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Helicopter Taken For a Ride?

With only about eight weeks to go before the pantomime preparations are stepping up.....

There is the helicopter to organise and the welcome return of the much enjoyed revolving fireplace. All this thanks to Piers Robinette who assured me, recently, that all would be right on the night!

It has been a fantastic Christmas in Tuddenham so far with Santa putting in an appearance at The Fountain last weekend to the joy of the children gathered for the Christmas Party. Then the Carol Service with live music and much "glad tidings" was enjoyed in the pub. What a warm welcome we had. Thanks, Bev and Dave for your hospitality! There have been Christmas plays and a carol service in the Chapel and we still have a Children's Christmas Celebration at St Martin's on 24th December at 3.30 with the promise of the Christmas story with a new slant. The village is resplendent with sparkling lights and warmth.

Happy Christmas!



At last a Constable on the front cover of The Tattler! Well it is by Constable Clot, does that not count?! It you wish to see more of "his doings" it's off to panto land for you. Oh no it isn't! Oh yes it is!

**HAPPY NEW YEAR TO
ALL OUR READERS!**

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Cyfa

Are you aged between 14 and 18, enjoy your food and like having a good time? No! We're not a dating agency or a new restaurant, we're a new Church Youth Group.

We meet to find out more about the Christian Faith (as well as having a great time—usually eating as we talk) at Witnesham on Tuesdays from 8-9.30 pm. If we have tickled your taste buds and you want to know more call Paul Laughlin on 785204.

Nimble needs a home

Much to his regret Ralph Taylor needs to find a new home for his cat "Nimble" sometime early next year. She's seven years old, all black and very affectionate. We need to find Nimble a responsible owner in a caring home, preferably where she'd have access to the house and garden as she has always had at Peartree Cottage. I'd be quite happy to pay for and install a cat flap for the new owner if required. If you are at all interested please phone William on 01473 785314 for a chat or call round and meet her.



Christmas Service At the Chapel

23rd December
at 11 am

All are welcome

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Crafts

Tuddenham Parent & Toddler Group

Wednesdays (term-time) at
Tuddenham Village Hall
9.30am - 11.30am
Starts Weds 12th Sept 2001

Come and meet parents and children
from Tuddenham, Witnesham,
Ashbocking, Grundisburgh and
surrounding areas

For more info contact: J Poole 01473 890498

Free Refreshments

Storytime

Play

Fun

Can You Tell Me?

My house has a foundation stone which reads -

**Larks Hill
This stone was laid
by Mrs F.W. Dean
June 1914**

Does anyone know who Mrs. Dean was ?

I am writing a history of Larks' Hill , and would be grateful for any information about the place, its previous owners [I know who these were, of course], and previous employees. Stories and photographs would be a tremendous bonus. I have done some work already but I am rather hoping that local people will take the project to their hearts and have something interesting to contribute. Many thanks.

John Lambert



TEECH Quiz Night Thanks

Thanks to all the people who attended the quiz night on the 24th November and to all those that gave draw prizes and donations.

We raised **£210** which will help fund next year's trip to carry out further refurbishment to the local people's Free hospital in Podu Iloaiei.

Ian and Denny Thick

IT Girl's Utterances...

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Yo! And a very Merry Christmas to you all! This month has got to include festive sites, so put your feet up and enjoy! And how's about sending me something funny?????

1. <http://www.crackermatic.com/>
let me tell you this is the best! I have spent way too long on here! Basically you can build and design your own crackers, complete with joke, hat and rubbishy present! Go and explore.....
2. <http://www.people.cornell.edu/pages/bs16/Jokes-christmas.html> **These are the best jokes around!!! I just can't stop reading them! Hehe!**

So have a very jolly Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Luv (as ever!)

IT Girl

The Tuddenham Tattler COM

After Xmas cheer has filled your mind
You'll need something to unwind.

The Panto week will do its bit

But you'll need to exercise your wit

So how about the Tattler Quiz
For even more New Year Fizz?

See you on 23rd Feb?!?!?!?

St. Martin's News

It is with pleasure that we report the Gift Day on 10th September realised a final

total of £ 1079, which will be placed in the Fabric Fund to assist in paying for repairs required by the recently conducted Quinquennial Survey of the Church building. Included in the above amount is £ 96 raised by Jackie Lugo's Bring and Buy Stall on the day. We thank all those who contributed to the total, and Jackie for her usual good efforts.



Floodlighting Sponsorship continues to be well supported, to the extent that all the weekend slots up to, and including, the 19 & 20th January have all been accounted for! Thanks to all Sponsors. Sponsorship is now available for Special occasions falling on a midweek date. Special Occasions can be defined as a Silver, Ruby, Gold or Diamond Wedding Anniversary; one of the landmark birthday dates; a special birth; celebrating a special event attended by guests from outside the Village – or things of such ilk. The cost for the weekend or midweek sponsorship is £5, and bookings can be made with Jim Punton at 'Finlands', Clopton Road – tel: 785296 or with Dr John Arthur at 'Worley Cottage'.



The Rev Sam Cowley has started a 'Vicar Visibility' day. Sam spent the day in the village on Thursday 6th December, and saw several people he would not normally see on his usual village incursions. He lunched, on this occasion in the 'Fountain' and will probably do the same again, as he intends making a full day visit on the first Thursday of each month, other commitments permitting. What an excuse '*I'm just popping down to the pub to see the Vicar, dear!!*' Worth a try, methinks!!



Services during the Festive Season are listed below, and, as said often before, any and all are most welcome to join us at any and/or all of those times of worship and praise to our Lord.



- December 23rd** @ 1830 hours – *Carol Service*
December 24th @ 1530 hours – *Children's Christmas Celebration followed by drinks and mince pies (for children between 0 and 90).*
December 24th @ 2330 hours – *Watchnight Service with Holy Communion*
December 25th @ 0930 hours – *Family Service with Holy Communion*
December 31st @ 2330 hours – *Watchnight Service at Winesham Baptist Church.*



"A Happy Christmas and a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous 2002 to everyone."

JimP. 10.12.2001

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

At the meeting on 4th December the Council set the Precept for the next financial year. It was decided to keep it at the same rate as last year with money put aside in case the Council might need to get professional help with their possible objections to the proposal to build 1500 homes between Henley and Westerfield Roads.

A new Police Liaison Officer has been appointed to Tuddenham. PC 814, Judith Holton, is based at Woodbridge Police Station.

The bus stop has been successfully moved back onto its base after a recent road traffic accident. The bench has had to be replaced. It is hoped that this work will be covered by insurance.

The bus stop sign has been removed from the post outside Geranium Cottage but the Council have been assured by Gary Trotter at Suffolk County Council that this does not mean there is any change in service. The site remains a bus stop and a new sign will be put up. The existing bus service is on a limited contract however, and it is hoped that a new one will be arranged by January or February.

The playground changes are well on the way and you are welcome to inspect them. More funds are needed and if you would like to help raise any please contact Sandy Burns.

There were various concerns voiced about the quality of the road surface in the centre of the village and this is to be followed up by our new County Councillor, Steven Hudson.

The Parish Clerk is to seek a new dog bin for the start to Green Lane. Speed checks requested from the Police by the Council have been denied as there "is no speed problem in the village". Apparently there have not been enough accidents though the Inspector did acknowledge there is a high traffic volume. Recent checks have revealed that only 10 out of

4000 cars monitored would be liable to prosecution for exceeding the speed limit.

There was much discussion regarding the proposals to build 1500 houses between Westerfield and Ipswich. Following the meeting two Councillors and the Clerk have attended another meeting which is reported elsewhere in The Tattler.

Next Tattler is out in Jan.

Please put any copy, adverts etc. through my door - 5, The Granaries or ring 785588 to get into print.

*OR EMAIL at
"editor@
tuddenhamtattler.com"!*

**The next meeting is on 5th March at
7.30 pm in the Village Hall.
All are welcome.**

Westerfield Meeting

On 26th November a meeting was held at Westerfield initiated by S.O.C.S (Save Our Country Spaces) and chaired by Sir Michael Lord MP.

Jim Punton attended as representative for Tuddenham and he reported back to the Parish Council on this meeting.

A further meeting was held on 10th December in Westerfield regarding the proposed housing between Westerfield and Ipswich and this was attended by Bill Pipe, Philip Harvey and Arthur Jackson, our Parish Clerk to represent Tuddenham. Also represented were Westerfield, Otley, Great Bealings, Playford and Grundisburgh, Parish Councils.

It was noted that objections to the proposals have to be lodged with Ipswich Borough Council by 18th January.

It was accepted at the meeting that the need for extra housing in Ipswich, despite the projected fall in population, was part of the structure plan and could not be challenged.

Use of "brownfield sites" was applauded but could only satisfy 80% of the new housing needed.

The redistribution of traffic consequent on the closure of the Westerfield Level Crossing needs to be made public and is a possible objection. It may lead to a rise in traffic on Lower Road and Church Lane, Westerfield, as well as a rise in Tuddenham traffic.

There is a Primary School included in the plan but no Secondary School.

The Parish Councils are probably going to put in individual objections rather than consolidating an objection incorporating all the individual objections of the Parish Councils.

Tuddenham Parish Council are intending to put in an objection before 18th January. Any village resident wanting to add their own objections may, if they wish, contact Arthur Jackson on 785984 for the appropriate form. I will bring out another Tattler after Christmas which JUST concentrates on this issue.

There is another joint meeting on 7th January which Tuddenham representatives will attend.

Best Wishes

To George Pipe over Christmas, and Ralph Taylor who are both in our thoughts if not with us at this time.

Also to Vera, mum to Tony French, whose continued progress is nothing short of a miracle.

Our best wishes to Barry and Jane who are sharing the trauma of hospital treatment as I write. I hope the New Year brings glad tidings!

To William Lopez and Wally Weeks — put your feet up, lads!

And, of course, to all those who are poorly but have not been brought to the attention of The Tattler.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

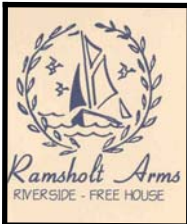
First aid

After running this piece in The Tattler for the last two issues I have a few people who are interested. I would like between ten and twenty if we are to start a first aid course.

Do you know what to do if?

Would you like to know what to do if....?

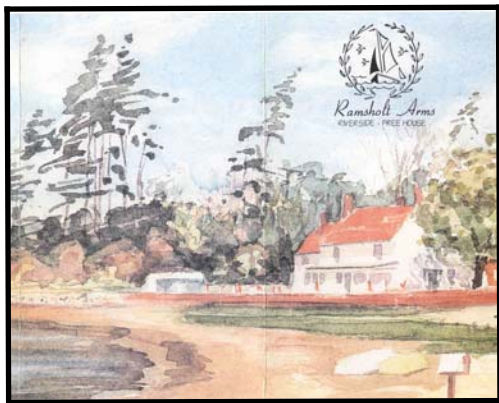
Please contact me on 785588 to get more details.



Here's a great place for a Winter drink by a roaring fire sitting next to unspoilt river views.

The nosh isn't bad either! The landlord is eager to please and the welcome warm. And you can walk off the meal alongside the River Deben or going up to the pretty Church through the meadows.

Phone (01394) 411229



PANTOMIME

It hardly seems possible but the rehearsals are well under way and the chorus start rehearsing after Christmas and the New Year. So if you still want to sneak in to the T.A.D.P.O.L.E.s but only in a small way now is your chance! Monica will be pleased to hear from you for a part, or to help back stage in any capacity... Piers still needs help with that pesky helicopter and then there is scenery to be painted, costumes to organise and community spirit to be boosted. Thirsty work, all of it!



So book the 14th –16th Feb in your diaries or join in now! Call Monica on 785272 for details. Box Office opens late January at Pat Tanner's or ring 785003.

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CRY "WOLF!"**



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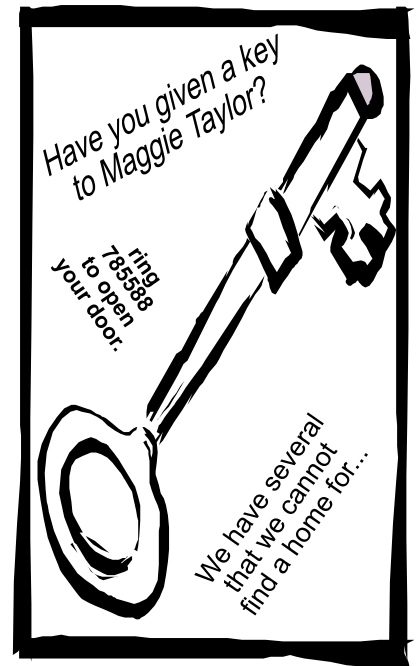
Phone (01473) 253114

For the last three years Gemini Travel have run an afternoon bus service for Tuddenham and Winesham children from Northgate High School. **Unfortunately this service may stop in the near future.**

This is due to the dwindling numbers of Northgate pupils using the bus which is unfortunately making the service financially non-viable. Unless more children use the bus or commit to use it on a regular basis I'm afraid we are going to lose the valuable service. Gemini are willing to do one more term and will then stop at Easter if the situation does not improve.

If you know of anyone who might use the bus please ask them to contact me. One possibility is that the bus could include Westerfield in it's route. Any other suggestions would be very welcome.

Please phone Teresa Jennings on 785683



Ha, haaa! 'Tis I, Grizelda, the wickedest witch in all the land. Come and help me find the magic star so that we can put an end to happy, fairy-tale endings forever!! Haaa, ha, ha, ha!

Join me – and of course that stupid, flea-bitten ragbag of a wolf, in the dark forest where that goody two-shoes Red Riding Hood visits her ugly old grandmother – Granny Smith. A word of warning though - there are a lot of interfering troublemakers determined to foil my attempts to make people miserable. For a start there is that irritating Fairy Fern who keeps poking her nose in where it's not wanted. Then there's Riding Hood's silly friends – Goldilocks, Tom the baker, Dick the would-be inventor and Harry, the squire's son, not to mention that clot of a policeman. Oh, and we mustn't forget the all-seeing Gypsy Rose – I should have put a stop to her meddling ways years ago!

Unfortunately, not all of the action takes place in the haven of a dark forest. Thanks to the mean old squire and his carnival committee, that idiot of a wolf and I have to pretend to enjoy the company of happy people at a ridiculous carnival – the things us witches must do to destroy happy endings!

As for Granny Smith – the things she does to get the attention of the lovely doctor and his snooty nurse!

For the privilege of helping me in my evil endeavours, you must buy a ticket (s) for any one, or more if you dare, of the following performances: -

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| ❖ Thursday, 14th February | 7.45 |
| ❖ Friday, 15th February | 7.45 |
| ❖ Saturday, 16th February | 2.30 |
| ❖ Saturday, 16th February | 7.45 |



Box Office opens on Saturday, 25th January. Tel. Pat Tanner on 785003

Children very welcome! Haaa, ha, ha, ha!