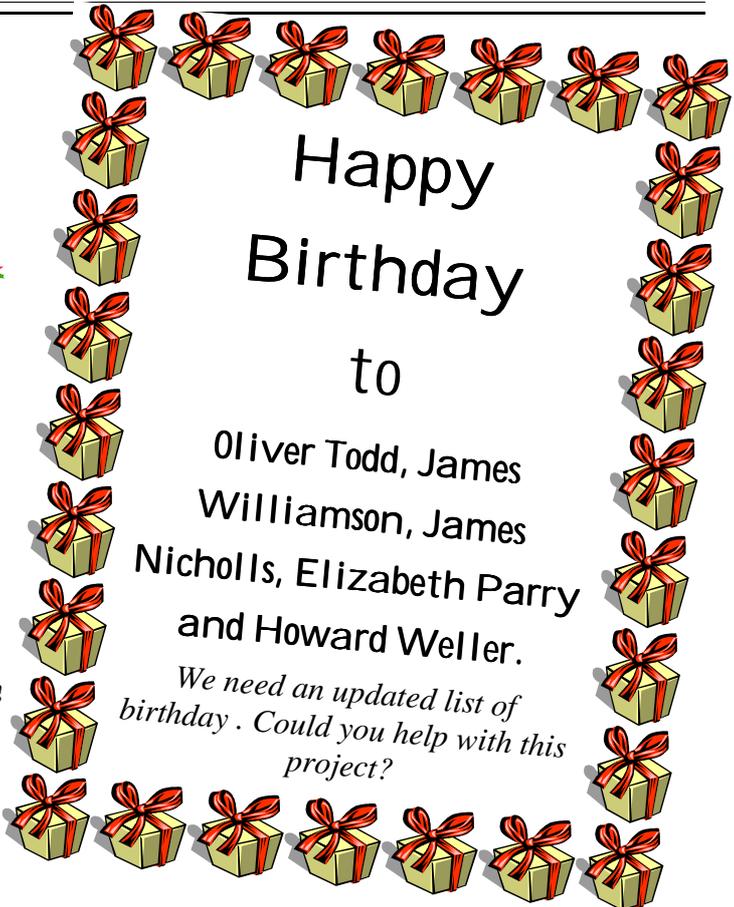
### A Carol Service

Sunday, 20th December at 11.am in the Chapel.



### Ali Baba and...

The T.A.D.P.O.L.E.s are already well into rehearsals for their latest production. We look forward to getting some inside information for our January edition - can you spy for us? Watch out for Hobnob and Habib if you are sneaking in! Our previewers tell us that, at last, we will have access to an Indian take away in Tuddenham, delivered on the Khazi!



Happy Birthday

to

Oliver Todd, James Williamson, James Nicholls, Elizabeth Parry and Howard Weller.

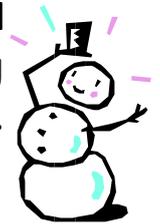
*We need an updated list of birthday . Could you help with this project?*

What do you call a deer with no eyes? *No idea.*  
 What do you get if you cross a chicken with a cement mixer? *A brick layer.*  
 Why do bees have sticky hair? *Because they use honey combs!*

The Tattler has had rather a topsy turvy year in 1998. A few missed issues, thanks to some domestic turmoil, for which we apologise, and once again, the fear that Malcolm Rees, our friendly printer, is likely to move out of the village.

We would like to thank everyone who has helped us with articles, adverts, drawings, advice, computer expertise and most of all, patience - with which our spouses have excelled. Oh, and even more, to our readers - you make it all worthwhile! We look forward to seeing you in The New Year at the quiz.....

*Editor.*



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