

# The Tuddenham Tattler

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What did you do for the Millennium?

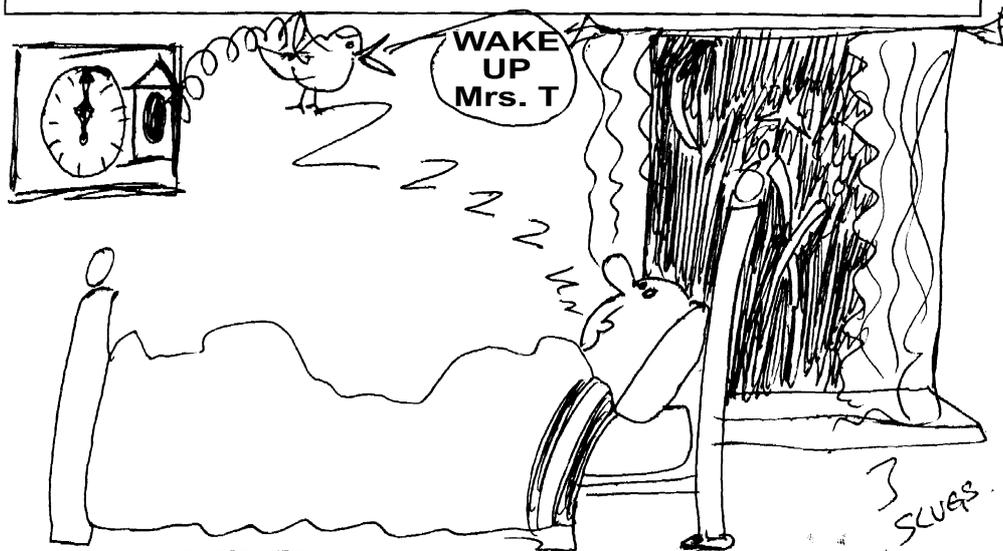
So many people have asked this question over the last few weeks and the answers have been as varied as they have been numerous. If you have an answer that would be interesting to our readers we would love to hear from you. Phone 785314.

We went up to London and in common with other village residents who made the trek we found the number of people daunting but the atmosphere incredible. Certainly a night to remember if only for the aching back and full bladder!

Many of you will have joined in at the village celebration on the Sunday. There were over a hundred residents as well as some very welcome guests at the service and bonfire and what a contrast to London!

This was much

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more personal and friendly and reminded some of those there of bonfire nights in the past when the whole village would join together in their celebrations. The accent was on relaxed informality and the evening was enjoyed by all present. Thanks to the organisers for all their preparations. For me this was the essence of village life and much valued.

Did anyone go to the Dome? Or have you been since? We would love to hear from you for future issues.....

*The censored drawing above was the pick of the terrible bunch from the quiz! Thanks slugs! If you can do better than the rest **please** phone 785314. Adults and children welcome!*

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## Tattler Quiz Night

Where do we start to say thank you to all who helped us with this evening of activity?!

Well I hope the thanks were voiced on the night for the refreshments, the collecting of papers, the ticket collecting at the door, the setting up and taking apart of the hall, the question calling and adding up, the raffle, along with prizes donated as well as a financial donation. Martin and Newby did us proud with their "hardware round" as did the hairdressers in Tacket street called Antonio Giovanni for their "hairy round." Those of you who joined us on the night deserve a particular thank you for contributing to the over £600 profits which will go towards Romanian Child Action, running the Tattler for the year and the statue we hope to erect for the Millennium. The Tattler can hardly thank its Resting Reporter as she **IS** the Tattler but we all know how little the Tattler could achieve without her efforts, from bed or standing up! We wish her well.



Through this edition of the Tattler there are jokes taken from quizzies thanks to torture on the night. I hope everyone involved enjoyed the evening as much as I did and look forward to seeing you all next year when you are charged with the responsibility of getting the trophy back from that darned BT team!

**What do you get if you cross a cement mixer with a burglar?**  
*Concrete evidence, a hardened criminal, a concrete alibi, a hard case, pick and mix, a mixed up hard man, and a hard case to crack.*

Our congrats to George Jennings for raising over £70 with his recent Bring and Buy sale to support the Blue Peter Appeal. Another time, George, get some publicity in advance by telling The Tattler – we are always delighted to hear of local events especially where they are the initiative of young people. Fancy being our "Rascal Reporter"?



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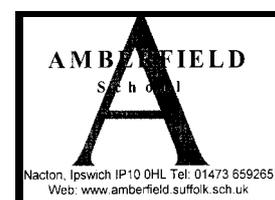


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## Amberfield School

The advert we have on page 4 is supporting this lovely school in the countryside near Nacton.

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## What's On

*For details of countryside events phone Thornham Walks on 01379 788345 or 01449 727221.*

### 6th Feb. **Private Life of Deer**

*Search for signs of these shy animals and hopefully see some as dusk approaches at Thornham Walks Centre, 3-5pm. £2 adults, £1 children.*

### 15th Feb. **'ID Your Tree.**

*Meet Paul and his organic friends and learn about trees in Winter. Be sure not to part without a glass of mulled wine and a root vegetable! 10.00-2.00pm, "Growing Places", Hillview Business Park, Old Norwich Road, Claydon. Adults £2.*

### 27th Feb. **Bird Ringing**

*A chance to get close to the birds at Thornham Estate with Sid Batty. Bring binoculars and camera. Thornham Walks Visitor Centre, 10.00-1.00pm Adults £2*

### 3rd Mar. **In the Bleak Midwinter**

*At various venues and dates, by Eastern Angles. This play offers a different slant on the Millennium. Phone 218202 for details.*

### 5th. Mar. **Signs of Spring**

*Ramble from Thornham Walks Visitor Centre from 2.00-4.00pm. Wear boots. Adults £2.*



## **The Tramp**

Night shadows creep across oil-spilled puddles  
and somewhere the soft hum of tyres is heard,  
yet in the trees there is only the hush of wind  
breathing against dying winter oak and beech.  
Chill rain runs in rivulets down steamy windows

and an old man, homeless and hungry  
turns into the doorway, seeking warmth that  
is not there, remembering his life of long ago  
when satin, not newspapers was his bedding.  
Shadows deepen around him, plying him with  
memories and dreams that by day elude him  
lost in the depth of the whiskey bottle, but  
clamouring now for attention, pounding at his  
fevered brain like demons, calling, taunting him  
as he curls hunched and shivering, nothing but a  
shadow as headlights etch him against cold stone  
and shimmering silent glass.

And when dawn comes, his frozen body, already  
stiff with death, unseeing eyes uplifted to the sky,  
is the only reminder of who he was before the stink  
of booze and nightmares swept him into a twilight  
world of endless empty days and nights, full of  
sneering faces, who in the security of their own lives,  
never saw beyond the rumpled dirty coat to the  
man who lived beneath the judge, the doctor,  
you or me.

**Jacki Larcombe**

The poem above comes from "Pun", a Poetry UK Newsletter which I found in the Library. If poetry is your game then follow it up for an interesting read with event and recommendations galore.

Their quote on the front page is from TS Elliot, "Genuine poetry can communicate before it is understood." That makes The Tattler poetry, I hope!

## Ipswich Outdoor Group

*Affiliated to the YHA this group organise walks, cycle rides, quizzes, parties, novelty events, sports, etc. They meet at 19, Tower Street on 1st Monday of each month.*

**Phone 688637 or 0589 421257.**

**Dear Editor,**

I am sure I am not alone in wishing to say a big **THANK YOU** to all those who worked so hard to make the Millennium Celebration in Tuddenham on 2nd January such a success. To Sam and Tony who gave us a lovely service and to Alan for the music; to all those who collected the firewood and built the magnificent bonfire, and for the very welcome refreshments, to Derek and Janet for letting us all invade their land, and to the committee who thought up the idea. I thought the whole celebration demonstrated the excellent community spirit in Tuddenham. Those of us who live here have a lot to be thankful for.

*Jessica Arthur.*

**Wolsey Art Gallery**

29 Jan-12 Mar,

**Vanities and Virtues;**

print making in Stuart Britain, 1603-1689.

Room Upstairs

**Lindsay Harris: At the Margins.**

15 Jan-27 February.

Close up interiors of Christchurch Mansion with an intense concern for architectural geometry, the colour of light, time passing and time anticipated.

Tel: 433554 for details on these exhibitions.

**SWIMATHON**

The annual Swimathon event is in early March. Are any residents taking part in this sponsored swimming event? In '98 Crown Pools had the honour of hosting the fastest 70 year old female swimmer. Could this be you

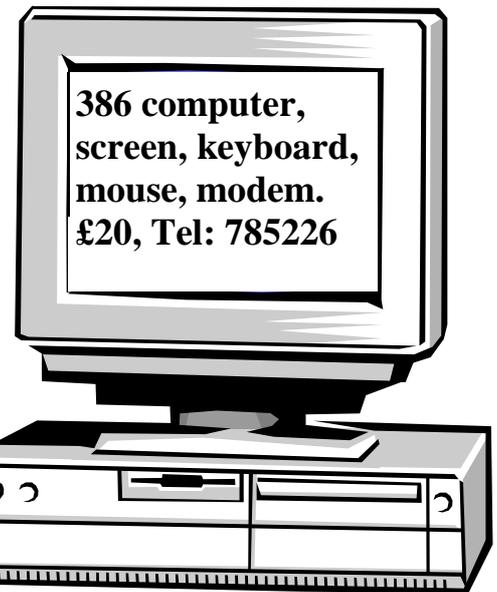
**Space comes to Earth**

Ipswich Museum is marking the arrival of the 21st Century with a major exhibition as it invites



b u d d i n g astronauts to look back at some of the moon landings. Running from 12th Feb to April there will be displays, puzzles, quizzes and games for all the family. Moon rock, and a real space suit are on display as well as a chance to test your navigation skills on a rolling ship.

The free display is open Tues-Sat. 10-5 pm.



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**How do you make a Maltese Cross?**

**Stamp on his foot!**

**Or Pinch his Maltesers! Thanks table 16.**



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## Town Lectures

A new series of lunchtime lectures in the first year of the Millennium under the Ipswich Arts Association.

**1st Feb.** Waterways of Ipswich, by *Fred Bridges* in Ipswich Film Theatre.

**9th Mar.** Cinemas of Ipswich, by *Stephen Peart* at Ips. Film Theatre.

**13th Apr.** Origins and development of Ipswich by *Keith Wade* at Ips. Library Lecture Hall.

**11th May** Parks of Ipswich, by *Steve Hunt* at Ips. Library Lecture Hall.

**8th Jun.** Wheels of Ipswich by *Brian Dyes* at Ips. Regent Theatre, first floor lounge.

There are more events in September, October, November and December which we will mention in future issues.

The Tattler hopes to send its Rampaging Reporter to these Thursday talks so if you would like a lift please phone 785314. They run from 1.00-1.50 with drinks available beforehand. You are



## Gainsborough's House Sudbury

This art gallery and museum houses more of Gainsborough's paintings, drawings and prints than anywhere in the world. The Georgian facaded house retains features dating back 500 years. Open in March this might be a rewarding country drive. **Tel: 01787 372958**

## Networking the Anglo Saxons

This lunchtime talk on **16th Feb.** at Ipswich Museum is by Tom Plunkett and runs from 1.15-1.45, with tickets at £1. It will cover West Stow, Sutton Hoo, and other sites. Tel: 213761.

## Fitzwilliam Museum

Half term activities on **22-23 Feb.** include dragon events for the Chinese New Year for children 8 and under.

Easter workshops on **18/19 Apr.** are on sundials, with a family trail available at the entrances. There is also a time capsule competition. There is plenty to see and do at this wonderful museum. Why not wander in one afternoon?

Tel: 01223 332993.



## Special Delivery

Every time you receive a Tattler you have been the lucky recipient (or unlucky?!) of the hard work of one of our deliverers. They are Alison Robinette, Eileen Offord, Ken Williams, Jackie Lugo, Carol Frost, Janet Wells, Sandy Burns, Pauline Procter and our Raving Reporter.

If you would like to join our merry band please do fire an arrow towards Pear Tree Cottage or phone 785314. In the meantime thanks to all our helpers!

## Ipswich Society

The Ipswich Society are holding a symposium on 23rd June in the Grand Hall of the Corn Exchange from 9.00-17.30pm. All six speakers are to address the audience on the subject of "Ipswich from the first to the third Millennium". We hope to send one of our many reporters to this event and will keep you informed. Are any residents planning to attend? Please tell us. In the newsletter for the society is news that Ipswich in Bloom was a success with over 400 entries in the internal competitions and an overall second place. Work is already starting on the 2000 campaign so phone 262020 for details....

## Charter Anniversary

The Millennium celebrations have coincided with the 800th anniversary of Ipswich receiving the charter from King John.

The Children's Society Sports Challenge on 29th April, HMS Grafton's Freedom of the Borough, and special celebrations of Charter Day on 29th June are planned. The Ipswich Arts Association is also promoting a series of eight tapestry wall hangings to illustrate the history of the town. They will be in the Tourist Information Centre.

## Explanations

In early December I set myself the target of calling on every house in the village. Yes, I know that December is not a good month with early, dark evenings, bad weather and very busy households. However I was so fired up with enthusiasm at the results of The Tattler to produce a Millennium Card that I couldn't wait to show everyone in the village. My aim was to show and discuss the card, leave one to be looked at, call again to collect orders and again to deliver and collect cash. I didn't realise when I started how long this would take. By the week before Xmas 800 cards had been delivered with requests of "Will we be able to have more in the New Year?" The cards have been used for Xmas, invitations, commiserations, thank yous, get well messages, and overseas greetings. Some people have framed them.

I would like to see the cash situation sorted out before I start the next round so could those who have forgotten because the last few weeks have been very busy please settle up as soon as possible.

Because I've been totally out of action since Xmas I haven't been able to call on anybody but as the weather improves I shall be buzzing about again to make sure everyone has the chance to see Tuddenham St. Martin in 1887.

*Resting Reporter, 785314.*

## Tattler Quiz Night

One Saturday night in January we set out for the Village Hall clutching our bottle of wine and wondering why we had let ourselves be talked into this! It was a cold night and we were sure we would be much happier staying in our warm house.

You are probably all wondering where we were going and why we had put ourselves in a position where we could not back out. A certain person in the village had *talked* us into buying tickets for the QUIZ NIGHT. We had never been to a quiz night before and were convinced that we would not know the answer to many questions, hence the reason for our reluctance. Answering questions on the television when you are at home on your own is OK because there is no one to let down but sitting at a table with four other people in a full hall is another matter.

When we arrived at the hall it was filling up rapidly and was packed to capacity by the time we started. The quiz master and organiser were dressed for the part which added to the fun. Suddenly we were under starter's orders and the excitement quickly built up, albeit with a little help from the odd bottle or two. At half time refreshments were served and thanks must go to Jackie Lugo and her helpers. Then it was "off" again for the final part. The quiz master had his work cut out to keep us all under control but he succeeded and the evening ended on a high note.

Suffice it to say that we can't wait for the next quiz night – great company, well organised and GREAT FUN. Isn't that what it is all about??

*Elaine Lay*

A Grandson, Charles David, born the other day  
Becomes the second "Grandchild Lay"  
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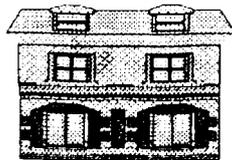
*Some villages have  
already lost their local  
newspaper delivery service.  
This is another of those  
"Use it or lose it"  
occasions.....*

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and out of the bus, away  
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*It took a long time to  
get the marked bus stop so  
now let's use it!*

*Resting Reporter.*

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## Adverts

We seem to have done very well for adverts recently. The one for Harry's conservatories brought us in two bottles of wine for the quiz raffle. Thanks Harry!

If you know of any other businesses that would like to advertise in the Tattler please phone 785314. Personal adverts from residents are free.

### **What did the traffic light say to the motorist?**

*Don't look now I'm changing!  
Or Don't look when I change it  
makes me blush! Or  
Wait here while I change!!*

# Tuddenham Tattler Quiz

When asked if I would like to join a table for the quiz night my first thought was "Oh no! I don't like them!" However I decided if I wish to become involved with village life I should give it a try. Decision made.

Janet said she would pick me up, reminding me to bring a drink and a glass. We arrived early so as to get a parking place. I wondered just how many people would be there. Well, what a surprise – at 7.30 the village hall was full. It was an extremely well organised event. There was laughter all around with everyone enjoying themselves. Each team had six members and the questions were not as daunting as I had feared. In fact we did quite well. When the answers were called out as we went along one heard great shouts of "YES, YES" or "OH, NO!" It was absolutely brilliant.

Refreshments were most welcome at the interval.

The evening was rounded off with a raffle. Then, finally, thanks were given for all who had helped. I really look forward to next year's quiz.

What a super village Tuddenham is. So many hard working people to unite us. How pleased I am that I moved here!

*Joyce Lovitt, Fynn Lane.*

Editor: So the questions were easier than you had feared, well I can arrange harder ones so see you next year, Joyce, and thanks for your support!

## More Tuddenham Tattler Quiz

“Come to the village quiz,” they said. “The questions aren’t difficult,” they said. Raise money for the village hall. I checked it out. £4.50 per ticket including refreshments; come in a team of six if you can (but not crucial) bring your own drink and glasses. I found a couple of friends willing to take a chance and decided to give it a try – maybe I am too frightened of Margaret T to dare say no?!

I was amazed on the night to find twenty one tables for six players each, plus a small stage for the “Question master and his accomplice – now known as “The Iron Lady Returns”) squeezed into our village hall. The tables were already labelled with names for the teams – we didn’t fancy being labelled as the slugs and opted to be wasps!

The contest started promptly at 7.30pm. There was a jokes round, “Who’s this?”, a picture round, and a “whose logo?” round as well as ten ordinary rounds. These latter had some bewildering titles such as “St. John, factoids, Martin and Newby”. When should we play our joker? I thought “factoids” might be a medical round on unpleasant diseases (but it wasn’t). There was no round on sport, relief from my team, but nothing on geography – dismay! In fact the range of questions was very wide; truly “general knowledge.”

My team came last in the quiz but I swear it was very close! Embarrassingly we then seemed to win nearly all the raffle prizes – not fixed, I promise!

Come next year, it’s fun! I am planning to haunt Martin and Newby from now on and try to learn the names of obscure fixtures and fittings – and get a willing eight or nine year old child to coach me in jokes then I will do well – you know, the “Why did the submarine blush?” variety!

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- ⇒ Don't have too many fat people on your team or you won't fit round the table
- ⇒ Come early and bag a good table
- ⇒ Don't expect an early night
- ⇒ Remember you can get points for humorous answers
- ⇒ You don't need to be a boffin
- ⇒ Come prepared for a good laugh
- ⇒ Bring your friends!

*Diana Allsopp.*

The submarine blushed 'cos it saw the Queen Mary's bottom!  
 And the beetroot blushed when it saw the salad dressing!!



