
The Tuddenham Tattler

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MILLENNIUM UPDATE

The Summer is drawing to a close in this Millennium Year and Tuddenham is continuing to mark the date with various events and changes. The new bench in Keightley Way has been unveiled and the Church are about to reveal their new window – thanks to the legacy from Rosemary Keightley – and South Porch of which you can read more on page 9.

The Tattler Sculpture has now reached the mould and casting stage and I delighted to hear that several villagers have been to see it. I hope they were as impressed with Honor's work as we have been. The photo opposite was taken before the work was completed but I hope it gives an idea of the finished item. This work is in Plaster of Paris but the completed sculpture will be cast stone/fibre. It is to stand about 27 inches high and will be visible from the road where it is to stand in the garden on the fork in front of the Chapel.

We will keep you informed as progress continues. Please contact us on 785314 if you would like more information.



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Next Tattler is out
in Sept.

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

Village Barbecue and Funday 16th July.

Although the weather was unkind to us over sixty villagers turned out to enjoy the Millennium barbecue and funday.

A decision had been made early in the day to stage the event at the Village Hall and the two barbecues were set up in the car park with Master Chefs, Piers and Colin, in attendance. Burgers, sausages and salads were enjoyed by all whilst meeting and chatting with other village folk.

After lunch all adjourned to the corner of Keightley Way where the magnificent Millennium Bench, purchased by the village to celebrate Year 2000, was unveiled by Bill Pipe, Chairman of the Parish Council. The bench is crafted in English Oak by Genesis, a local workshop which is staffed by local handicapped young people.

Then it was back to the Village Hall to enjoy ice creams and drinks before Fiona and other mums organised games for the children with the adults joining in the fun – especially the games involving a parachute which was certainly a first for me.

Despite the weather it was a good day and I am sure those that braved the weather enjoyed the event and were pleased they had made the effort.

Jo Kelm.

Ed: I have just received some lovely photographs of this event. It looks like I missed a winner! I hope to include them in the next issue along with a few more reports from those who attended. Have you seen the bench on Keightley Way? It is a splendid celebration of the Millennium.

Get Well Soon

Amy North remains very poorly and we pass on our best wishes. Tony French visits regularly if anyone wants to pass on a message.



Tony's Mum, Vera, is still in Heath Road. Our thoughts are with her at this difficult time.

Cyril Gardiner has also been under the weather but we hear that he might be coming home soon. Again, Cyril, our very best wishes. We will pass on a Tattler as soon as it is printed, as we promised!



How good to hear that George Pipe is improving after his illness. I hear tales of good and bad days and hope that the good ones increase.

Great to see our Ropey Reporter up and about after her recent minor op. She is now back on the streets so please pass on any articles you want included in the next issue!



Our best regards to all who are poorly at this time and also to the carers who work on their behalf. Please tell us if you know of anyone we should mention.



IT Girl's Utterances...

This has been a HOT Summer for us nerds. I have spidered some cool web sites on your behalf so why not check these out???

- * www.uselessknowledge.com is a site for useless but interesting info. For instance, did you know that Kermit is left handed?
- * www.virtualdog.com is a chance to get that pet Mum wont allow in the house. You get to feed it, walk it and keep it happy and, maybe, to become the best on the Web.
- * Itsyourmovie.com is my last offer this month and should appeal to those aspiring directors amongst you. You get to make all the decisions for a change!

That is all for now but if you know of any cool sites email me on tuddenham.tattler@btinternet.com

IT Girl.

PLAY CLEAN!

Several residents have asked us to publicise the problem of dog mess on the playground. How can children run free in our lovely village when they are liable to come home with dog foul on their feet and even hands? If you see a dog loose on the playing field please locate the owner and tell them that exercising dogs there is unacceptable.

VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEETING

The main item dealt with was the question of replacement windows and estimates have been obtained for this work. The options were softwood, hardwood or PVC, with or without double glazing. Account has to be taken of several factors including loss of heat in cold weather, fire hazards, and excessive heat on hot Summer days, as the windows are all on the sunny side of the building.

Various details of maintenance were discussed, including the need to retreat the outside, wooden walls, replace rotting flash boards, paint the kitchen, and somehow banish the damp from the toilets. A recent case of a hirer failing to leave the hall clean and tidy was discussed and measures were taken to ensure that hirers who fail to exercise proper care, when using the building, face a financial penalty.

Damage to the car park surface is to be made good and a new drain installed to take away excess surface water. The floor is to be re-sanded and sealed.

The Annual General Meeting, to which all residents are welcome, will be held on

**Tuesday, 17th October,
At 7.30pm.**

W.I. Dates

Sept 12th Style Direction
Competition, Most things
beginning with "s" in a matchbox.
October Romance and reality of
India
Competition, Something
Indian.
November A.G.M.

JUMBLE SALE

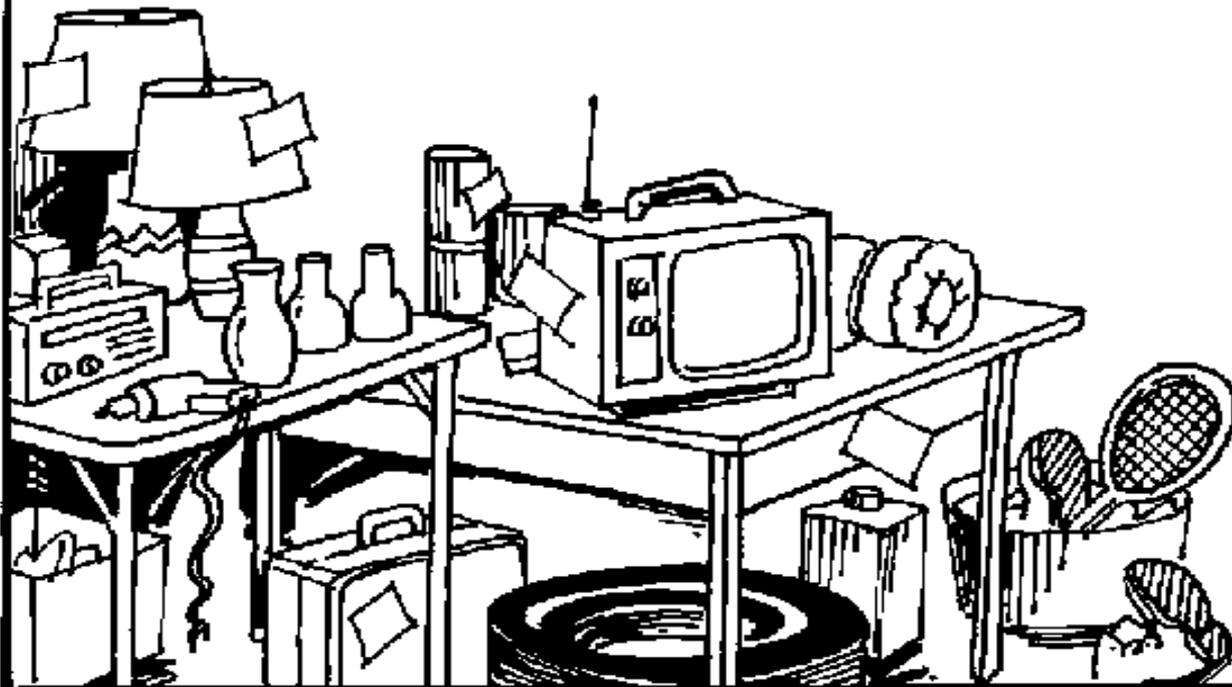
SAT. 16TH SEPT.

2pm

Parish Hall, Westerfield.

There will be a leaflet drop nearer the time and if you have any clothes, bric-a-brac, books, etc. that you would like to donate please mark your bag JUMBLE as clearly as possible and leave it at your gate by 6pm on Friday, 15th September so that it can be collected by a member of the **1st Westerfield Scout Group**. Alternatively leave items at the Parish Hall on the morning of the 16th September.

The Scout Group look forward to seeing you for the afternoon when bargains will abound!



WELCOME

Welcome to Holly and Michael who have come from Woodbridge to live in Grace Harst's old house on the hill in Westerfield Lane. Michael is an experienced engineer and has travelled all over the World as part of his job but is now based at BT Martlesham. Holly is a "Usability Expert" and leads a very busy life.

They enjoy travelling and one of their recent experiences was photographing Orang Utans in Borneo. They are keen on theatre, listening to music and films. Michael said at some stage he would like to have some music tuition and was very pleased when I told him we already had a music teacher in the village.

Greetings to David and Wendy Smith have recently moved into Doris Westrip's old house in Westerfield Lane and come from Great Bealings where they were pig farmers for 43 years, living at Cherry Tree Farm. One of their sons was British Champion at 250cc Grass Track Racer in 1998, second in 2000 and hopeful for 2001. Needless to say they are both very keen supporters. If you see a strange man walking the footpaths it will be David. He is very keen to know the area and its history.

I hope you like the series of photos above. They emphasise the rural feel of our village. Thank you to Elizabeth Gunn for passing them on.

ANTIQUES ROAD SHOW

We are avid viewers of this programme and thus were very interested to hear that Janet and Derek Welham had actually been to one at Bury St. Edmunds. Because Janet had sent photographs prior to the show they were issued with tickets which enabled to bypass the long queues and head to the front. Janet said that the evaluation of what they took was less than the ones they had received privately. I thought that rather strange.

While we were in Devon recently it was suggested we might like to spend a few hours at Forde Abbey where A.R.S. was being filmed. The motive behind this was that my Daughter – in – Law wanted to know whether the ghastly ornament of a rather grotesque animal, bought by my son for £60, was really worth it. We both thought it most certainly wasn't and was a waste of money. So off we went being dropped off at 11.30 to be collected promptly at 3.00.

The weather was gorgeous so filming was in the grounds. The initial queue was incredibly long. It took 90 minutes to reach the reception desk where what people had brought was shown to a group of general experts who then decided which table of top experts we would go to. I was delighted to see David Batty and all the others I had seen on television. Another long wait. The sandwiches and strawberries and cream on offer, for a fee of course, were very welcome to many in the

queue. I got very anxious when ten past three arrived and I was still in the queue with six people in front of me. Then, with a few minutes to spare, I was sitting in front of David Batty who looked much greyer and older than I had expected. He took the ornament and said "An amusing piece made by an amateur in the early 1900s. Value £60-100."

So Phillip hadn't made a boo boo after all and we just in time at the arranged spot for pick up.

If I get another chance to see the ARS I wouldn't go until after 3.30 when the queues are much smaller. Everyone who arrives by 4.30 is guaranteed to be seen. So, we will be glued to the goggle box for the Autumn Series.

Roady Reporter.

Women's Monday Group

Who are the people sitting in the corner of the Fountain Lounge on the second Monday in August? It was the WMG who have been in existence for many years. The idea is just for women residents to get together to exchange ideas and relax. This August was typical with chat ranging from head massage, stammering, identity cards, Voluntary Service Overseas, Australian Outback, teenagers and Brannigan's nightspot. So, if you did not know about this group please mark the time in your diary – the second Monday in the month, nine o'clock in The Fountain, the more the merrier.

Rattling Reporter

Our M.P.

Did you know our MP, Michael Lord, is in the running for Speaker of the House? He has been one of the Deputy Speakers for several years.

Some years ago the fact that our MP was no longer John Gummer, who came to the unveiling of the Village Sign, came as a shock to me. Only when a group of election campaigners were in the village did we realise this. Needless to say I was not happy that we had not had information about the change and rang up headquarters. Apparently the Parliamentary Boundary Commission decided that Suffolk should have seven constituencies instead of six in 1992. However the new constituencies came into being in 1997. Michael Lord was elected in 1995.

I have written to him on several occasions and he has responded promptly. If you wish to contact him write either to the Houses of Parliament or phone 01728 685148, where you will be given advice on how best to deal with your enquiry.

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

At last, with the next pantomime almost ready to start rehearsals and we have some photos for you to see! They are on page eight. I hope they revive happy memories of graceful fairies, joking jesters and romance – well at least one of the three was true!

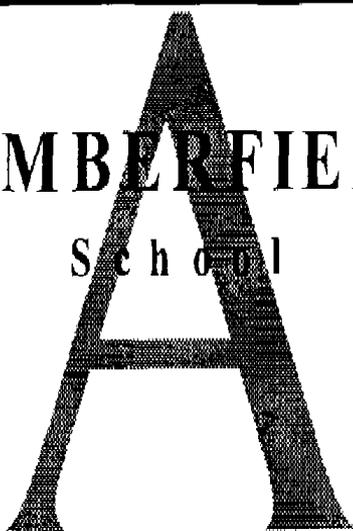


To newcomers in the village, be warned... The auditions will be upon us soon and YOU WILL attend!

Thank you to the chap who helps with the photos – he knows who he is!

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How about a Hollywood Party? The Piccadilly Dance Orchestra are performing such classics as Cheek to Cheek, Ain't it Romantic and Forty Second Street at the Aldeburgh Snape Proms on 31st August. Tickets are available on 01728687110.

Might you prefer Cabaret and songs?

An evening supper with Piano and Soprano at The Great Room, Bawdsey Manor. This event will be transmitted live on gmn.com. Phone 01394 411347 for details and tickets.



St. Martin's News

As previously reported by the Religious Reporter, we experienced our first combined Village Service under the auspices of Tony and Sam. The service was well attended and was most enjoyable and refreshing. Let us hope that this will be the first of a regular happening!

The Tower window installation has been commenced and should be completed towards the end of July. It is intended that there will be an **Evensong Service on 17th September** at which both the South Porch alterations and the window will be blessed and dedicated by the Bishop. **The Harvest Festival Service will be held at 9.30am on the same day.** Everyone is welcome at these two services.

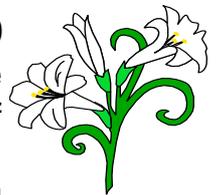
The Harvest Lunch is on 24th Sept., once again at Henley Village Hall, as a Benefice function. Tickets are £4 for adults, £3 for children and can be obtained from Mrs. Punton or Mrs. Arthur. They will be sold on a "first come first served" basis but unlike the ITFC you do not have to be a Season Ticket Holder or have attended the last four!

We trust that the second issue of Contact in its new format has now been received by each village household and, of course, read avidly! Any comments will be welcomed. The writer could not implement and suggestions for improvement, but knows a man who can! The new Pew Weekly Letters are handed to attendees each Sunday morning and for those who are shy but interested, copies can be obtained from the plastic sleeve on the main door of the Church.

The complaints in respect of the poor quality of Church Yard grass cutting have been heard, noted and acted upon. We trust the recent cut was more to everyone's satisfaction. Any further complaints should be directed to the writer rather than becoming festering sores. It will also have been noted that Church Hill tarmac was repaired by the County Council when doing other road repairs in the village. (Oft times I wonder if they realise the village extends up Clopton Road albeit sure that Janet & Colin on the Parish Council will remind them!)

Services continue at 09.30 each Sunday plus an 08.00 hours Communion Service on the first Sunday of each month. The fifth Sunday in a month is served by a Combined Service at one of the Benefice Anglican Churches or the Witnesham Baptist Chapel. The Confirmation Service at 19.30 on 19th Sept. has been switched to Witnesham Church. This is due to the numbers being Confirmed and the anticipated attendance. We trust there will be a good show of support for our village participant.

Floodlight sponsorship has been MAGNIFICENT with demand outstripping supply. Please book through Dr. John Arthur at Warley Cottage or the Writer at Finnlands (785296) who is now more readily available at sensible hours – retirement really is as good as I have heard!! **God Bless you all.** *Jim Punton.*



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COFFEE MORNING

Tuddenham Over 60s Club

Sat, 9th Sept,
10.30am,
Village Hall.

Draw, Cake Stall, Tombola, Plants, Books, Bric-a-Brac. Donations gratefully received to any of these stalls, either on the day, or before, to Monica Pipe, Beryl Coates, or any member.

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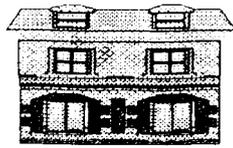


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Ipswich Waterfront

Try an evening stroll to see the changes in
this priority area for Regional Development.

Apparently all of Felaw Maltings is now let or
under offer. Have you seen this building since it
was refurbished? It is splendid! The water at the
waterfront has also been "refurbished" with a
much enlarged marina area. You may have seen
the news report, or actually been there, when
HRH The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh
opened the new lock gates at the entrance to the
historic Wet Dock on 31st May. These allow
access at all levels of the tide. Work is now
underway to create a newly paved promenade
from The Old Custom House to Coprolite Street
as well as a Sustrans cycle route linking Bury St.
Edmunds and Felixstowe. Neptune Quay is a £9
million project bringing new homes to the
riverside which you will have seen as you pass.

If all this walking wets your thirst how about
the Brewery Tap for a tour and a pit stop. At last
Ipswich is a Premier Town!

Tuddenham Tots

The Tuddenham Toddler
Group meets during school
term times between 9.30 and
11.30 on a Wednesday
morning at the Village Hall.

Babies from just a few
days old, to pre school
children, are encouraged to
play together and interact. For
the small fee of just a pound
children can enjoy making
things, painting, listening to
stories, singing traditional
nursery rhymes and
refreshments as well as
making good friends.

We are also joined by
numerous parents and
toddlers from our neighbouring
villages, Grundisburgh,
Witnesham and Swilland. So,
if you and your Tot are at a
loose end on a
Wednesday then be sure to
come, and join in the fun.
Newcomers to the group are
not asked to
pay on the first
visit.



We would
also like to take
this opportunity
to give a big
thank you to Sandy Burns who
ran the group for many years.
Sandy was extremely
dedicated to making sure that
everyone was made welcome
and a good time was had by
all. We shall all miss you
Sandy!

Melanie.



THE FOUNTAIN INN

Tuddenham St. Martin

01473 785377

Julian, the Landlord, is looking for lots of people for a variety of reasons. The first is, he needs twelve people of any age from 18 upwards to take part in the Pub Master Pub Team Challenge – each team plays other pubs at Darts, Dominoes and Shove halfpenny. The winning side wins an all expenses paid trip to Las Vegas and the runners up get a trip to Dublin. Please let him

know as soon as possible, if you are interested in being in “our team.”

The second is a Fountain Football Team. So far eight people have expressed an interest in forming a village team again; some of them have seen the old photographs of the team as it was many years ago. Ideally fifteen people are needed to ensure that there are always enough to play a match. So, if you know anybody in the village who fits the bill please tell them about this and let Julian know.

EVENTS:

Every Tuesday, live music, every Friday traditional Jazz.

Sunday, 27th Aug. Family Fun Day with Barbecue. Evening Karaoke.

Sunday, 17th Sept. Quiz.

Saturday, 23rd Sept. Casino night with big prizes. £10 buys 30 chips before the night, 20 chips on the night. All profits to charity.

Saturday, 30th Sept. Stella Auction. Live music with the “Blue Notes.”

CUSTOMER COMMENTS:

Quiz Night – Excellent! It was good to see so many from the village even though the winners were the usual ones at the Tattler Village Quiz.

The Public Bar is now almost unrecognisable in a total change of character with a lovely wooden floor and rural type, wooden seating to match. I love it!

Revelling Reporter.



Have you grown a sunflower for our competition? Please contact our Rosy Reporter on 785314 so our “World Famous” judge can assess them using the latest Scottish measures!!! Obviously the results will be final – unless the computer gets it wrong in which case Rosy WILL NOT resign.



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Victoria Bloomfield is available for babysitting in the village.

I am 15 years old and can baby sit most evenings but can only stay after midnight on Friday and Saturday evenings or during the school holidays. I charge £3 an hour with extra after midnight.



Visit Sizewell, go inside the power station, learn about electricity, see how it effects the wildlife. Admission free, Phone 01728 653890 for details.

CHAPEL NEWS

Please join us at the combined Chapel/Church service at St. Martin's on 17th September. At 6.30pm there will be a tree planting and dedication of the new window.

Thanks to all who have helped with the painting.

Tony and Elaine.



Ranger Events



These are run by Ipswich Borough Council and rangers can be contacted on 230035.

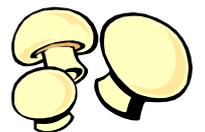
Wildlife River Trip on 2nd Sept: book by 25th Aug. View Upper Orwell by boat with a ranger to answer your questions. 1½ hours from Ipswich Port at £2.50. Phone 230055.



Little Heathy Hill on 5th Sept: meet at Bucklesham Road entrance to Bixley Heath at 2.00pm to find out more about plants, insects, reptiles and birds.



Woodland Wonder on 29th Oct.: activities in the wood for all the family; foray for funghi, climb our tree top tower, visit working horses. 10-4 at Bridge Wood.



Huntingdon Life Sciences

Melanie Cross gave us a long article about this research centre and the work it does. We delayed printing it until we could get a reply from the “other side of her point of view” and now find that the centre has closed down so that her hopes are fulfilled.

Thanks for your article, Melanie, and I look forward to seeing you jump for joy, as promised in your letter, now that your dreams have come true!!!



The photos below come via Ralph Taylor from Victor whose Mum, Doris Goodchild (nee Wynne), was the first child to be adopted by Mrs. Girling. Arthur Kings, the little boy in the photo was fostered later and then Amy North. I hear that Arthur is a good source of Tuddenham memories so look out for some in our next issue.

Thank you to our Village Recorder, Ralph Taylor, for handing on the two articles on this page and the photos on page 14.

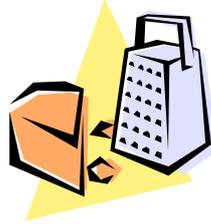
This photo shows Mrs. Girling's original rented cottage just beyond Porch Cottages. The lady is Doris Goodchild, Victor's Mum, and the child is Arthur Kings. Doris was home for the day from work in service in East

Bergholt. We have tried to spot the ornate window. The 2nd photograph is of George Miles in about 1954. Do you have any memories of this interesting man? I hope Arthur Kings and Victor Goodchild will tell me some yarns for September's

Lentil and Cheese Wedge

For five people:

110g lentils	20g marg. or butter
10g mixed herbs	An egg
225 ml water	60g chopped onions
Salt and pepper to taste	60g cheese
20g wholemeal breadcrumbs	



Method

Cook lentils in water until soft and water absorbed. Fry onions in butter till transparent. Combine all ingredients and press into greased flan tin. Bake at gas 5, 190°C, 375°F for 30 minutes. Garnish with thin slices of tomato. Serve hot with vegetables or cold with salad.

Ed: Another great recipe from the Tuddenham Stable, this time from Victoria Bloomfield. No wonder she has the energy to baby sit, eating so well!

**NEXT MEETING OF
PARISH COUNCIL
ON TUESDAY,
5th SEPT, 2000,
AT 7.30pm.
IN VILLAGE HALL.
ALL WELCOME.**



I hear that a new Rees grandchild is on the way... and look forward to the good news!

The Tuddenham Tattler

It is great to be back after the Summer holidays! Did you have a good break? The weather has certainly been very friendly apart from the freak hail storm east of here last week, oh and the tornado, and the floods.

I hope there is something for everyone in this issue. Thank you to all who contributed and especially for the help with photos we have had for this issue. They add so much to what is becoming a fascinating archive of Tuddenham life. Imagine, we're on issue 75!

The Village Sale seems ages ago but it remains for us to thank all who helped, contributed and purchased. Including some welcome donations, what a fantastic total of £585!

As ever, thanks Team Tuddenham!!
Your continued support is appreciated.

The photo above tells its own tale. I include it for those lucky villagers who have managed to progress so far in their lives without finding out what our Revelling Reporter looks like avoid to stay sane!

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.

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