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Hasn't there been a lovely display of Autumnal leaf colour this year? Seen against the blue skies of the wonderful October weather the brightly coloured leaves have surely uplifted every heart!

As you looked heavenwards perhaps you have noticed the scaffolding around the Church tower. The Tattler sent one of its intrepid reporters to investigate and she met up with Mike Smith who is planning to refurbish the clock face as



A facelift planned for the Church clock.

well as doing some other repairs to the stone work. He pointed out an erstwhile gargoye whose face has been weathered beyond recognition - not unlike your editor! - and what looks like air gun pellet damage to the clock—perhaps delivered by a resident whose early morning slumber was disturbed by the bells!

Thank you for all your interest in the Broadband article. We have had 92 people register now and need 150 to go ahead. All you need is a phone number and you can help to make Tuddenham a Broadband kind of place so please read page five to find out how.

The calendars have sold beyond our wildest dreams so thank you for your support and please be understanding that the huge numbers, along with various technical problems, have led to some delays. We will be there before Christmas but not for a fortnight or so. Again, our apologies!

Perhaps the biggest news item this issue is about the Village Hall. It needs money! Can you help out? How about a fund raising event? We will keep you informed as details are released.

And the best news? Tony French continues to do well after his operation. The Village wish Elaine and Tony well.

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Gardening Assistant Wanted!



Are you the person to meet this challenge? Flexible hours offered to do the light jobs in the garden such as tending plants in borders.

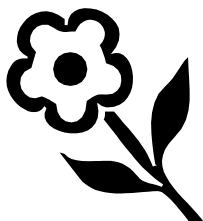
Ring editor on 785588 to get details.

Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting is at the Village Hall on 2nd December and all residents are welcome. The December meeting is where the Council arrange the precept so that the amount you pay for your Council Tax will be at stake. Why not come along to see how the matter is arranged? Contact the Clerk on 785984 if you want anything added to the agenda.



Thank you to all of the Tattler team who deliver to the houses of Tuddenham. Your contribution is appreciated, indeed we could not do it without you!



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The pantomime has been cast for the week of 19-21st February with the Pantomime Party on 6th March so the Tattler crew hope to stage the Tattler Quiz on 28th February. Please contact the editor on 785588 if you want to know more or buy tickets for this world famous event. A table of six is £30 and you are encouraged to bring glasses and liquid refreshment. Only the very intelligent or rather foolhardy need apply!

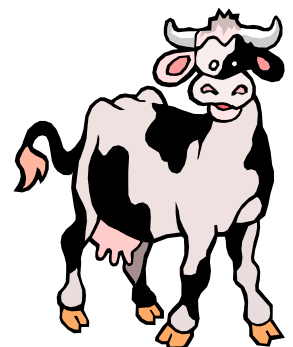
Wassail, Wassail!:

an evening of seasonal music and readings in Lavenham at Church of St Peter and St Paul, Bury St Edmunds on Sunday, 13th Dec at 7.30 pm. Mulled wine and mince pies at the evening end to see you on your way home.



Pantomime Cow on the Loose!

The auditions have been held and the crew picked so it's "Heave Ho me Hearties" as the Cap'n steers an even course towards the first performance on 19th February. Chorus parts are still available and need not start rehearsal until after Christmas though you are more than welcome to join in now. Back stage volunteers are always welcome so if you want to get known in these here parts why not hoist your flag! Contact Monica for details on 785272.



FOUND

This bracelet has recently been found in the village. Please contact the editor on 785588 to reclaim.



Chapel News



Tuddenham Chapel are planning several Christmas Services this year and you are warmly invited to them all.

More details will be released for the December Tattler but please pencil in **14th December** for the Traditional Carol singing and entertainment at Tuddenham Fountain. This is a relaxed evening where all the village are encouraged to **“Come and join the celebration!”**



There will be also be **Christmas Carol Services at The Chapel on 21st and 28th December.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Best Birthday wishes to Jackie and David Lugo, Howard Weller and Ben Woods. And welcome to another “Little Wood” in Tuddenham too!

IT Girl’s Utterances...

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1. **<http://whatisthematrix.warnerbros.com/>**
2. **<http://www.adgame-wonderland.de/type/bayeux.php>**
3. **www.muffinfilms.com ← well worth a look!**
4. **<http://www.prawnography.net/> ;-)**
5. **<http://www.ratemykitten.com/ratemy/kitten>**



**Take a good look at the muffin site! It’s very good :)
IT Girl**

What’s on in Bury St Edmunds

Sunday, 30th November *Buddy Day at Bury St Edmunds from 11-4, when the elderly and disabled can rely on lots of Buddy Volunteers on hand for carrying shopping, opening doors, and helping all round. Shopmobility will be available and shops intend to offer a specially warm welcome.*

Thursday, 4th December *Charity Street Fair from 5.30-9, in the Cornhill and Buttermarket in Bury St Edmunds with over 70 stalls, fairground rides, choirs and bands. A carol service will be held next to the Christmas tree in the Traverse at 6.00 in aid of St Nicholas Hospice.*

Village Hall Meeting

The AGM, held on 21st October, was full of action on your behalf. The Chair, Gill Cruikshank, reported that the year had been a satisfactory one with regular bookings continuing. There was a need to advertise the venue more to increase bookings and the main issue was the hope to raise money for further improvements to the hall. Much work has already been done including painting the kitchen and toilets, repairing the ceilings and provision of a new oven and fridge thanks to the Buxtons.

The sad death of Eileen Offord was a loss to the Village and the Hall after her commitment over many years.

Gill thanked Bob Tanner for his work as secretary, Fiona as Treasurer and Booking Clerk and her committee, as well as Steve Felgate for his work on the grounds and David Lugo for tidying around the car park.

The financial report revealed that lettings were up but less grants had led to a

VILLAGE HALL



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

shortfall this year with insurance up by 50%. There are some car park spaces available for rent if any residents would like to apply to Fiona. The Village Hall Committee thanked the Parish Council

for their precepted donation.

Adrian Frost was elected as secretary and Bob Tanner as Treasurer as Fiona is stepping down as Treasurer after many years service to concentrate more on her ever growing family. Gill was re elected AS Chairman, and elected members were Paul

Jennings, Piers Robinette, and Fiona Woods. Co opted members were Jackie Lugo, representing the Church, Erica Lopez for the Tattler, Cherrie Starling for the WI, Monica for the Over 60s, Dick Sawyer representing the Bowls Club, and Joanne Tickle for the Toddlers.

The main discussion point during the meeting was the need for further funding to redecorate the entrance and main hall, upgrade floors in the kitchen and WCs, and possibly getting a new stage which would be lighter and cause less damage to the permanent floor when being moved. One other option was to extend the hall though this was seen as being very expensive. It was necessary to look into getting grants as well as impressing upon the village residents the need for local fund raising.

Our Village Hall deserves to be brought into the 21st Century and that will need money, time and commitment. Are YOU willing to get involved?

**LET'S CONSIDER
THE VILLAGE
HALL OUR
VILLAGE
CHARITY FOR
THE NEXT YEAR!**

Broadband for Tuddenham!

HELP TO REDUCE TRAFFIC IN TUDDENHAM

The Broadband article in the last Tattler raised a lot of interest but many more questions about how to go ahead. Sadly I have had to sack our Broadband Boffin as he made some mistakes in the article so please welcome our new staff member, BiBi, who can be contacted on:

broadband@tuddenhamtattler.com



REDUCE TRAVEL TIME SUPPORT RELATE!

Hello readers!
I am here to guide you through Broadband jargon because **I want you to register**. That is all you have to do. It does not have to go any further, you don't even need a computer to do it. The point is that many Tuddenham residents would love Broadband so they can work from home but we need 150 people to register (92 so far) from Tuddenham (Witnesham and Swilland count too) before the service is offered. Once registered you are under no obligation so please register to help fellow residents. All you need is a phone. **BiBi**♥

What do I need to do?

GET HIM OFF THE COUCH AND ON LINE!!

Well, chose whichever option is easier for you...

Either,

fill in the form below and pop it through the editor's door at

5, The Granaries, Tuddenham,

OR complete the form on the Broadband website which you can reach by tapping in

www.bt.com/btbroadband/register

OR ring the editor on **785588** for a step by step guide

OR email the information for the form to **broadband@tuddenhamtattler.com**

and we will do all the work for you.

What could be easier?!

Your title:
Your First name:
Your Surname:
Your BT telephone number to have BT Broadband:
Your BT customer account number:
It's in the top left corner of your phone bill (e.g. EA12345678).	
Your postcode:

St. Martin's News

Hello! We seem to have jumped from Summer to Winter in one fell swoop. When the scaffolding was erected on the North side of the tower it was quite pleasant on the top platform. Somewhat different in cold, driving rain! The work progresses with the inside being saved for "bad weather"! The floodlights will be restored to full strength shortly, although it has to be said that from the south end of the village the single light is (apparently) adequate.

Services continue to be held at 0930 hours each Sunday morning with the exception of the fifth Sunday, when a Benefice Service is held in one of the Churches—on 30th November it will be 1000 hours in Witnesham and on 28th at 1100 hours in Westerfield. There is Holy Communion at 0800 hours on the fourth Sunday. Sam will be available in the village on 27th November and anyone wishing him to call on them for any reason should contact him or the writer.

Christmas Services in the Church are:

1830 hrs	21st Dec.	Carol Service—no morning service.
1530 hrs	24th Dec.	Children's Service
2330 hrs	24th Dec.	Watchnight Service with Holy Communion
0930 hrs	25th Dec.	Family Service



We look forward to seeing you at any or all of the Christmas Services.

The floodlight sponsorship continues, currently on reduced power, but shortly to be restored to full value of £5 for the three lights. Sponsors should advise the Writer of their wishes on 785296 or at "Camforth", Westerfield Lane.

It must be Winter— Pantomime rehearsals have started!

In case of no further editions before Christmas this opportunity is taken to wish You and Yours a happy and Peaceful Christmas and a Guid Ne'er wi' Health 'n prosperity.

God Bless you all and thank you for your support through the year past.

Jim Punton, 17.11.2003

PS Hasn't Lady Editor made a magnificent job of the Village Calendar (ably assisted by the behind the scene staff at number 5)!!

Editor: Sorry about the foreign language here but I could find no translation so I am leaving it for you Sassenachs to sort it out.

Why not tear out the form on the other side of this page and fill it in. You can pop it through the door of the editor at 5, The Granaries and BiBi will do what is needed to register you for Broadband. That is all it needs with no commitment to



buy anything and no need to have a computer, to help those in the village who have a computer and need Broadband. A good deed for Christmas!



There were only 22 people at this meeting. Sad when one considers that it was looking forward to the future of Tuddenham and was YOUR chance to have some input.

The meeting was hosted by the Parish Council

PARISH PLAN MEETING

but the guest speaker, Annette Gray, soon took the stage to tell us all about what the Parish Plan could offer our community. We were regaled with transport grants to provide community bus services, enabling for low cost or sheltered housing, social inclusion officers, community enterprise projects (one idea here was a time bank where one barter with time rather than money), and other possible outcomes of the plan. The plan would identify local needs so that an action plan could lead to progress in particular directions, such as wildlife protection, fostering community spirit, helping the young and old, guiding planning issues, and promoting communication.

Outside funding would help the plan along and it would need 6-15 of us residents to volunteer their time and energy for its production. It might involve questionnaires, group walks, "vision days", suggestion boxes, and interactive displays but the bottom line is "Find out what Tuddenham residents want and act on it!"

Our task then was to take part in a brainstorming exercise where we looked various subjects considering issues in the village as well as good points. For example communication was good with the Tattler but bad because we

do not have Broadband. Other issues that might benefit from our attention included litter, dog fouling, speeding and car parking. Good points included events in the village such as the Pantomime, Safari Supper, Church Fete, Tattler Quiz, Village Sale, etc which promote community spirit, but a lack of clubs for young people was highlighted as an issue.

After much talk about the pros and cons of proceeding with a Parish Plan it was put to a vote and half the people present abstained, seven in favour of the Plan, with four against. With such a flimsy majority and so few people present at all it was decided not to go ahead.

This is not a final decision so contact Arthur on 785984 if you want to get active!!!

If you are interested in the Parish Plan and might like to get involved with actually producing one please contact the Parish Clerk, Arthur Jackson, at Ivy House for details.

Fortnightly paper recycling collections are on 3rd, 17th and 31st of December.

The Tuddenham Tattler COM

Thank you to all who helped to make this event a success. You raised £370 for Tattler funds of which some will go as a donation to the Ipswich Hospice.

Cakes made £35.95

Books and shoes made £77.47

Teas made £4.40

Raffle plus entry made £103.68

Clothes made £19.10

Toys made £13.31

Bric a Brac made £38.55

Plants made £28.12

Ornate items made £32.22

Tombola made £20

Thanks again to all helpers, donators and buyers without whom this Tattler would be in thin air!!!

Next Tattler is out in December.

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 Mobile Police Station

The Mobile Police Station next comes to Tuddenham Village Hall Car Park on 28th November, from 8.45 until 12 in the morning. Use this facility to get security advice, to discuss any problems or to report anything suspicious. You make this service what you want it to be...

Thought for the Issue

The Parish Plan meeting was a very thought provoking event. Issues were brought up that we all know about but have not acted upon, as a community. Dog fouling is a perennial moan but what more can we do? Litter comes up routinely but there is little we can do to keep it out of Tuddenham. Mind you we could have a litter pick... Parking problems and speeding are linked as the first might reduce the second but cars do not add to the beauty of Tuddenham whether driven or parked. A lack of activities for our youngsters might be something we could correct. Is social exclusion an issue in Tuddenham? What could be done to bring more people in to play active roles in the community? Indeed does this matter? The suggestion at the meeting was that everyone in the village should know everyone else. Do they and should they?

Whether we go ahead with the plan or not we can still consider these issues and act where we feel there is a need. Any comments.....