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# The Tuddenham Tattler

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## Gone but not forgotten

**It was a very sad day, the day we lost our village character, but how greatly he will be missed.** Dotsie was always ready to offer a helping hand and could do most odd jobs people asked him to do.

He spent most of his life in Tuddenham with two years in the Royal Navy and went as a stockman for Major Norman Everett. After a few years the Major sold his farm so Dotsie went into the building trade.

In the later years Dotsie bought a moped and was often seen riding through the village with his shooting bag over his shoulder, as he was always going after rabbits to feed his ferrets.

Many years ago Dotsie lost a ferret and, as one knows, you do not admit to losing a ferret for they will kill chickens and ducks, etc. However this ferret went missing at around mid-day and after hours of searching for the ferret Dotsie gave up at about five o'clock. Nearer to eight o'clock that evening Dusty Millar, who lived in the village, knocked on Dotsie's door and asked him if he would kill a ferret for him as it had killed some of his chickens. So Dotsie calmly went and collected it and told Dusty Millar he would keep the ferret for himself rather

than kill it.

He was always ready to give advice to people about what to grow and when to plant produce in their garden and ready to help if anyone had moles on their lawns.

After his day's work had finished he used to like to walk to the Tuddenham Fountain and have a drink and a chat with his mates.

Later years he enjoyed going to car boot sales where he would buy a bargain, namely garden tools and equipment.

This last two years he joined the Tuddenham Carpet Bowls Club where he spent many enjoyable evenings playing bowls and he was getting to be a very good player.

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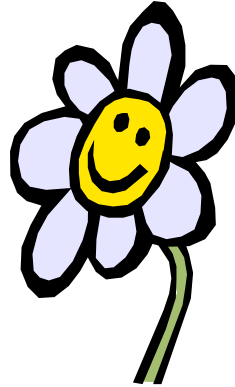
***Next Tattler is out***  
***in June.***

*Please put any copy, adverts etc. through my door - Pear Tree Cottage - or ring 785314 to get into print. Sorry we missed April out!!*

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## SUNFLOWER COMPETITION

We are holding a competition for the tallest sunflower in the village. The plant has to be positioned where it can be seen from public areas so that we can judge the competition without entering the premises. If you want some seeds please contact us on 785314. Last time we ran this competition we attached seeds to each Tattler but many were lost hence the above request.



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## Get Well Soon

We were sorry to hear that Wally Damant had been rushed into Ipswich Hospital recently. Since then we have seen him strolling through the village though not quite his usual self. We hope he will soon get the spring back in his step.

Tony French's Mum has been taken into hospital recently and we are glad to hear that she has made progress. We wish her well.

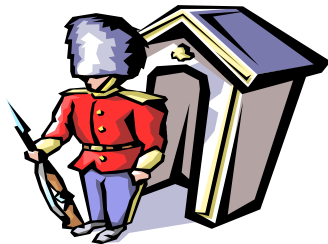


## Dotsie's Day

The Church was packed. So many people were there to pay their respects to Dotsie who will be long remembered. It was a real Dotsie morning. The Sun was shining, brightness everywhere, just the sort of day he would enjoy. He has told us so many stories about Tuddenham's past. I am sure that as we all sang "All things bright and beautiful" and "We plough the fields and scatter" we knew he was a true countryman. The Tattler will think of him as we pass walls where he was want to lean.....

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

BEWARE!



The Fountain was burgled by day last week.

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 16th  
MAY WITH PARISH MEETING AT 7.30pm.  
Check details with Parish Clerk.**

## WELCOME

Mike Harrison, who has moved in next door to Margaret Whinney, was very busy in the garden when I met him. To my surprise he is in the Tattler line of country as he writes, prints and publishes lots of village magazines and newsletters. We hope he will soon write something for us.

A very belated welcome to Lorna and Jamie, of 2, Bridge Cottages, who have been here for some time and have spent long periods working on their cottage. Lorna is in accounts and Jamie in the timber trade. Lorna plays the flute which she learnt at school while Jamie's interest is in new cars. We hope to see them at the next Tattler event.

## SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL



This runs from 15th July to 6th August at

The Old School in Hadleigh. There are Supper Concerts, Kaffee und Kuchen morning events, and Sunday afternoon concerts. For more details please contact the organisers on 01473 822596 or email on

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## Subway

Apologies to one of our neighbours who was disturbed by "SUBWAY" practising in our garage. At the time I was unaware of the noise as I was helping my daughter revise for her Year 10 English exam. Not a favourite task of mine. Science revision I don't mind, but poetry – NO THANKS! I have retained my school-girl view that poetry, on the whole, is a lot of waffle. That is until GCSE English introduced me to the poetry of Simon Armitage. He is a social worker turned poet. His poetry uses straightforward modern language and manages to have a powerful message without being sentimental. I include one of them here.....

*And if it snowed and snow covered the drive  
He took a spade and tossed it to one side.  
And always tucked his daughter up at night.  
And slipped her the one time that she lied.*

*And every week he tipped up half his wage.  
And what he didn't spend each week he saved.  
And praised his wife for every meal she made.  
And once, for laughing, punched her in the face.*

*And for his mum he hired a private nurse.  
And every Sunday taxied her to Church.  
And he blubbed when she went from bad to worse.  
And twice he lifted ten quid from her purse.*

*Here's how they rated him when they looked back.  
Sometimes he did this, sometimes he did that.*

Anyway, that is a huge digression so find the rest of this article about SUBWAY on page 12!



## ***MORE ST. MARTIN PICTURES.***

Just before Christmas we visited the Royal Academy in Piccadilly for the Van Dyck exhibition of portraits and compositions which was most exciting. Very varied and full of rich, strong colour. We were thrilled and amazed to come across a large oil painting of St. Martin dividing his cloak, painted in 1620. He is on a huge grey charger in armour cutting his scarlet cloak and giving half to the beggar. If anyone would like to see the picture I would be glad to show them. I have written to the Royal Academy to ask if I could reproduce the picture for people to use as notelets in the village but I do not think I shall be allowed to do this.

The catalogue also shows a similar depiction of St. Martin dividing his cloak by Peter Paul Rubens in 1612.

*Elizabeth Gunn.*

## **The British Legion**

The Winesham and District Royal British Legion's Grand Variety Show, held at the village hall recently, raised £439. £239 going to poppy appeal and £200 going to club funds. Many thanks to Ron Markwell and friends as well as to those who supported us and gave prizes.

Over the past five years the paper bins at the Barley Mow and the Fountain have made £2295.59 – please keep filling them up!

Thank you

*Jim Kerridge.*

## **Town Lectures**

This series of lunchtime lectures in the first year of the Millennium under the Ipswich Arts Association was mentioned in the last issue of Tattler.

**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.*

**14th Sept.** Ipswich people who have influenced history *by Nicholas Sign at Regent Theatre.*

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

These lectures run from 1.00-1.50 with drinks available beforehand. You are welcome to take lunch in to the lectures.

If you want to join a Tattler rep at the talks give us a ring on **785314** for a lift in to Ipswich.

## **SUNDAY BUSES**

Did you know that buses now run on Sundays. They leave for Ipswich at 11.38, 12.35, 15.38, 16.35, 19.38 and 20.35. Return journeys from the Old Cattle Market Bus Station are 9.30, 12.30, 13.36, 16.30, 17.30 and 20.30.

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# The First President of the Women's Institute?

I spent a very interesting evening last week, the only male among twenty or thirty local women gathered in the village hall to hear about the Romans in Suffolk. I was there by kind invitation of the Tuddenham Women's Institute who were to be addressed by Ms. J. Plouvier, one of the County's senior archaeologists.

The talk was fascinating not only for its content, which is of particular interest to me, but because I could not imagine a similar group of men organising themselves in such a way.

Then I remembered that I *had* attended a few gatherings of men who met to discuss and show the various artefacts they had found in Suffolk soil over the previous few months with their metal detectors. It is rather like fishing, a solitary business. Not many women would want to do it, though perhaps it would not be wise.

However, enough of the psychology. Ms. Plouvier produced a magnificent set of slides which showed how the Romans, in 400 years, had come to dominate this country, yet who gave us so much. They built more than 6000 miles of fine roads, some of which are still in use, ports, towns, villas and great defensive walls. They gave us good drainage, central heating and hot public baths which we did not enjoy again until late Victorian times. We had law, order and peace, warmth, food and some culture even if this was a pale reflection of the scene in Rome.

When, finally, they withdrew, in 410 AD the British thought themselves as good Romans as any. To be a citizen of the Roman Empire was certainly was to be raised in status, far above barbarians elsewhere. But being an East Anglian, I am secretly rather

proud that our small tribal groups stood up to these invaders and rebelled ferociously against their foreign ways and arrogance.

After 17 years of Roman rule Boudicca, Queen of the Iceni, had had enough. She led the assault on Colchester, London and St. Albans and burned these important centres to the ground. Tacitus, the Roman historian, stated, with surprise, "They do not discriminate against women in military command." Unfortunately the tactics of this charismatic woman were unsound and her army was annihilated.

Roman Britain prospered for almost another 400 years. We find signs of them locally in Felixstowe, Ipswich, Coddham, Hacheston and even Tuddenham where evidence of settlement had been found along the South facing slopes of the Fynn Valley, including a hoard of coins and a small statuette of Bacchus, one of the Roman gods.

As for Boudicca, no one knows what happened to her. I don't know the origins of the W.I. but she sounds as though she might well have had something to do with it!

*Ralph Taylor*





## Soup and Sweet

A very successful lunch was given by the Tuddenham W.I. on Saturday 9th April. It was extremely well attended, and the soups were excellent and the sweets (calorie loaded) were delicious. After the repast we were given a talk on the Helicopter Air Sea Rescue Service by a "winch man". He told us that flying these planes was a very skilled job which requires constant hours of practise. They are in the air all the time at a cost of £5000 per hour and cover great distances all over the country. The co-pilot is in touch with people on the ground and has to watch out for various hazards. The planes fly from 500 feet and can drop down to 50. There are medical supplies on board which the winch man is trained to use on any injured people who are rescued.

We saw very clear slides of him being lowered down with his harness on to help people from various situations. They certainly do a very worthwhile job.



Also, as an extra bonus to the day, the "W.I. Millennium Landscape Exhibition" was on show.

Joan Stark.

## T.A.D.P.O.L.E.s News

We had our usual post mortem meeting a short time ago to discuss how the panto had gone and also to decide what to do with any funds. This year's panto made a healthy profit and together with monies left over from last year we decided to give £300 to the village hall, the Hospice and Romania Aid.



We talked about the rehearsal schedule, as we often do, but decided that on balance it was probably left as it was.

General consensus was "Geat fun was had by all and let's do it again next year." Look out for news of next year's production in the Autumn. In the meantime, many thanks to all involved, in whatever way, and well done.



Monica.

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# CHAMPIONS - WELL DONE TUDDENHAM!!!

After finishing as runners up to arch rivals, Belstead, last year, Tuddenham St. Martin Carpet Bowls Club have gone one better this time and become the first New Millennium Champions in Division One (East) of the Suffolk Carpet Bowls Assn.

The Club, not yet ten years old, has made phenomenal progress in such a short time. Entering Division Three of the League for the first time in 1992 it rapidly rose through the divisions and has been in Division One for the last five years. After establishing itself during the first couple of years in this highly competitive division it has gone one better in each of the last three years and now sits on the top of the pile.

The Club membership comprises of a nice balance of local people with a few imports from places like Ipswich and Bealings and is, without doubt, deserving of this latest success. Just two years ago Tuddenham were pipped for the County Cup Competition losing narrowly to Barking C.B.C. in the final.

The Club is now preparing to enter into the forthcoming Summer League Competition in which a number of new players will be given the opportunity to hone their skills in readiness to join the squad that will be going flat out next season to defend its recently won crown.

If any newcomers to the village would like to learn more about the Cub, or simply to "have a go," then there is an opportunity for both every Monday night at 7 o'clock in the village hall. You can meet the players as they get together for a couple of hours to both practise and socialise. You need bring nothing other than yourself as all the equipment needed to play the game is provided for you,. Remember also that carpet bowls is a game for all ages so you can never be too old or too young!

If anyone would like to know a little more prior to attending on a Monday they are invited to give me a ring on Ipswich 721296 when I will be pleased to tell you more.

**Well done Tuddenham!!**

*Dave Long,  
Secretary.*





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# St. Martin's News

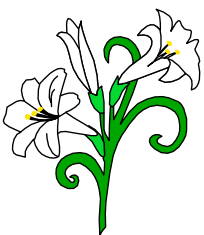
Easter over already!! Services were well attended, particularly on Easter morning, when we had an excellent turnout. The Rev. Sam Cowley introduced a new service to the Benefice this Easter – a “Dawn Communion” at 06.00 on Easter Morning. It was actually dark in Winesham Church when the service started making the symbolic candles quite necessary without the lights being switched on. It was a very moving service, albeit the numbers attending very small.

The installation of the internal tower window is now dependent on the artist, all the necessary “authorities” being in place. It is anticipated that the work will be commenced and completed during June and we look forward to viewing the final result of what has proved a long haul.

The hole created by a sub contractor’s vehicle at the foot of Church Hill remains unrepaired. There is some dispute as to whether it is the responsibility of the builder who caused the damage or the County Council due to the poor quality of the surface in the first place. The builder has to return during the Summer to restore the church yard paths by which time the repair responsibility will have been resolved.

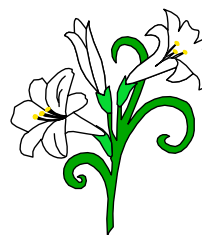
The Government has introduced a Gift Aid Declaration Scheme which will enable charities receiving donations from anyone who has made a declaration to recover the tax on such a donation. This will affect both Churches in the Village giving each the opportunity to increase income without placing any additional burden on the donor. There will be more about this in the next quarterly issue of “Contact.”

Services continue every Sunday morning at 09.30. The floodlight sponsorship scheme can be used by contacting Dr. John Arthur at “Worley Cottage” or the writer at “Finnlands” or on 785296, - whichever is more convenient.



*God Bless you all.*

*Jim Punton.*



## SOUP & SWEET

This event is now a firm fixture on the Tuddenham calendar and that held on 8th April showed the reasons. Three features impressed me:

- ⇒ A numerically healthy response from the village and well beyond
- ⇒ High quality fare shown by appetites – two soups and three sweets were not unusual
- ⇒ A very technical subject – Search and rescue – well delivered by an RAF NCO with only five months



“on the job.”

As a near full-time gardener I have tended to think of Wattisham helicopters as some disturbance to rural peace. Now I realise better, the training requirements for a very worthwhile job.

*John Arthur*



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## OUR MILLENNIUM MISSIVE

*There was a young lady from Tuddenh'm,  
who went to the dome in Londinium,  
she was the only one there  
except Tony Blair  
what a way to spend the millennium!*

*The poem above was penned at the gallop during  
our last Tattler Quiz. Question is, who did it?!?!?!?*

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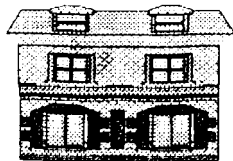
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## PASS IT ON

We have some lovely photos to publish in The Tattler but there has been a delay in preparing them so watch out for the next issue.....

If you have any articles of pictures you want in the June edition please pass them to our Revolting Reporter at Pear Tree Cottage or phone 785314. We would love to hear from anyone who has been to the Dome or any other Millennium events.

Remember the Annual Parish Meeting on 16th May when **YOU CAN HAVE YOUR SAY.**

## REFLEXOLOGY

Originally known as zone therapy, reflexology is a holistic healing method which involves pressure and massage of the reflex points found on the feet. Each part of our bodies is reflected in its own special reflex point on our feet, and the skill of the trained reflexologist is to detect and correct any energy imbalance and restore harmony to all the systems of the body.

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Denise Thick is a fully trained chiropodist and reflexologist  
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.....As I was saying, "SUBWAY" practise in our garage once every three weeks on average. The five boys are all Northgate sixth formers who find relief from their studies by practising their instruments during the week and getting together on Sunday afternoons. I am very proud of them all – they work hard and deserve to do well with both their studies and their music.



Their style of music is not to everyone's taste. It was not mine either to begin with, but now I can't help swaying and toe-tapping to my new found favourites.

You may hear them from time to time, when their enthusiasm gets away from them. If you do and don't feel like toe-tapping but rather, screaming, give us a ring on 785600 and we will remind the boys to turn down the volume.

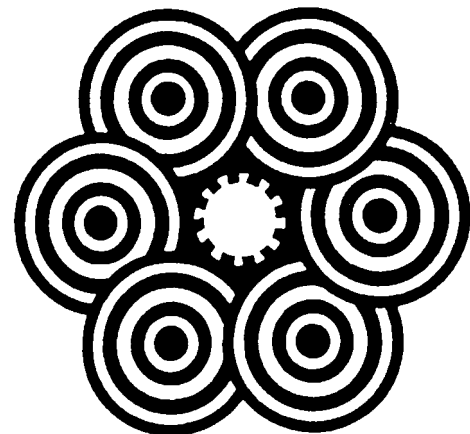


## The Long Distance Runner

Congratulations to John Kerry who exceeded his target by raising £1,700 for the British Heart Foundation. He is very grateful to all those who sponsored him in his effort.

The family and John travelled up to London on one of the coaches organised by Jaffa Joggers, with whom he trained, to transport competitors and friends. The family saw the start and then went by bus to Birdcage Walk, 500 yards from the finish. This all took quite a time because of the dense crowds.

Elizabeth, John's sister, said John headed towards the finishing line very red in the face, but smiling and looking pleased with himself. So he should have, he finished in 3 hours 55 minutes and will regard the Marathon Medal with great pride.



Move this page in a circular motion - each circle will appear to revolve on it's axis. The inner cog wheel will appear to rotate in the opposite direction.

## **OUR MILLENNIUM MISSIVE**

A certain young lady from Tuddenham  
Set the first quiz of the Millennium  
The quiz was quite super  
Apart from one blooper  
She got the wrong sex of young Beckham(ham)

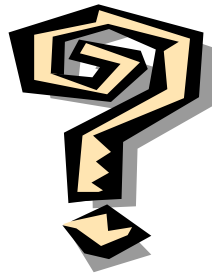
Ed: OK, who couldn't spell on table 20???????

## Planning Application

A report in the *East Anglian* last week mentioned an application by Mr. Scowsill of Tuddenham House for tennis courts with a 2.75 metre fence, and four, eight metre high floodlight columns. The report mentions that the application is considered to be of wide general interest.

## Parish Council Report

The report in this issue is a precis of the full minutes but has been printed even though the full minutes have not been approved by the Parish Councillors. Thank you to the Parish Clerk for her assistance.



## Guess Who?

The writer of our article is Jo Brand, the comedienne. We are very grateful for her contribution to The Tattler.

## ROMANIAN CHILD ACTION

This charity is looking for a selection of things **by March 30th**, which you might be able to help with:

*Balls and bats, a television, scissors, magnifying glasses, mirrors – many of the children have never seen themselves – a kite, professional hair clippers, glue, paper, pencils, craft knives, snakes and ladders, flash and a cream cleaner, sanitary towels for the teenage girls, maps, a compass, and globe.*

**These things are to go on the lorry leaving for Romania on 1st April so please contact Barbara as soon as possible if you can help on 785206.**

If you can help with the loading please phone John on 210098 for details.

We wish Romania Child Action well in their work.

*This chap looked after a customer royally so give him a try!!*

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