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Sorry to have missed out The Tattler in March. Life suddenly took over and almost snatched April too! And meanwhile Tuddenham has suddenly blossomed. On a recent walk in the valley we saw Comfrey, Speedwell, Spring Beauty, Red Campion, Townhall Clock, Bugle, Dandelions, Kingcups, Celandine, Ground Ivy, Hawthorn, Red and White Dead Nettles and Bluebells out in flower.



Spring comes to Fynn Lane.

Easter brought some incredible happenings to the Chapel as well as a new roof, windows and door for the Manse.

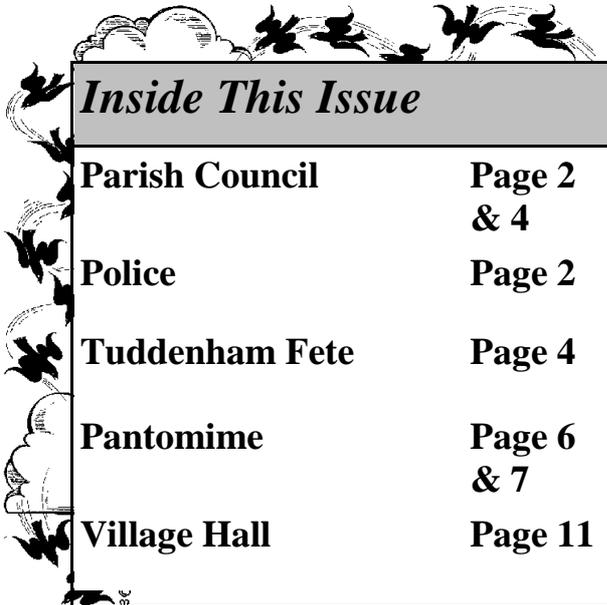
What is coming up in Tuddenham? Well the Church Fete in early June beckons as well as the joint service at St Martin's on 18th May. There is a cookery demonstration with stalls at the Spring Fair to be held in Witnesham Primary School on 9th May at 7.30 pm. (See page three) Ring 785909 for details.

The Fountain still has lots of live music and events going on so why not pop in for a pleasant evening?

On 16th May a mobile police station is coming to the Village Hall. Look for details on page two.

There are walks, museum activities, art exhibitions, places to eat and festivals mentioned in this issue too, so plenty to keep you amused.

Now, have you got anything I could put in the May Tattler? If so please ring me on 785588. Thanks!



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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting is at 7.00 pm, on Tuesday, 6th May at the Village Hall. All are welcome to attend. This is the Annual General Meeting when village residents are invited to speak at the meeting and represent their needs directly to the Council.

At the Parish Meeting consideration will be given to a Parish Plan, to a Gas Survey and to the accounts with reports from the Village Hall Committee, Church Council and Tuddenham Play Association.

At the Annual General Meeting a Chairman, Vice Chairman and Responsible Financial Officer are appointed. The Police Community Officer, County Council and District Council representatives and Parish Clerk will make reports.

Do come along and make your views known.



POLICE MOBILE OPERATING BASE

If you have any queries please ring 01493 613881 to contact the mobile base.

Dear Editor,

While I was away from home someone called and gave my daughter a giant cauliflower. I mean GIANT! It has fed the family for weeks since!!! So who are you, mystery Brassica donator?



Please Email IT Girl with your identity; at least I know who she is!

POLICE MOBILE OPERATING BASE

This is a year's trial in the Suffolk Coastal area and will involve deploying a "temporary station" in 38 pre arranged locations, one of which is Tuddenham. There will be a uniformed counter clerk with remote links to the computer system and two uniformed police officers patrolling on foot or on cycle to provide a presence in the village. The more you use this facility the more likely it is to return!

So watch out for the police on



Friday,
16th May
at 1.30—3.30 pm
at the Village Hall.



CINDERELLA

I went to the pantomime on 22nd February, 2003. It was Cinderella. She was pretty and the Ugly sisters were ugly. I think that Fiona was good at being the Fairy Godmother.



She was good at her "Bibbitty Bobbitty Boos." I went on stage at the end. My favourite parts were

when Gladys the Horse came on and when the mice saved Cinderella.

*Katherine
Pantomime Pundit.*

IT Girl's Utterances...

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1. <http://www.amherst.edu/~rjyanco/literature/mothergoose/rhymes/menu.html>
basically every nursery rhyme known to man!
It makes a good read!
2. <http://www.hotmob.co.uk/>
start up a virtual band and beat the rest!
3. <http://www.orisinal.ws/games/pig.htm>
WARNING! Addictive game! (or at least it was for me anyway!)
4. <http://www.magixl.com/heads/poir.html>
create your own caricature!

Good luck with your exams if they are coming up.

IT Girl.



Recycling Paper

Suffolk Coastal District Council have told us, The Royal British Legion, that we can keep our paper bank at The Fountain. So please keep on putting your paper and magazines in the bank.
Thanks for your support

Jim Kerridge.



SPRING FAIR

How about an evening with friends with a cookery demonstration by "The Pampered Chef" with stalls to browse (plants, cakes, pots, gifts and cards, needle craft etc) at:

Witnesham Primary School
Spring Fair on
9th May, 7.30 pm.

THANK YOU

To all those very generous friends/neighbours who contributed to my fine present (£225) on retirement as St Martin's Church Treasurer.

John Arthur

Tickets are £2.50 including glass of wine and nibbles. Ring 785909 or 785252 for details.



Parish Council Meeting Report

This meeting was attended by District Councillor John Leggett (Witnesham) and Police Constable Bob Nice.

Robert Buxton resigned as Parish Councillor as he was due to leave the village in the near future.

The Parish Plan is to be discussed at the Parish Meeting to assess the interest of residents. If sufficient interest was shown a public meeting could be called at a later date when Suffolk Acre representatives could attend.

PC Bob Nice was welcomed as Community Officer. He is setting up an auto telephone answering system with Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators to allow faster circulation of information. He asked that he be allowed to have a "slot" in future meetings.

Stewart Hurrell raised the subject of gas being supplied to the village. It has been 12 years since this was last discussed at the Council Meeting.



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 .

Tuddenham Church Fete

**Saturday
7th June
2.00 pm
Poplar Farm**

Usual stalls, games, draw, tombola, teas and ices. Martlesham Youth Band, Bouncy Castle, courtesy of The Fountain, and pony rides.

Admission 50p, children free.

Tuddenham Church Fete

The Fete organisers are looking for help. Do you have anything they could sell on the White Elephant stall; cakes, books, china, glass, toys, plants, produce, prizes or nearly new? How about running a stall? Fancy setting up any games or competitions?

Please contact Gill at The Old Vicarage or ring 785415. Either leave things at the Old Vicarage or ring for them to be collected.

Thank you for all offers of help!

Neighbourhood Watch

Please contact your area representative directly or Watch coordinator, John Lambert at Larks' Hill, (785248) if you are aware of any suspicious happenings.



Hospice Gardens

The Rookery, Eyke, Woodbridge, is open with car parking on 11th May, 2.30-5.30 pm. Extensive landscaped gardens of 10 acres with serendipity to keep your interest. Teas served with disabled access. B1084 from Woodbridge through Melton and Bromeswell, left towards Rendlesham and it is on right after half mile. £2.50

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Best Wishes

Glad to see that Denny Thick has improved after her recent neck problems. Lovely to meet Vera, Mum to Tony French, at the Chapel on Sunday looking perky and full of life!

And our very best wishes to Nancy Pitcher and family as Nancy recovers from recent surgery.

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Sunday,
18th May
11.00 am

Chapel visits St Martin's Church to worship together.

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VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall bookings are through Fiona Woods who can be contacted on 785856.



CINDERELLA

Having heard many favourable reports of TADPOLES past productions, we thought it was about time we went along to watch a performance. The first thing that struck me was the amount of people already sat in the audience when we arrived - this was 20 minutes before the play started!

When the curtain went up (or was drawn across??) one of the first performers to emerge was that of Sam Cowley as Buttons. He played the role with real flair and gave the impression of someone you really wanted to be friends with (this had nothing to do with the fact that he was generously handing out sweets to the audience!) Every single person involved in the performance really gave 110% - this was particularly relevant to the junior chorus who showed a lot of guts to be on stage at all in front of a crowd of people.

Having watched other local village productions, you usually find the performance "tailing off" during the evening, but TADPOLES managed to keep the tempo running all evening with if anything, more gusto towards the end of the performance. The costumes and scenery were strikingly effective, helping to give the acting a very professional appearance and it was obvious that a lot of people had been very busy behind the scenes as well as on stage!

For me it was the music and general sound effects which really

set it apart from other performances I have seen- there were some very touching solos and duets which were sung beautifully. In particular Maddie Hindle as Cinderella shone out- a definite singing star!

It is fair to say we were kept hilariously entertained by the antics of the two ugly sisters played by Colin Heap and Adrian Frost, especially when Amnesia momentarily forgot her lines- it was handled with such professionalism we quite thought it part of the script! In our opinion the funniest part of the performance was when the ugly sisters were getting ready for their big night out at Hardup Hall - did all that make-up ever come off lads????

In any pantomime there has to be a villain- someone for the audience to boo and hiss at, and I thought Cherrie Starling played an absolute blinder in her role as Baroness Hardup. Even I squirmed a few times when her icy comments and domineering character was all too evident and thought of several real-life people who could mirror her character!!

In summing up, the whole production team at TADPOLES have yet again come up with another A1 performance and credit must go to the whole team who have worked so hard for our benefit. It was the fluency and professionalism that was really noticeable and the fact that the whole cast seemed to be actually enjoying what they were doing. Roll on next year, I'll book my front row seats now!



*Neil Leech
Review from Thursday 20th February
2003*

Dear Editor,

I went to the T.A.D.P.O.L.E.s performance on Thursday evening and I want to complain.

They fluffed their lines, the lighting went haywire, and entrances were forgotten... and yet....



It was the greatest night's entertainment I have seen for years! How do they do it? I have worked it out—they rely on good direction, fabulous costumes, crafted scripts, frightening ogres, excellent props, magical music, glamorous dames, crazy buttons, wonderful children's outfits and choreography, charming princes, hot stuff(!), scintillating



scenery, super make up and clever casting.

Well done to all concerned for giving the village an evening to remember as well as one to look forward to next year.

Critical Correspondent



DENISE THICK
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St. Martin's News

Hello again! Easter has come and gone—the sad and joyful festival. It was lovely to have flowers back in Church on Easter Day, ending the starkness of Lent, and to have only limited seating accommodation left at the start of the service.

We remind you that services continue to be held at 9.30 am each Sunday and all are most welcome, as usual.

First Sunday	9.30	<i>Holy Communion</i>
Second Sunday	9.30	<i>Family Service</i>
Third Sunday	9.30	<i>Holy Communion</i>
Fourth Sunday	8.00	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	9.30	<i>Morning Prayer</i>
Fifth Sunday	Benefice Service	<i>Time and Venue to be advised.</i>



The Church Annual General Meeting was held on 9th April and Office Bearers were elected for the next twelve months. Opportunity was taken to present Dr. John Arthur with a cheque on his retirement from the Treasurer's position in which he served for 14 years after 24 years as Church Warden. The cheque for £225 comprised donations from friends in Village and Church, reflecting the appreciation and affection of all. Jessica was presented with a bouquet for her support given to John over so many years. John expressed their thanks to all responsible and commented that he was actually missing the work the position entailed!

The Church Village Fete will be held on Saturday, 7th June, at Poplar Farm, for which we thank Monica and Bill Pipe. There will be the usual fun stalls, Bring and Buy, raffles, White Elephant, refreshments and much more besides. So pray for a lovely sunny day and come along and participate on the day.

Now a repeat request! It has been pointed out in previous editions that artificial flowers are not permitted in Anglican Churchyards. Consequently we again must request anyone who has placed artificial flowers on a loved one's grave to remove them. On this occasion, if such flowers are not removed by donors they will be removed by a Church Officer. Regrettable but now necessary.

Floodlighting sponsorship continues as usual. As previously advised, sponsorship is now available for special occasions falling on a midweek date. These 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 outside the village, or things of such ilk. The cost for a weekend or midweek sponsorship is £5 and bookings can be made with Jim Punton at "Camforth", Westerfield Lane, (785296) or with Dr John Arthur at "Worley Cottage".

The Rev. Sam Cowley's "Vicar Visibility Day" in the village continues on the last Thursday in the month. If anyone would particularly wish Sam to call on them for a chat, or for any other matter, please advise the writer (785296) who will pass on any requests received.

Thank you all for your continued support, God Bless you and yours, Jim Punton, 21.4.03



Notelets and post cards are now available at the Church showing the new window. Contact Jim Punton for details on 785296.

The next Parish Council meeting and AGM are on the first Tuesday in May. All are welcome and your suggestions and support are always appreciated.



Black Poplar

I read about the Black Poplar in "Suffolk Coasts and Heaths" recently. Also known as the Water Poplar it's natural habitat was wooded floodplains which were cleared by our ancestors. It was used for building, for instance the cruck beamed barns and houses, and grown till the mid 19th century when it was supplanted by new strains of poplar from abroad. There are now though to be less than 8000 in Britain, most of them near their natural lives. They tend to lean slightly with graceful branches. They are large with billowing domes of foliage and massive girth. The trunk has large warty burrs or bosses on the deeply fissured grey-brown bark. The leaves are 5-10 cms long, oval and finely serrated.

Males have deep red catkins and females have lime green catkins with white downy seeds. There are thought to be 480 in Suffolk, mostly in Suffolk Coastal. **Do you know where Tuddenham hides hers????!**



-  Gill Cruikshank The Old Vicarage
785415
Back Lane
-  Sally Gardiner Oak End, Fynn Lane
785753
Fynn Lane
-  Elizabeth Gunn Spinney House, Westerfield Lane,
785339
Westerfield Lane
-  Jim Kerridge Primrose Cottage, The Street
785825
central
-  Jack Lay The Old Post Office
785226
The Street to Church Cottages
-  Barbara Motts 12, Keightley Way
785532
Keightley Way
-  Denise Thick 3, The Granaries
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Have you been to Tide Mill Tea Rooms in Woodbridge? They serve home made soups, salads and snack meals as well as fluffy, moist cakes to die for. All this in a relaxed atmosphere next to the Tide Mill with wonderful walking choices alongside the river there to be had. Now there is a suggestion for an afternoon out!

The 1901 census is finally online so that you can use it to look up the history of your home. Search on census.pro.gov.uk or nationalarchives.gov.uk. It's free to search the basic index but then you will be charged 50-75p an entry. Or you can call the census help line on 01684 585298.

The Aldeburgh Festival is from 6-22nd June. On Sunday, 8th 15th and 22nd June, they have their free events on the beach, and there are guided walks on 11th and 18th. In between is lots of music!



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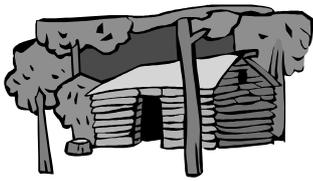
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Village Hall Meeting

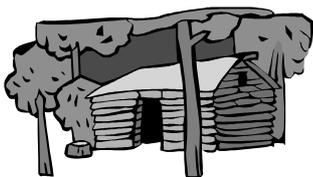


This was back in February and it was reported that the

refurbishment of the kitchen and toilets has been completed. This should help with the condensation problems though double glazing would be of the most help. It is hoped to proceed with double glazing of the toilets in the near future. Peter Woods has offered to restore some of the more rickety tables. Ken Williams has kindly donated another trestle table and Sharon and Robert Buxton are to donate their fridge on leaving the village.

Future plans include improving the toilet floors, redecorating the hall interior, and looking into alternatives for housing of the stage (now kindly stored by David Lugo). It would be ideal to extend the hall for permanent storage but this might involve structural problems.

The Hall Committee are always on the lookout for new members who might be willing to give some time and energy to maintaining this important village focal point. Please contact Gill on 785415 if you might like to get



involved in any way.

The next meeting is on 20th May at 7.30.

Sat/Sun 10/11th May, 4 am, Dawn Chorus and breakfast at Minsmere

Sun 18th May 10 am, Forest watercolours at Rendlesham Forest

Sat 24th May 9.50 am Bombs and Beasties guided walk at Orfordness

These are some of a huge selection of activities run by the National Trust, RSPB, Suffolk Wildlife Trust etc. Go on the web site at www.suffolkcoastandheaths.org.uk/calendar to find out more or ring Woodbridge Tourist Information on 01394 382240.

If you fancy an interesting walk how about finding the spot where the River Fynn joins Martlesham Creek to enter the River Deben and flow into the sea? Park at the Red Lion in Martlesham and have a pre walk drink! Then cross the main road and turn right until you come to School Lane. A few hundred yards down here is the start of the footpath that follows the Fynn through woodland with glimpses of bluebells, and other wild flowers. Children will enjoy the varied outlook and twisting path. You can vary your route according to the maps you will find, passing to one or the other side of the river. Adults might prefer the good food served at the pub on their return!! Do ask the pub staff about leaving your car. Or you could walk from Woodbridge and eat at The Red Lion, mid walk...

Sunday,
18th May
11.00 am

Chapel visits St Martin's Church

All are welcome to this joint service

Tuddenham W. I.

The May meeting is on the 13th. The visiting speaker will talk about ceramic painting. The competition is a piece of English pottery and the hostess is Cherrie Starling. There will be a draw.

New members are always welcome.

Phone secretary,
Dymphna Jackson on
785984 for details.



IPSWICH MUSEUM

There is a new permanent display here about the history of Ipswich, charting 13,000 years of life in Ipswich.

CHRISTCHURCH MANSION

A contemporary abstract colour photography exhibition called "Optic Nerve" is on until 8th June.

Next Tattler is out in May.

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BURY St EDMUNDS FESTIVAL

This is now in its 18th year and brings an exciting line up of contemporary and classical music, outdoor concerts, jazz, dance, comedy, theatre, poetry, art trail, themed walks and arts workshops.

There is a spectacular opening night on 9th May with a Beating the Retreat ceremony, followed by the Oceans Alive puppet parade and an evening of free family entertainment in The Abbey Gardens.

The "Luminarium", a structure of domes and tunnels offering a colour, light and sound experience is also in the Abbey Gardens. Festival brochures are available via the web site on www.buryfestival.co.uk or call the hotline on 01284 757099.

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