
The Tuddenham Tattler

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FOUNTAINS OF GOODWILL

Is this a first in a village pub? A marvellous idea! It represents everything that Christmas stands for. A real get together of people of all ages, all denominations (all welcome) for a good sing.

Spread the word about this. Give people time to book this date.

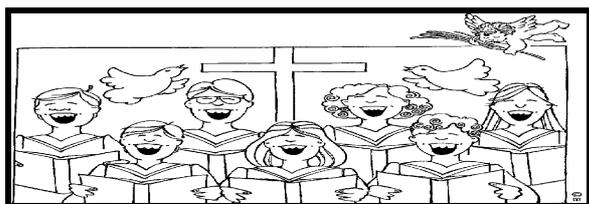
What are we talking about?

FAMILY CAROL SERVICE

Sunday, 5th Dec.

6.00pm

The Fountain Public House.
Contact Linda on 785377 for details.



WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE

With Holy Communion

23.30pm

St. Martin's Church

There is also a children's service at the Church on Christmas Eve at 3.00pm though all ages are welcome. Contact Jim Punton 785296 for details.

There details of lots of other religious events in the village in the run up to Christmas on pages 5 & 7. Contact Tony at the Chapel on 785804.

The next Parish Council Meeting is at the Village Hall on 7th December, starting at 7.30pm.



The Tattler Quiz is on 22nd January in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Phone 785314 for details.



The Pantomime is 24-26th February at the Village Hall. Phone 785272 for details.



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Village Hall Car Park Drive – COMPLETED!

We now have an excellent new drive and car park for the Village Hall and we are very grateful to everyone who has helped to achieve this. The village appeal raised £1800, nearly reaching our target. So many residents and all our local organizations have so generously contributed to this – it has been a wonderful effort.

We also have to thank another very generous benefactor, Mr. George Pipe, who has been associated with the village for many years. His donation has enabled us to extend the brick paving up to the hall entrance and will also allow us to begin other urgent repairs and replacements needed in the hall next year. We thank him very much indeed for such support that gives us that security.

We would like to take this opportunity to ask everyone who uses the new car park to treat it with respect and to drive carefully. The pea shingle/bitumen surface is an enormous improvement and it is a large area – but it is **not** tarmac and cannot cope with wheelie turns or fast driving. Please could everyone pass this message on to others to prevent this happening.

AGAIN MANY THANKS TO EVERYONE.

Gill Cruikshank.

Chair Village Hall Committee.

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

“Festive Fridge” is a special event at Christchurch Mansion from 1st December till 9th January. Chris Dobrowolski is organising the event and everyone is welcome to open the fridge! There is also an opportunity to remodel the facial expression of a sculpture from 4th Dec-23 Jan with Ivor Roberts-Jones – just drop in, no need to book. The shop at the Mansion will be open with seasonal gifts as well as warm mince pies and refreshments.

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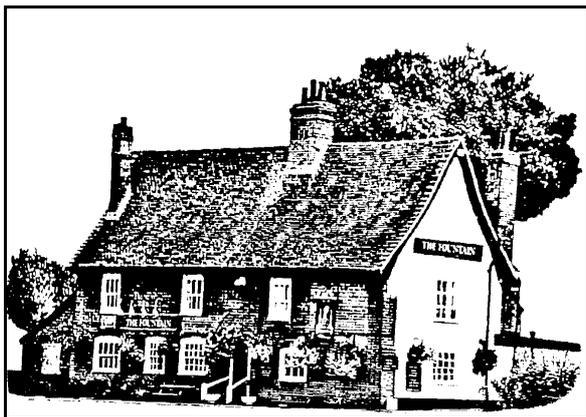
These start at 1.15 and finish at 1.45 and tickets are £1. No need to book! They are at the Museum in High Street. Phone Sally Dummer on 213761 for details.

Wed. 1st Dec: *Building a society for Ipswich.*

Wed. 19 Jan: *Gainsborough's years in Ipswich.*

Wed. 16 Feb: *Net-working the Anglo-Saxons.*

Visit the gift shop!



THE FOUNTAIN INN

Tuddenham St. Martin

01473 785377

We are advertising all our weekly events on boards outside The Fountain.

We would like to remind residents of the free food on Tuesday nights. Why not have a night off cooking and eat with us? No need to book – just come along.

Looking ahead to Christmas we have the John Welham band on Christmas Eve. This band plays a wide variety of music for all tastes. Join us and relax here before a busy Christmas Day.

Those who manned their tables at the sale on 13th November really enjoyed it even though the support was very poor. Honest, we did.... However it did result in a small contribution to the “Buy a brick” scheme. Perhaps a Summer Sale would be more successful as it was very cold to stand outside.

Revelling Reporter.

Congratulations

Our congratulations to the Wright family of 9, The Street on the arrival of Luke at 7lbs 14oz on 14th October. He is already showing signs of enjoying music, not surprising with a dad who plays the saxophone, etc. and a mum who loves to chill out with her favourite tapes.



Welcome

Welcome to the new residents at 10, The High Street and the new occupant of Gable Cottage. As yet we haven't been able to speak to them in spite of several attempts.

Get Well Soon

Our best wishes to Audrey Gorham and Charlie Smye as well as to Amy North, Bella Green and Claire Trotman. We hope the Millennium year will be



THANKS

Our thanks to Ipswich Museum for allowing us to use a transparency for the Millennium Card we are producing – see page 7. Also to the printers “Think Ink” and to Ralph Taylor for finding the painting, and initiating the project.

Please phone 785314 if you want some cards. They will be on sale at our Quiz on 22nd January.

Please contact Jo Kelm for details of other Millennium Projects.

Thanks also to our computer guru for more improvements to the Tattler system.



Neighbourhood Watch

A time of year to be particularly vigilant! So it is locking up carefully inside and out at all times. Out of sight is out of mind so lock things in the boot of your car. Do not open the door of your home without the chain on unless you know who is there. You do not have to open the door if you do not want to. Eyes and ear: watching out for strangers, strange cars in funny places. Get their number and a description and phone the police or Mrs. Molly Worswick, number below. The police need our cooperation. They caught two people in the village recently through neighbourhood watch information. In this way it keeps OUR VILLAGE SAFE FOR US ALL.



We ask everyone to keep an eye on the neighbourhood watch signs on the outskirts of the village. Without these signs being in place many people's insurance will be invalid. We can get a reduced premium for being a strong neighbourhood watch village.

Molly Worswick: 785292
 Area Suffolk Constabulary : 613500
 (Martlesham.)
 EMERGENCY: 999
 Our Police Rep, P.C. John Kirby, 1150,
 on the Martlesham number above.

Molly Worswick and Elizabeth Gunn.

Receiving Reporter: Recently a neighbourhood watch minded person knocked on our door checking that the large removal van parked in our drive was legitimate. Thank you ,Arthur.

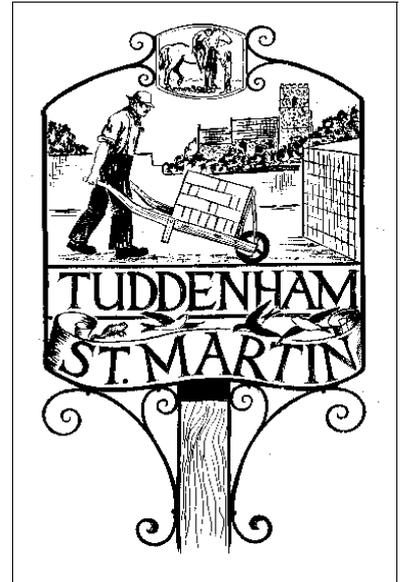
Dear Editor,

It is now just over four years since the village sign was unveiled by the late Carl Giles. After a lot of fundraising and hard work choosing a suitable scene for our village it was finally put opposite The Tuddenham Fountain.

As I walk from my house down to the river I meet many people who admire our beautiful sign. Many times I have seen people photograph it. When I speak to them they tell me they have travelled

from all areas of England. I once spoke to a family of Dutch cyclists who were touring East Anglia and had been visiting friends in East Bergholt. Their friends told them that if they cycled through the village of Tuddenham they would see a beautiful village sign. They were very interested to know the story of why the bricks are on the sign.

I am writing this article because I know many people in our village do not realise how much our sign is admired and photographed. So although we are only a small village we are getting a lot of visitors who really appreciate our village sign, not only English but people from overseas as well.



Enduring Power

A recent chat with a resident covered the ways we can make bereavement easier for those left behind. Such ways as setting up one's funeral in advance – did you know that was possible? - or filling in a probate form so that your finances are easier understood were mentioned.

However a new one to me was the concept of "Enduring Powers of Attorney." I am not financially or legally knowledgeable but this idea of getting power of attorney in advance in case you or your partner should become incapable of coping with their financial affairs seems sensible.

Phone the Public Trust Office on 01716647300 for details or get the booklet "The enduring powers of attorney" from HMSO publications centre, phone 0171 873 9090. Thanks for the advice Mr. Tuddenham!!



A Vicar's Thoughts

Last week down at the shop, "Revelations" in Tower Street, I was rushing around like a demented fool preparing our mail shot to be included in the clergy mailing. I managed to get it completed on Thursday but that afternoon and much of Friday I was as high as a kite. I suppose it was partly relief and partly the adrenaline rush! Then I stopped and thought to myself, what's happening here? What am I doing? I was getting in this state because of pressures in managing a shop and being vicar to three parishes. Now I'm not totally unaware that many people work under these conditions all the time and often get labelled as "workaholics." That is one thing I will never be in danger of being called but I can see how it might happen. That adrenaline rush, the satisfaction of completing a task, the feeling of justification, these all go towards a feelgood factor.

Is it meant to be thus?



I don't think so. All of us often hanker after a more tranquil lifestyle and rightly so. I believe that the world and especially our society has got it wrong and we are on a dangerous and perilous upward spiral. The only way it's going change is by people finding some way to achieve it for themselves because society and the workplace are not going to do it for us. That means saying to ourselves "I'm going to stop today." It means giving others time and not worrying about the other jobs that are not getting done. It means reviewing our personal goals and what motivates us. But above all it means not feeling guilty when we do take a break or don't do as much as we had intended. Easier said than done I know, but I believe, as a Christian as well as a vicar, that God wants us to have this quality of life and we should look for the pleasures that come from relaxing and pursuing our own interests.

So why, I ask myself, am I writing this letter on my day off? I must be nuts or in need of organizing my time better!!!

Sam Cowley.

Our new vicar is at St. Martin's every Sunday. Why not pop along?



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The advert above is from a resident, Diana Eccles, 5, The High Street, so if you want more information and a chat just go round and see her.

Christchurch Mansion

The room upstairs is exhibiting Jonathan Field: Maxwell's Demon from 20th Nov – 9th Jan. Like Walter Batley – see article on this page – he is an Ipswich man but born in 1963.

The Wolsey Art Gallery has an exhibition by Ivor Roberts-Jones from 4th Dec-23 Jan.

You may have read about cuts in the museums budget in Ipswich. Part of the justification is the low use by locals. Have you seen the inside of Christchurch Mansion since its refit? You will be impressed.....

TATTLER MILLENNIUM PROJECT

We thought it would be a good idea to produce something for the Millennium Year that residents and friends could enjoy. So we will be offering a blank card which can be used at any time for any message. We think this card is very special because the picture on the front is taken from an oil painting of a Tuddenham scene.

Let me tell you more to whet your appetite... The painting hangs in The Victorian Room in Christchurch Mansion. You may recall my mentioning it in the last Tattler. It shows the view up Tuddenham Hill with the Church at the summit. The Fountain is thatched – it was painted in 1887 – but many of the houses are just as they are today. The lady in the carriage has a blue ribbon on her horse whip as well as a blue rosette on her coat and we wondered if she comes from Tuddenham Hall on her journey to take the old man for “His First Vote” as the painting is called. There might be some artistic license in the positioning of The Fountain and its roof. Does anyone recall a thatched pub? Either way the view by Walter D. Batley is lovely.

Please contact me on 785314 for details.

We hope the cards will be available from next week....

BOOK THIS DATE

22nd January

7.30pm

Village Hall as usual

FOR

THE TATTLER QUIZ.....

Tickets are available from Pear Tree Cottage so please call round or phone 785314. They go fast so get in early!

I AM GLAD I AM NOT A FAIRY



Footsteps on cold, frosty Wednesday nights heading towards the School House are heralding the first steps towards the rehearsals for the T.A.D.P.O.L.E.s Millennium Pantomime. The fourteenth annual production on stage at the Village Hall between 24th-26th February, 2000, is the much loved fable of SLEEPING BEAUTY.

Related and performed in a traditional, fun packed fashion with laughter and enjoyment provided for all the family. The scenes produce a variety of characters for the audience to cheer or even jeer. We have a beautiful Princess, supposedly under the careful, watchful and benevolent eye of a rather dotty nurse and, of course, a handsome Prince. Will the two young hopefuls eventually achieve a happy ending despite the attention of a cruel, evil, wicked and obnoxious fairy, aided and abetted by her



sidekick, an unspeakably ugly gargoyle? Can the bumbling efforts of a number of Court Officials including a non-melodic Balladeer, a non-joking Jester and a Knight and his Squire, who do not seem to know anything, help to save the day?

Watch out also for the four good fairies! Carefully and expertly casted these players will be displaying not only superlative mental agility but physical prowess of the highest order. Flying through the air and landing on stage with some dignity, hopefully, and exploding out of giant cakes are just two examples of the onerous requirements. Fortunately such demands are being taken most seriously with crash diets, where appropriate, and personal fitness training sessions readily accepted as a necessary adjunct to the normal rigours of rehearsals.



It will be alright on the night but I am *"Really glad that I am not a fairy!!"*

A non-joking Jester called Colin.

For King And Empire

This badge, minus its pin, was dug up recently by Peter Woods who kindly showed it to me as he knows I am interested in the history of the village.

It is a silvery zinc colour and has a number on the back, 620682 8 or B. At first I thought someone might have dropped it on the old allotments, but his garden is a little beyond the area as I remember it .

Peter lent it to me to do some research but I have not got very far yet. However the first step is to ask Tattler readers whether they know anything. What a triumph it would be if the owner could be identified!

The inter-twined letters are G.R.I. which, presumably, mean George, Rex, Imperator, (George, King and Emperor). Round the rim is inscribed

FOR KING AND EMPIRE,
SERVICES RENDERED.

Julia, my mother, named after the greatest Roman Emperor, would sing patriotic songs which she had learned at school in Fulham, pre World War One. One of them went, "Why do we call this our Empire Day? Why do the cannons roar?" Unfortunately I have forgotten the rest so cannot supply the answer. I certainly can remember marching past and saluting the flag on Empire Day (May 24th?) at Junior school in the Thirties. It was all a matter of course then. We, Great Britain, a tiny country of about 45 millions, had established a colossal empire, "Upon which the sun never set," literally. We were all very proud of it.

But of course it had to set and now we are the Commonwealth except for a few, like Burma, who decided to opt out.

I have been to several countries which once were part of the Empire and have been surprised to hear older people speak with affection about the Brits and their efforts.

On the other side of the medal I imagine the names of millions who died in two, terrible, twentieth Century wars.

Why did the cannons roar, Mother? Besides singing patriotic songs, I do also remember some of my history lessons and that one of the major reasons for the First World War was the jealousy between Germany and Britain over our Empire.

Who was the person who once wore this badge? What services did he/she render? I hope it was lost rather than thrown away.



Ralph Taylor
Village Recorder.
785314

Number One, London.

If you have some time in London and want to see the rewards of national service you cannot do much better than a visit to Apsley House, The Wellington Museum.



This is one of the most renowned mansions in London and in side is a treasure house of Wellington's possessions given to him by many European Monarchs and dignitaries. As you wander round the house with a free, hand held soundguide you hear all about his life. The Industrial Revolution is on the school curriculum but somehow the splendour of this palace seems from a wholly different world.



Apsley House is open most days except Mondays and is available for events and weddings should you

fancy some decadence!! It is free for pre-booked school groups and all children. Phone 020 7499 5676 for details.

Christmas Capers

There will be activities for children plus a special visit from Santa on Sunday, 19th December at the Forest Office at Tangham, Rendlesham



Forest. The event will last two hours and costs £2.50 per child (must be accompanied by an adult). Please book on 01394 540164. Christmas trees will be on sale at the Forest Office.

Before Marriage



After Marriage

A woman marries a man expecting him to change but he doesn't.

A man marries a woman expecting her not to change but she does.



Any married man should forget his mistakes – there's no use in two people remembering the same thing.



There are two times when a man doesn't understand a woman: before marriage and after marriage.

Our **British Legion Poppy Appeal** raised £324.79. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our collectors who made this all possible.

Jim Kerridge





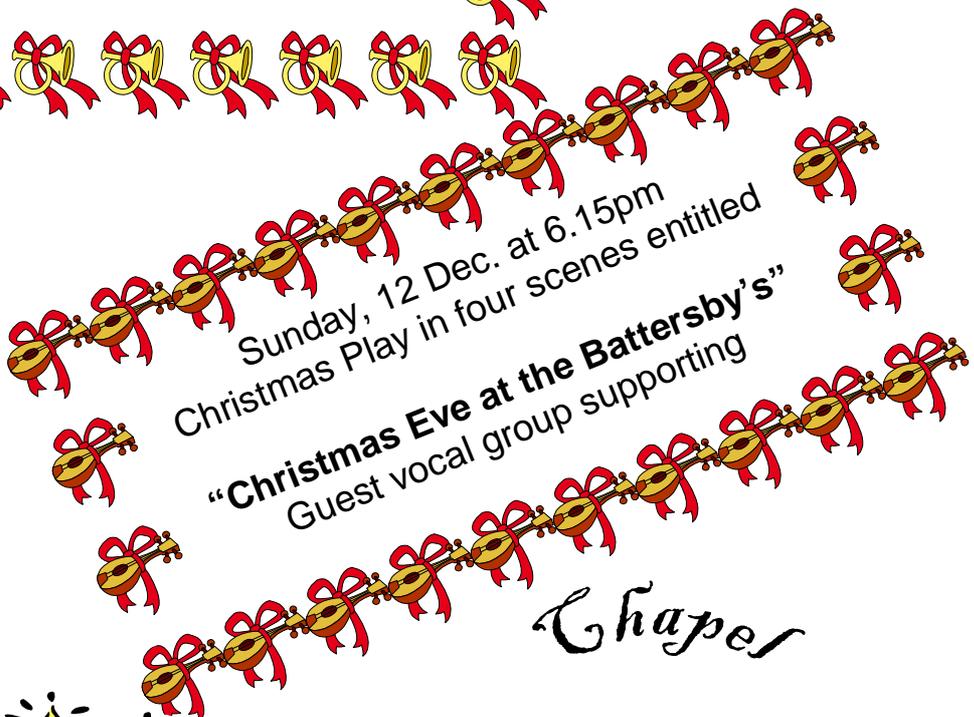
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At The Fountain Pub in Tuddenham

"Family Carol Service"

Do come along and enjoy the seasonal occasion

*Come
and
enjoy*

*Phone
on
85804*



Sunday, 12 Dec. at 6.15pm
Christmas Play in four scenes entitled

"Christmas Eve at the Battersby's"

Guest vocal group supporting

Chapel

Christmas



Friday, 17th Dec. at 6.30pm
Christmas Concert

Carols, Songs, Music
Mince pies, sausage rolls, tea/coffee

News



Sunday, 26th Dec.
At 11.00am

come let us adore Him

A short service
With tea and coffee.



Sunday, 19th Dec. at 11.00am
"Christmas Presence"

"...of sugar mice and glitter...
And Christmas in July"
A Carol Service with a difference!

Chilled Lemon Flan

When asked for my family's favourite recipe I had to answer Chilled Lemon Flan. So easy to do and so delicious.

Flan case: 4oz *Digestive biscuits*
 2oz *butter*
 1 level *tbsp. Caster sugar*

Filling: ¼ *pt double cream*
 6oz *can cond. Milk*
 2 *large lemons*

Topping: *lightly whipped double cream*
 fresh/crystallised lemon slices



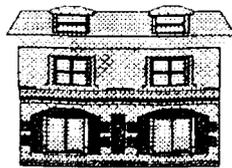
Crush biscuits with rolling pin. Melt butter in pan, add sugar and blend in biscuits well. Turn mix into 7" plate and press round base and sides of plate with back of spoon. Bake in 150°C/310°F/gas Mk.2 oven for 8 mins. Cool in the plate – don't remove from dish or will crumble.

Mix cream, milk and finely grated lemon rind. Beat in lemon juice. Pour into flan base and chill for several hours till firm.

Just before serving decorate with whirl of whipped cream and lemon slices.

ENJOY!

Thanks to Joyce Lovick, Fynn Lane for this mouth-watering recipe.



Mr H Tricker



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A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband. A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife!

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

Next Tattler is out in December

A woman has the last word in any argument. Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument!