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VILLAGE HALL EXTENSION

The Village Hall extension fund is rising slowly. Several grants have come in and the committed total is now £31.272 with a final target of £40.000. We must start work by April, 2005 as missing that date would lose some of the grants which have to be spent by a certain time. So can YOU help out. Donations would be most gratefully received as well as any fund raising ideas.

To start the New Year off with a bang the Village Hall Committee are organising a



The Tattler wishes all its readers a Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year.



**BURNS NIGHT
SUPPER
Saturday
29th January
7.30 pm**

Scottish dress is optional though the best native dress on the night will win a prize. There is to be a raffle and any prizes would be most welcome. Please bring your own drink. This is a fun evening for residents, their friends and relatives. So do make up a group and help raise money for your hall. See page two.

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BURNS NIGHT SUPPER

Saturday
29th January
7.30 pm

We would like to take part in this event. There are of us!

We **do/do not** require special dietary care.

Names:

Address:

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Return form to Gill at "The Old Vicarage" or ring 785415. Telephone number

Enclose £10 per ticket.

Recycling Dates in Tuddenham

The next few "recycling days" are **15th & 29th**



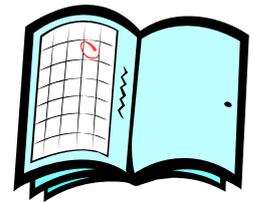
**December, and
12th January.**

Paper and glass at
Fountain any day!

Did you know that
plastic bottles can be recycled at
Hadleigh Road Sainsburys store?

The Tattler 2005 calendars have sold 120 copies with most of the money collected and most calendars delivered.

*Thank you to everyone who supported the project which raised £120 for the Village Hall Extension Fund as well as swelling Tattler funds.
See you next year!*



VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE MEETING

At the last meeting of the Village Hall Committee the fund raising for the Hall extension was discussed. Several grant applications have been successful but the village still needs to raise a lot of money. Several ideas were suggested to reach the target of over £42,000 and the Burns Night Supper was taken up. This event is to be held in the hall in January.

Fiona Woods was thanked for her work towards the Hall finances and bookings on her retirement from the position after many years service.

TUDDENHAM ROYAL BRITISH LEGION Poppy Appeal

Thanks to all the collectors and all who gave, it's the best year ever with over £400 raised.

Our thanks to the Wives' Fellowship Service for their donation of £80.40 making a grand total of £528.96



Jim Kerridge

Arthur Jackson was welcomed to the committee and has taken on the job of taking bookings. Phone 785984 for bookings.

***If you have any ideas for money raising please contact
Gill Cruickshank on 785415.***



New Year Resolution

We now have around 12 people interested in the over 50s exercise class that we are hoping to start at the Village Hall. Would you like to join in? This will be a daytime class on a weekday and it is hoped that it will be exercise, and chat nicely balanced with a cup of tea. We need a few more volunteers to make this an ongoing project.



Please contact the editor on 785588 for details, fun and frolics!

Best Wishes

Our best wishes to Janet Welham after her recent stay in hospital.

Christmas is a gloomy time to be ill so best wishes to all residents who are feeling under the weather.



SCRAPBOX

David & Valerie Pennington
(1 Rose Cottage)

Invite you to their new Scrapbooking Shop
Opening 11th December.

**Bring your copy of The Tattler
(or just live in Tuddenham)**

and you will get 10% off your first purchase.

Go Scrapbooking NOW!

Scrapbooking is the practice of combining photo's, memorabilia and stories in individual framed pages or a complete album. Scrapbooking has been around as long as there have been photographs, but modern scrapbooking has evolved into something new and different. As we learn more about colour photographs and inks, we are better able to store them in a manner that will preserve them for the future. Scrapbookers nowadays are taking advantage of the scientific knowledge available in the area of photo preservation to ensure that precious photos are not just in a scrapbook but that in an album that will help protect them from deterioration and preserve their work for future generations

SCRAPBOX

425 Norwich Road
Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 5DN
01473 464311

www.scrapboxnow.co.uk



BOXING DAY WALK

Clopton are having a walk on Boxing Day with all comers welcome. They are heading off for five miles from the Clopton Village Hall at 10 am. Ring 737417 for details.

IT Girl's Utterances...

itgirl@tuddenhamtattler.com or kttsm2@hotmail.com



- 1. <http://www.christmas.com/>
everything Christmas, from office Christmas trees to letters to Santa.**
- 2. <http://www.samaritanspurse.org/index.asp?section=Operation+Christmas+Child>
The samaritans ask for your help this Christmas, just a shoe box will do.**
- 3. <http://www.buynothingchristmas.org/>
a site designed to make you think about the real meaning behind Christmas
*itgirl (Have A happy one!)***

Mixed Emotions

On Remembrance Sunday, having heard Linda at The Chapel, talking about the Honours Board of Tuddenham Service Men, my thoughts naturally went to the two young men friends, one an eighteen year old, a newly recruited and trained soldier, and the other a twenty six year old airman, never to return.

Then came the November Tattler and the headline was Panto Time, Aladdin, and I am hit, fair and square with the resilience of the human spirit. In 1944, what started out as a bit of Christmas cheer for the 8th Army evolved into a week long performance of Aladdin played in the Tripoli Opera House.

My husband became director, auditions produced a professional comedian who wrote the script, including ad libs for whichever big names attended, a dress designer, who got long johns dyed pink for fairies' tights and mosquito nets for ballet skirts.

The organist from the Albert Hall wrote and scored the music, and so, it grew. An all male cast. A moment of panic occurred when Widow Twankey got posted up the desert - oh no she didn't! - a visit to the C. O. soon solved that one. It was a great success with full houses every night.

Briefly, my bitter sweet memory was creeping up behind a girl in the munitions factory and whispering below the noise of machinery, "There's a smashing airman outside asking for you." "My husband" she would gasp and you would not see her for dust as she went for fourteen days leave. This really came true for Ivy when a nearby bomb shook a whole plaster ceiling down on them. Although her husband was there to comfort her the poor girl was so traumatised that she was excused fire watching duty at the factory for the duration.

It seems like yesterday.

A time to laugh and a time to weep.

Mixed Emotions.

Joan Fuller

VILLAGE HALL

Village Hall bookings are through Arthur Jackson at Ivy House, Tuddenham or on 785984.

There are still some vacancies at the Village Hall for car parking.



Opening Hours for Tuddenham Fountain

24th Dec	12 - 3	5.30 - 1
25th Dec	12 - 2	<i>no meals</i>
26th Dec	12 - 5	
27th Dec	12 - 5	
28th Dec	12 - 3	5.30 - 11
29th Dec	12 - 3	5.30 - 11
30th Dec	12 - 3	5.30 - 11
31st Dec	12 - 3	5.30 - 1
1st Jan	12 - 4	5.30 - 11

The Fountain have a new Christmas menu out from 1st December where two courses with coffee is £14.50 and three courses with coffee is £17.95. Please book three days in advance on 785377. Christmas parties are held in the festively decorated restaurant.

St. Martin's News



Hello again, for the last time this year, but, fear naught, there is another one just around the corner. We are back in the season of Carol Services - Fountain on 12th and Church on 19th - (it will be good to see both venues full!) - and, of course Panto rehearsals (laughs for the thespians now, you get yours in February). The mad witch has not shown up this year so far!

There is a full list of services on the notice board at the foot of Church Hill, and they are also being printed in the Pew Sheets each Sunday - spare sheets are left in a plastic sleeve on the Church door. Those of you thinking of attending any of the services over the festive season, and who like sitting on the right hand side of the church, should note that there are no under seat heaters in use in the eight pews between the rood screen and the door into the South porch. These have been switched off for safety reasons pending renewal of the heaters, and it has not been too bad in this area so far, but a sudden very cold snap could make sitting to the left preferable.



Floodlight bookings have the lights now fully sponsored until Hogmanay/Ne'er Day, but we are still open for offers for 2005! Phone 785296 (Jim) or 785272 (Monica) with your requirements.



A wee moose about the hoose, funny soondin' name, somethin' like Lowpezzz, has mentioned that there is tae be a Supper tae celebrate The (Real) Bard's birthday at the end o' January. The timin' is richt, but even in the Village Ha', hoo dae they think they kin afford it - haggis is awfy dear these days doon here. Ah dae ken some o' thae villgers that hae some in tartan tins though! We will hae tae keep oor ee's peeled fir ony notices! (or ring 785415....)

Thanks for bearing with the nonsense and look forward to seeing you all at one or all of the above happenings. A great big thank you too for your continued financial support to your Church through the year.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Best Birthday wishes to the Lugo pair and to Ben Woods - in November - and to Emma Burn in the New Year. Please contact me if I have left you or a loved one out!

*May God Bless You and Yours with a Happy Christmas and a Healthy, Happy and worry free 2005.
Yours aye
JimP - 08.12.2004*





We are a friendly group of
Mum's and toddlers

(0-school age children)

that meet at

Tuddenham Village Hall
on Wednesday mornings

9.30-11.30am, term time

Each week there is a craft activity,
games/puzzles, storytime and toys
for the little ones.

Come along for a chat
and a coffee...

Refreshments provided.

£1.50 per session (first session free)

Fountain Christmas Menu

I only have half a page to tell you of the delights here so forgive my brevity!

Cappaccio of Salmon, wild mushroom risotto, chicken liver pate flavoured with brandy, leek and potato soup or pan fried quail and walnut dressing are available for starters.

Roast Turkey with all the trimmings, succulent Gressingham Duck, Salmon fillet with Prawn butter and white wine sauce, braised lamb with red wine and rosemary jus, or steamed suet vegetable roll and seasonable vegetables can be chosen for the main course.

Traditional Christmas Pudding, or a selection of cheeses, Tiramisu or chocolate and raspberry mousse sound yummy for the sweets, eh?

Finish with filter coffee and it sounds like the perfect evening!

Please ring The Fountain on 785377 to book and choose your menu three days in advance.

Thank you to all who have helped to produce the Tattler this year. Those who wrote the articles, those who kept us informed, and those who delivered the finished Tattlers through hot, cold wet and even snowy weather. Many of you have also helped in money raising and also, perhaps most important, kept the Tattler crew enthusiastic through the year.

Offers of help have been most welcome.

We wish you all a happy Christmas and a healthy New Year. The Quiz will be advertised in the next issue so get practicing and we look forward to seeing you all then.

Parish Council Meeting



The Parish Council met in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 7.12.04. Their first job was to thank Arthur Jackson for his work for the village as Parish Clerk. He might have declined pay but he still accepted our gratitude, shown by the gift of a barometer. The applause was much deserved.

Pat Blake was welcomed as the new Parish Clerk and can be contacted on 785741 if you have any Parish matters to discuss.

The Council send their best wishes to Councillor Janet Welham who has been in hospital recently.

The barrier at the end of Fynn Lane was discussed as there have been thoughts of moving it down the hill to stop cars going up the lane in the dark and causing a nuisance. It is feared that the cost of applying to move it, much less actually moving it, might scupper this plan.



P.C. Bob Nice reported a car break in in the village. He admitted that such incidents are hard to stop but caution always helps.

The Mobile Police Station next calls in the village on 24th December at The Fountain Car Park.

The Village Street is now due to be resurfaced in February but the exact date is unknown as yet. There is to be work done on the embankment at Echo Bridge in The Valley so some earth moving equipment will be around in late Feb.

The planning application for the area around Oak Cottage was discussed and a letter sent outlining the objections of the Council. The Council hope that the eventual outcome will satisfy all residents no matter what their involvement.

The Precept for the forthcoming Financial Year was discussed. It will rise with extra commitments in the village as well as a donation towards the Village Hall Extension Fund.



Next meeting on Tuesday, 1st March.

The Pantomime is staged in the half term holiday in February. Spaces are still available in the chorus should you wish to join in. Lots of fun and a great way to get to know your fellow residents in Tuddenham. If you prefer not to be on stage how about costumes, scenery, refreshments or some of the other behind the scenes jobs? Please contact Monica on 785272 for details.



CHAPEL FOR CHRISTMAS

12th Dec. Sunday at 6.00 pm

Carols and Christmas Readings at Tuddenham Fountain. Join us for relaxed evening of praise.

14th Dec. Tuesday at 7.00 pm

Carol Singing with Brass accompaniment around Tuddenham to raise money for Village Hall Extension. Please join us outside the Chapel, refreshments afterwards.

19th Dec. Sunday at 11.00 am

Carol Service at Chapel with refreshments afterwards.



The Tuddenham Toddlers are eager to see you at their regular Wednesday get togethers with your Mum or Dad or carer. Lots to do, lots to talk about and lots of fun! E mail Sarah on sarahrisby@hotmail.com for details.

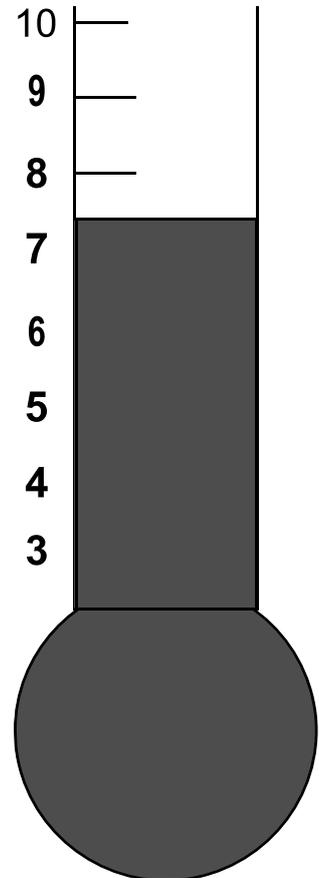


NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



The Christmas Season is a time to be particularly careful for your neighbours' homes. And your neighbours! The cold weather deserves respect to avoid burst pipes and illness. As a car driver I implore cyclists to use lights and fluorescent clothing to help our old eyes to spot you!

Have you heard of a "key safe?" I came across this idea recently and sounded like a good one. A small safe is bolted to the wall of the house and if someone wants to get the key from inside they use the combination lock. No more lock outs and useful for the house bound so that emergency services can always enter when needed if there is no key holder around.



Thermometer above shows progress towards full funding for Village Hall Extension.

The next Tattler is out in the New Year
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Or ring 785588
Or call at 5, The Granaries
to get in print.