
The Tuddenham Tattler

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BABA BECKONS!

Watch out, Watch out! Ali Baba and the 40 thieves are about!

Actually the thieves are acting ones, we hope, at the Village Hall. As ever the rehearsals have been thick and fast and the performance week is upon us. New faces fulfil the panto aim to integrate newcomers but the panto is much more than that. The T.A.D.P.O.L.E.s have an 13 year pedigree to show off. So rush to Rivendell for your tickets to support this "bunch of burglars" and join The Tattler in wishing them well for this, and many more years.

LUCKY "13TH" PANTOMI ME

It had to come eventually - the 13th production - but the T.A.D.P.O.L.E.s are a resilient lot and determined not to have any worries about bad luck. Of course the T.

A.D.P.O.L.E.s are not the only ones you see and hear as there are many others backstage working away at their various tasks and without whom the "cast" would be in a sorry state. There have been a few problems so far with a rather depleted cast thanks to the flu taking its toll. This has led to everyone at the rehearsals taking several parts and could mean a production without prompts - someone at the same time will have played the part and should leap in with a line or two. Is this the meaning of a well rounded performance or is it just confusion?

There is a handsome Prince and a beautiful Princess, of course. No good fairy but Jaffa, a genie, (out of a bottle as lamps get on his wick) a vision of orange and

much the "orange" of the Sultana's eye. She, whilst verbally challenged, knows how to keep herself young and desirable and sure of her place as the Wife of the Sultan, who doesn't know much about anything! Nothing about his conniving Grand Vizier, his incompetent Palace Guards or the wicked leader of the 40 thieves. He doesn't know much about Maria, his children's governess either. Julie Andrews, eat your heart out - this is what the Sound of Music was really meant to be!

Yes, there is a lot of bad for good to overcome but throw in a camel and the odd mummy and in true Panto tradition, it does.

So from this "Extra thick,

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extra large wan-a-be Spice girl from the Casbah", we are looking forward to giving you a production of well rounded confusion with a passing resemblance to Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves which we hope you will enjoy.

See you on 18th, 19th, or 20th of February.

Please Ring 785003 for tickets.

Cherrie Starling

St. Martin's News

Not a lot to report since Christmas except that we now have a glimmer of light shining on our empty pulpit. At a meeting of the Benefice Church Wardens (6), Lay Readers (3) and the Rural Dean on 14th January we were advised that the vacancy is to be fully discussed at the Bishop's staff meeting on 20th January. It is anticipated that any decision reached at this meeting should reach the three Churches around mid/end February. If a nominee is named and found acceptable to the respective Parish Church Council representatives we could expect to have an Incumbent arriving about June/July time. We are not holding our breath, but will continue our prayers! Needless to say we will keep everyone advised of any news at the earliest possible moment.

Meanwhile life goes on as usual. There is still a service at 9.30 every Sunday morning to which all are welcome. There is an additional service at 6.30pm on Maundy Thursday, 1st April, and on Easter Sunday our service will be taken by our Arch Deacon, the Venerable Terry Gibson. We look forward to seeing you sometime.

The floodlight sponsorship scheme is still functioning at £5 per weekend. If you wish to participate please contact John Arthur or me (Jim Punton on 785296) to book a spot.

Our application for alterations to the South Porch have now received Diocesan approval so our architect has been asked to get quotations. Given the right price we look forward to telling you that work has started.

Take care and God Bless

Jim Punton.

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SEVERN BORE

The Severn Bore is a "tidal wave" along the Severn River and well worth the journey if you like natural phenomena and running in mud!

You will meet lots of other "nuts" and the cheer as it approaches is one of life's highs. I have the details - phone 785588 - but the prime dates are weekends of April 17th and May 16th.



**THANK YOU
TO
PAULINE AND MALCOLM REES
FOR ALL THEIR HELP WITH THE
TATTLER
AND ITS EVENTS.**

Best Wishes

We look forward to a return to health for Wally Damant and hope to see him cycling through the village again soon.

Gill Todd of Reedings Nursery has been in hospital several times over the past month and we hope that all is resolved soon. Many thanks to the Todds for their generosity with quiz prizes.

CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

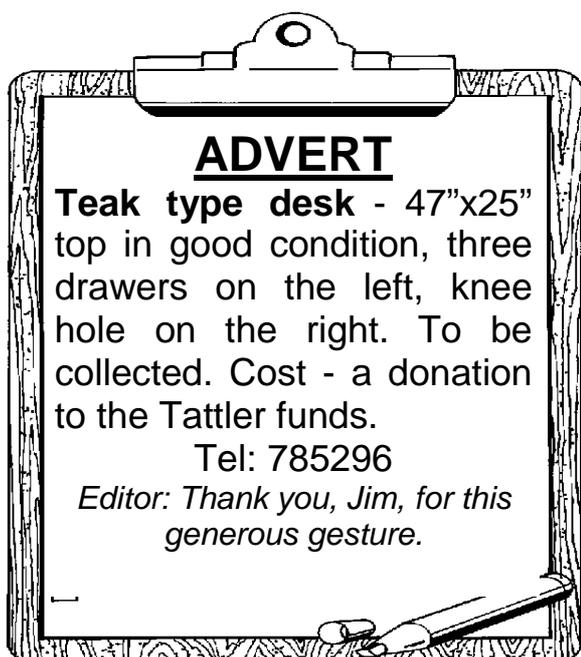
in aid of
ROMANIAN CHILD ACTION
at

**THE WOOL PACK,
TUDDENHAM ROAD, IPSWICH
on Sunday, 25th April
8.30pm.**

teams of four at £4.00 per team.

GRAND RAFFLE

Phone Wool pack on 253059



ADVERT

Teak type desk - 47"x25"
top in good condition, three drawers on the left, knee hole on the right. To be collected. Cost - a donation to the Tattler funds.

Tel: 785296

Editor: Thank you, Jim, for this generous gesture.

Editor: The Tuddenham Tattler was delighted to be able to give £100 from the profits of their quiz night to Romanian Child Action. With the tickets for *their* quiz at only £1 each how can you avoid going?!!

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DELIVERS TO THE VILLAGE WEEKLY
Thanks for the donation to our quiz!

I don't want to be a worm, a ferret and certainly not a cow, were some of the comments heard at 7.20 as people piled into the hall looking for a table.

The room was soon packed with 120 eager quizzies who attacked the "ongoing" round and the place began to buzz.

Sadly our regular team at the "top table" lacked Pauline and Malcolm Rees but Editor power found some "willing" helpers - thank you to Ralph for his booming but unlagging voice and to some rather dodgy maths from a Southampton interloper!!

Mumblings of "Yes, yes, I know that one!" and "Where ever did she get that one from?" along with "Someone must know that" echoed through the evening. Correct answers were greeted with loud cheers and stamping.

The winners were pigs, er, I mean, Doug, Joan, Sam and Victoria Bloomfield with friends Anna and John.

We

have lost count of the times that Doug and Joan have been part of the winning team so they get the Tuddenham Toad for another year. Hands up, who thought that the prizes

unbelievable. To all who gave prizes - 17 in all - we send our thanks.

If I have forgotten to send thanks to anyone please fill your name in here

TUDDENHAM TATTLER QUIZ

expenses paid - the Hall, food, quiz prizes,

were real drink?! Our congratulations to the "good sports" who not only lost but had to put up with Erica forgetting their prizes!! Perhaps next year....

A big thank you to Jackie Lugo, the Sandwich Queen, and Sophia who manned the coffee/tea bar. Also to Linda who peeled lots of carrots.

Our Suffolk Man gets thanks for showing us his tools and for helping Ralph and Paul to set up the hall. This round always gets the hall talking. Yes, Margaret, there were enough tables!

Our thanks also to Janet Wells for her raffle. The prizes were super and the £160 raised was

printing etc. the result was a staggering

£530 profit.

So, it is £100 to Romanian Child Action for their sterling work and the rest to the Tattler. We are preparing to get our copying done out of the village once Malcolm and Pauline move so this money is very welcome.

It only remains for us to say thank you for coming and we look forward to seeing you again next

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