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## Tuddenham Flower Festival

After weeks of planning and preparing by a lot of people the weekend of 9/10th arrived. The weather was very unreliable (an understatement?) but both afternoons started off dry which was good news. The intermittent torrential and localised rain that followed brought out the indomitable British spirit and many people managed to see the flowers in the church and all eight gardens in spite of getting rather damp in the process. Teas which started in the garden ended up steamily around the Aga. It was a shame that it wasn't possible to sit and relax in some of the gardens and enjoy the views and walks that were on offer, particularly at Larks Hill.

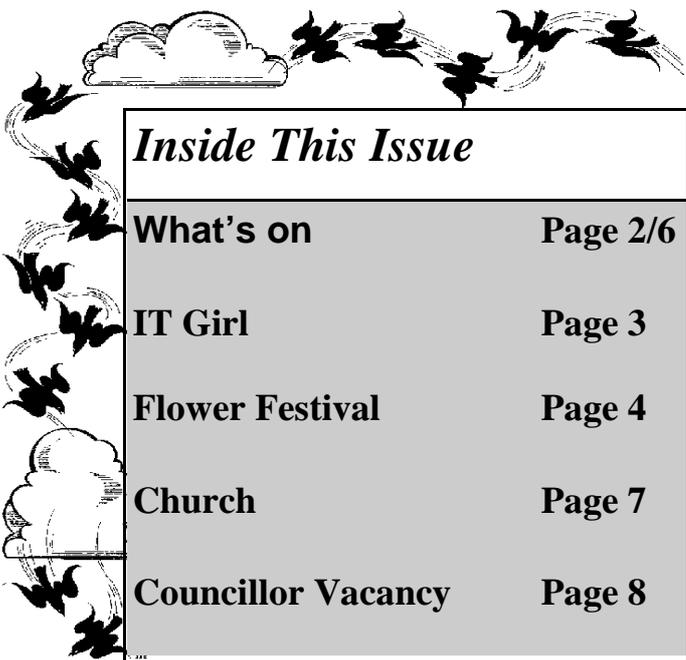
Nevertheless on both days the village was buzzing with activity and it was an opportunity to meet, explore and socialise together. The new window in the Church—the centre of the festival—was much admired and appreciated. Hopefully more people will hear about it and come and see it.

The grand total in aid of Church fabric and repairs was £1,331 which was excellent. A very big thank you to all who worked so hard to achieve it.

*Gill Cruikshank*



*The Fountain is about to change hands. Our thanks to Julian for his contribution to village life and welcome to Bev and Dave.*



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## What's On

Open Air Theatre, Regent's Park -

Phone 020 7486 2431 to book or get details of *Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Love's Labour Lost*, *Pirates of Penzance* and others. The season runs through to September with tickets £5 to £23.

**Ragged School Museum -**

Award winning museum of East End life in London. Phone 020 8980 6405 for details.



**Summer Music Festival -**

14th July—5th August at The Old School, Hadleigh, for a variety of informal evening and lunch concerts including refreshments. Phone (01473) 822596 for details.

**Ipswich Crown Court Open Day -**

7th July. Talk to judges, participate in mock cases, dispel your fear of the place. From 10.00-2.00 pm and FREE!



**“Some of my best jokes are Jewish”**

This display at the Jewish Museum in East End Road, London, N3 features the cartoons of some well known cartoonists. There is an evening with Rabbi Lionel Blue and a chance to try your hand at the art. Phone 020 8349 1143 for details.

**Theatrical Make up Demo -**

These run daily at The Theatre Museum in Covent Garden. You can observe or be the model for ageing and special effects as well as period styles. Catch web site: [www.theatremuseum.org](http://www.theatremuseum.org) Sounds like an interesting party idea!?



**Hash House Harriers Run -**

Non competitive “hare and hound” outings of about 4 miles with loops, checks, false trails, and short cuts which ensure runners of all standards get involved. Finishes with “recovery session!” Phone 020 8567 5712 to know more. Sounds fun!

**Dear Editor:**

We would like to thank all who gave, supported and helped the fund raising sale held at the village hall on the 19th of May. We raised £460 plus £51 the following week at a car boot sale.

Your generosity is much appreciated by the Romanian appeal, Hope housing, and two boys suffering with ME.



From Ian and Denny Thick, Dominic and Alistair.

## National Gallery

With the Vermeer exhibition in the news at present you might like to know that you can phone 0870 906 3891 or go on line at “[www.nationalgallery.org.uk](http://www.nationalgallery.org.uk) to book tickets. The opening hours have been extended on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday evenings until 9.00 pm. These paintings with their wonderful portrayal of light were painted in the early 1600s. A concert featuring music of that time will be held on 4th July in The Gallery.

## Maria's Mosaics

I recently visited Cherrie Starling in The Street and was delighted to be invited to see her toilet! No, seriously, it was an invite well worth taking up. At the top of her delightful winding staircase her bathroom is wonderfully enhanced by her daughter's mosaics. Covering two walls, it shows flowers with hundreds of cleverly chosen tile fragments whose colours and textures come together so well.

As your editor I could hardly resist the offer to meet the maker—Maria. She told me of her background as a beauty therapist and then art school with a week end course in mosaics. This had led to a job doing her hobby—who could wish for more? Maria worked with a firm in Kensington then a single artist gaining knowledge all the time, and now works free lance for the firm in Kensington and has just opened her own studio.

Maria has worked on a shower room on a boat in Southampton, a bathroom in a Scottish Castle and even the roof of a London Taxi Cab!

If you are looking for something different then why not phone Maria Starling on 020 8692 0009 or e mail her on [maria.starling@talk21.com](mailto:maria.starling@talk21.com). Or try asking Cherrie if you can see her toilet!



## IT Girl's Utterances...

Yo! Yes it's me again! My first computer offering is Johnny Castaway. I got this one from Stuart at Granary Cottage and it has kept the whole family amused for hours. He loaded it onto our computer but you can download it from

<http://www.bissells.com/funstuff/johnny.htm>  
Watch out for the bit where... well you will understand once you load it!

Its exam free time for most of us now so fun has now arrived! (and summer!) Get out and enjoy the sunshine, or visit some of these sites!

1. The most important web site for this time, <http://www.channel4.com/bigbrother>
2. A website full of mistakes from newspapers <http://www.geocities.com/CapeCanaveral/5958/funnews.html>
3. <http://www.compassnet.com/~rdeneefe/topicgen.htm> websites that will make up random topics if u are stuck in conversation! I got "eating on top of old computer parts"!



You may have seen the Tattler photographers touring the village recently building up an archive for future issues of The Tattler. Have you any interesting photos we could use? I am setting up an archive for you to view on the net. Catch it on <http://uk.photos.yahoo.com/tuddenhamtattler>

Copy [kttsm@hotmail.com](mailto:kttsm@hotmail.com) and add it to your MSN list and chat to me online! Luv to hear from you! Hehe!



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## Open Gardens

## W E L C O M E

 The Open Gardens were a great success. It hardly seems five years since the last Open Day and with this weekend such a success it can only be hoped that the next one comes sooner. I wandered round with my Mum who “knows” about gardens and my son who “knows what he likes!”

We both enjoyed rare species in Sharon and Robert Buxton’s garden behind Thicknesse Cottage. *He* said it was “*Plasticus laudrium*” but *I* thought it was a washing line! There is something magical about a hidden garden and it showed here. Sharon enjoyed sharing her garden with the many visitors. When I asked other visitors I got back comments like “excellent” and “stunning”.

The Old Vicarage was quite a contrast with spacious lawns and secluded swimming pool. Again it was in perfect condition. You must have put in so much work!

Cherrie’s garden in Porch Cottage was simple serendipity. How has she packed so much into so little?! Imagine cutting all those hedges. William loved the little frogs. Did you notice them?

 Our next visit was to Lark Rise and again the contrast was a joy. The tea and cakes were most welcome after all that rain and we were surrounded by dripping people. But my memories are of varied vistas, the Victorian greenhouse complete with vines, the little bridges and winding paths. A delight for children and adults alike.

We did not manage to make it round all the gardens on display but will certainly try again if the event is repeated. One fellow viewer came out with a comment that I thought summed Tuddenham up over the weekend, when she observed “Even the closed gardens are pretty.” And that with only a rare glimpse of the sun.

Thank you to all you gardeners who gave us a wonderful day out! And, of course, for the refreshments as well as all the organisation with the leaflets.

At last we can welcome Lesley and Steve to Tuddenham with their son Jack who is only nine weeks old. They moved into Bridge End Cottage in February so I apologise for the delay!

Steve hails from Thetford and then Ipswich where he works in a communications company whilst Lesley is from Grundisburgh and works in the engineering department of Woodbridge Council. She is interested in reducing vehicular disruption in the village so why don’t you contact her if you think of any ideas.... Steve and Lesley like walking and tennis.

**Lesley asked for the Parish Clerk’s telephone number - it is 785756, in case you want to know. And the police are on 613500 for local issues.**

*Editor.*



## St Martin's Church

The Church are selling postcards and notelets showing the new Church window. There are samples in the Church but if you would like to know more please contact Alan Forsdike at Hill House, 2, Henley Road, Ipswich or ring **252904**.



Postcards are 40p each and notelets are £6 for a set of ten including envelopes. It is hoped they will be ready to be sent out in August.



## JOINT SERVICE

*The weekend of 9/10 June was marked by rain and fellowship. Fortunately the first did not dampen the second.*

*We joined a large congregation in St. Martin's on Sunday morning with Barbara Grafton leading the service and were surrounded by flowers and warmth. "Our Chapel friends", as Barbara greeted the additions to her congregation, were welcomed and after the service coffee was most welcome too! Tony French gave a sermon on The Trinity and afterwards the participants told of their delight in the service, to a man. How lovely to wander round the open gardens afterwards.*

*Tuddenham Chapel thanks its co Christians for the warm welcome and looks forward to returning the favour in July. The return joint service at The Chapel is on 15th July and all are welcome. Rev. Sam Cowley is the speaker with Tony French leading worship. Tea and coffee will be served at the conclusion of the Praise and Worship.*

## Neighbourhood Watch

With the Summer upon us it remains important that we care for the security of our village. If you are going away tell your neighbours and give someone a key. Lock garden tools away after use.

And most important, if you see something suspicious tell the police—phone **999** or **613500**—and THEN phone Molly Worswick on **785292**.

## CHAPEL

On Sunday, 1st July, at 11.00am, the morning "Praise and Worship" will be led by Adrian and Alison Stacey from Cambridge (Adrian's Mum and Dad, Susan and Jim live in Westerfield Lane.)

Having completed their university studies at Cambridge Adrian now teaches at the university and Alison works for the City Library. Both are accomplished young people in music and drama. Do join them!

## More What's On

**Bury St Edmunds Theatre** offer *Clement Freud Entertains*, and *Young Musician of the Year* as well as a night of top opera arias in the first week of July. Phone 01284 769505 for details.

**The Spa Pavilion in Felixstowe** have a Glenn Miller tribute, a Here'say evening, Marty Wilde in Concert, The Suffolk Concert Band and The Meatloaf Story in July. Phone 01394 282126 for details.

**Glemham Hall Rally** is on 1st July in aid of The Ipswich Children's Hospice with vintage vehicles, kid's fun fair, craft stalls and refreshments.

**Theatre Royal, Norwich** are staging *Doctor Dolittle* in July with Phillip Schofield. Phone 01603 630000.

**National Vegetarian Week** 25th—1st July. Watch out for special offers and ideas in your local shops, or go on line at "www.vegsoc.org".

**Ipswich Concern Counselling Centre** are holding Open Day on 8th September, 10-200 pm. Phone 212788 for details.

**Dowsing Day at Thornham Walks** (start at Car park) on 15th July at 10.00 –4.00 pm. Tap into your Psychic potential!

**Merchant of Venice at Christchurch Park** on 12&13th July. Phone 433100.

**Guided walk at Orford Ness, Woodbridge** — a 5 mile walk with warden, phone (01394) 450900 for all day event.



## Remembrance

Ralph, Phil and Bill Taylor would like to thank all those who helped commemorate Maggie's life at the Church and at Pear Tree Cottage.

We were overwhelmed by your kindness and were thrilled with the cakes, sandwiches, flowers, music and any other contributions to the wake.



**Tooley Almshouses Open Day** on 30th June from 11-3.00 pm in Foundation St, Ipswich.

**Talk on Photography** on 11th July in Library at 2.00 by Brian Bower, £3.50.

For more events in this area look in the Library or at Tourist Information in St Stephen's.

Hello again! It has been some time since we last appeared in The Tattler, due to holidays and the news being otherwise covered.

The Flower Festival was very successful resulting in an addition of £1331 to Church funds for which we are most grateful to all who contributed. Our thanks to the ladies who decorated the Church, the organists who provided background music, the gardeners and those who opened their gardens and those who provided and served



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## †St. Martin's News

refreshments, the entertainers and last, but most importantly, those who attended and contributed the result. The weather could have been kinder but most folks showed a cheerful disposition despite the rain.

In the Church the Saturday evening entertainment by the Adhocet Group was very professional and excellently rendered. On the Sunday morning the joint service with the Chapel was very well attended and Tony delivered a good, thought provoking sermon which was complemented by that from Archdeacon Terry Gibson at the Evensong Service, thus

concluding a weekend of good fellowship in the village. Services continue at 9.30 am

every Sunday although there are some variations ahead. On 15th July there will be a joint service in the Chapel at 11.00 am. The writer was looking forward to this but unfortunately family demands dictate absence! On 22nd July there will be no service at St. Martin's but a Benefice Service at Westerfield followed by another at St. Martin's on 29th July. Again no service at St. Martin's on 12th August but one at Witnesham. Trust all the inter-village travel is enjoyed by all!!

The flood lighting sponsorship continues to be well supported at £5 per weekend. The relevant sponsor/ reason is included in the Pew-sheet each week and there is usually a spare copy in the envelope on the main door. A recent request for midweek lighting had to be refused (sorry) but this is being reconsidered by the PCC, of which more... Contact writer on 785296 or Dr John Arthur at Warley Cottage.

Thank you all for your fellowship and continuing support of your village church, and God Bless us all.

*Jim Punton.*



## THE FOUNTAIN INN

Tuddenham St. Martin

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**26th August, Sun.** The Fountain vs. Barley Mow Cricket Challenge. Any interested parties please contact Mike on 785317 or Chris on 07973 419601.

*Please make use of the bottle bank and paper bank.*

*Proceeds go to The British Legion.*

Julian asked us to pass on his thanks for all the support he has had from village residents. He is holding a "leaving bash" on Saturday with a "hangover event" on Sunday! After thirteen months in Tuddenham Julian is sorry to be leaving but financial situations rule. His best wishes to Bev and Dave who are taking on The Fountain this week. I am sure Tuddenham echoes that welcome!

## Cyfa



Cyfa is the Church Youth group mainly based in Witnesham. It has around 15 members, me included and is run by two main people, Paul and

Graham. Every other week, on a Tuesday, Christian topics are discussed and one member gives a life story. These are particularly interesting as photos, x-boyfriends and trains can only be! The best part of the whole evening is the free eats and drinks!!! With interesting tasks, like "What punishment should fit the crime?" to discuss where I think the favourite was 'cut them up with cheese wire'! Every evening is different.

If you would like more information about this activity, email the IT girl @:

[itgirl@tuddenhamtattler.com](mailto:itgirl@tuddenhamtattler.com)

or telephone the editor on:

01473785588

## Parish Council

Next meeting in  
September.

Applications for two Parish Council vacancies to be given in to Parish Clerk by 25th June or **phone 785272**. If you live in Tuddenham this is your chance to have your say..... All residents can apply. Councillors are asked to attend about five meetings a year and read relevant documents.

Fancy giving it a try?

## Even More What's On

**Bootleg Beatles** in Chantry Park, Ipswich on July 13th. Phone 295900.



**Woodbridge Flower Show** on July 14/15th at Woodbridge Community Hall. Phone (01394) 386106

**Southwold Summer Theatre** 12th July till 15th September. A selection of plays in a lovely environment with plenty of good restaurants to use before or after the event. Phone (01502) 724441 or 722389 to book. Chose from Winslow Boy, The Ghost Train, Kissing Cousins, etc.

**Newmarket Horse Show** at the British Racing School. Phone (01638) 750879 for details



**Lowestoft Seafront Air Festival** 26/7th July. Phone (01502) 523004 for details.



**Madame Butterfly** open air opera at Kentwell Hall, Long Melford. Phone (01787) 310207.



**Jazz at Framlingham Castle** The Dankworth Family Experience on 20th July. Phone (01379) 384505.

**Guided Tours** around Peter's Ice Cream in Grimwade Street, Ipswich Phone 253265.



**Guided Walks** around Ipswich from Tourist Information on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2.15 pm.



## Parish Council Update

At the meeting on 15th May Mr William Pipe was re elected as Parish Chairman.

Two recent speed checks in the village have resulted in "there not appearing to be a speeding problem" in the village so Tuddenham does not qualify for regular speed enforcement.

The planning application for Rose Cottage has still not been finally decided upon.

After resignation of Parish Clerk Arthur Jackson has agreed to take on the role.

The next meeting was agreed to be 4th September.

Two vacancies were to be advertised for the Parish Council after the death of Mrs. Margaret Taylor and the recent resignation of Colin Harper. These were to be applied for by 25th June.

# Best Wishes

Our best wishes to Bill and Sophie Sykes, who have shared some hospital experiences, George Pipe (may you have more good days than bad) and Ralph Taylor, who remains in Axminster hospital. Oh, and happy birthday to Anna & David Robinette!



The Tattler is always interested in your stories of the present or the past as well as drawings and photos. Please contact the editor on 785588 .

## SAFARI SUPPER

There were no elephants or tigers but for all that the Safari Supper was a wild evening.



If you were not one of the hunters you may have wondered what all those people were doing exploring the village through the evening. They were covering well worn trails plotted by

Ranger Monica and each led to a water hole of distinction. How do I know? Well at each oasis the first topic was "Where have you come from?" And at the close of each feeding frenzy came "And where are you going to?"



It was, as one of our fellow diners pointed out, the best value meal to be had for only £5.



And en route we learnt about the local places to play bridge, who dances at the village hall every week, why everyone was leaning out of the window at Post Cottage, how to bring children through those awkward teenage years, tunnels under Tuddenham,

why we should join the W.I, who would consider eating a cold can of baked beans (I know two people who admit to that now!), sex education, what the internet has to offer, which plants have thrived this season, and so much more....

What a great way to learn all the Tuddenham gossip... err I mean to meet people and widen one's horizons.

So, yet again, I find myself congratulating Monica on a job well done. We had a great evening and look forward to another Safari next year.



*Editor*

## Farewell

Ken Williams is about to leave Tuddenham after living here with his wife Joan for many years. He is moving to be near his son, Michael, in Cambridge.

We will miss you at the door for the quiz, Ken, and at the Pantomime moving scenery. You have been part of the scenery for many of us in Tuddenham and your cheerful smile and endearing hum will be missed.

Get the tea things on and we will see you at City Road soon!



**Next Tattler is out  
in August.**

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