

Tunstall Reflections

Fred's Trick by Chuck Dalldorf

I was stationed with the USAF at the twin bases, RAF Benwaters and RAF Woodbridge, from 1977 – 1981. I was lucky to have lived for part of my tour at Corner Cottage, on Orford Road in Tunstall. I spent many happy days walking to the Green Man, then a Tolly Cobbold pub, owned by the wonderful Reg and Monica Harper.

The most popular member of The Green Man's staff, pub dog Fred, was sound asleep by the electric fire, fully relaxed and not bothering to raise his head and see who had come in. Fred was an older golden retriever with a beautiful honey coat, and he was incredibly mellow dog. Surrounded by hung tiger skins and all the heavy décor around the room, Fred could have easily been mistaken as another well-placed snug decoration.

Fred's life outside of the pub was an altogether different story. Most early mornings, and again after the afternoon closing of the pub, Monica would take Fred out for long walks into Tunstall Forest and around one of the many public footpaths that crisscrossed through the countryside. Once outside, Monica had a heck of a time keeping up with Fred, who loved to chase deer, foxes, squirrels, pheasant, blowing leaves or anything that might move.

While sleeping soundly during evenings in the snug, Fred did have one, amazing trick he'd perform from time-to-time. Monica made small batches of sausage rolls and Cornish pasties, which mostly had sold out after the lunchtime.

Fred's trick began when I'd walk up to the bar and start to say, 'Reg, are there any sau....'

In an instant, without a sound, Fred's head, with his huge, sad-looking eyes, would be wedged between you and the bar. A large retriever, Fred could move – from appearing as if dead on the floor to having his head in your lap – in 0.002 tenths of a second without making a sound, not a bark or the sound of his paws, and he'd do it without knocking anything over or crashing into anyone.

The amazing part of this great trick was that it would only happen if you tried ordering a sausage roll when they were available. If they'd sold out at lunch, Fred already knew, and he wouldn't move an inch. As soon as you began to ask about a 'sau....', suddenly, there he was. I tried spelling sausage, but it



The Green Man 1979



Chuck (far right) in The Green Man with two fellow airmen after rugby practice. 1981

didn't help. Fred knew the spelling of his favorite word, and he'd rocket from 0 – 60 mph, his head by your side, looking at you with those huge, sad eyes.

No matter how determined I was, it was impossible to eat a sausage roll with Fred's sad eyes looking directly into mine. If there weren't two sausage rolls available, I'd know likely only get a bite or two before surrendering. As soon he'd gulped the savory, in the wink of an eye, Fred would be back asleep in front of the electric fire. He deserved a standing ovation for such a great trick.



The Bowls Club

The playing season is now well underway and so far results have been very encouraging.

Our first match against Badingham was a close run thing and we only lost by a very close two shot margin

Earlier this week we played our away league game against Woodbridge, with a resounding win being the result.

We have attracted a few new members this season and hopefully we can encourage a few more local residents to try this relaxing, friendly and not too energetic sport.

We are open most days by arrangement although our formal roll up days are Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

Why not give it a go, we have club bowls for you to practice with, free tuition and guidance and welcome all newcomers. Our only other requirement is that you wear flat soled shoes, trainers are usually fine.

Relax after a playing session with refreshments and a chat to discuss your progress.

Membership is only £35 annually and for that you could play every day during the open season. What else can you get these days for such a modest cost.

So come on and try. Our Secretary is Steve Karlsson-waller (07561 827387) and our Chairman is Bob Cook (07717 168205)

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Changing of the Clerk

Parish Council welcomes a new Clerk

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Tiffany Pollock has been appointed as Clerk to Tunstall Parish Council.



Parish Clerk Retirement

Tiffany will officially start on 1 June and will work alongside Judi for a while whilst she gets her feet under the table. The e-mail address for the Parish Council will not change (still pcclerktunstall@gmail.com) but Tiffany's telephone number and address are:
01728 688 816

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Feel free to e-mail at any time but please keep phone calls to Mon – Fri, 9.00am ~ 5.00pm; unless there is an emergency.

TPC also welcomes a new Councillor!

TPC are pleased to welcome Karol Silovsky to the team. Karol was appointed at the May meeting and he is a retired Felixstowe GP who has been living in Tunstall for the last 16 years with his wife Lucy, and 3 children, most of whom have fled the nest! He is often seen walking his dogs Dudley and Laika around the surrounding fields and the village.

He is interested in sustainability and green energy, and tinkers with his old-style Beetle, which he is trying to convert to electric! Welcome to the team Karol

Tunstall Grapevine – let us know your e-mail address and we will keep you informed of the latest news

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As many of you may already know, Judi Hallett, our long serving clerk to the Parish Council will be retiring on 1st of June.

Judi has been the clerk for 7 years and in that time has guided the Parish Council with her wealth of knowledge, numerous contacts and equally importantly, her enthusiasm.

Whilst not living in Tunstall, it seems Judi has adopted the village as home and has been involved in pretty much everything we have been doing during that time.

Whilst we understand her wish to retire to her much loved garden, it is not without a tinge of sadness that we see her go. I am sure the residents of Tunstall appreciate her efforts on their behalf as much as the Parish councillors do and join me in wishing Judi a long and happy retirement and to let her know, she is most welcome at any time.

The good news is that we have secured the services of Tiffany Pollock as our new clerk.

Tiffany is well known to many Tunstall residents and has already demonstrated her commitment in many other aspects of village life.

So, goodbye Judi and welcome Tiffany.

STEVE SMITH
Chairman, Tunstall Parish Council

Tunstall Event Team

TET invites you to a summer of fun and laughter.

Lockdown is easing and restrictions are being lifted, so now is the time to start planning for the future!

The team are busy putting together a programme of events to include fun days, competitions, an exhibition, walks, bike rides and so much more!

Look out for details in the July edition of the *Tunstall Bulletin* and...

GET READY FOR SUMMER!

Contact TET at
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Yarn Bombing

Thank you to all our ninja knitters for their colourful knitted squares that have decorated trees in Tunstall, these are to celebrate National Yarn Bombing day on the 11th June. The idea was to add some colour and fun following an incredibly challenging year. These are a temporary display which will be removed and recycled at the end of June

Diary dates

Next Parish Council Meeting

Thursday 10 June at 7.00pm, in the Community Hall.

Church services

St Michael & All Angels Tunstall

St Michael's church is open for private prayer every Sunday from about 10.00am till 4.00pm.

Sudbourne & Tunstall Baptist Church

Sunday Morning Services From 10.30 on Website www.stbaptist.co.uk

Facebook www.facebook.com/sudbourne_tunstallbaptist/

You Tube Sudbourne & Tunstall Baptist Church

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Coffee Cake and Chat

We are back and we can't wait to see you!

Join us for tea, coffee and delicious homemade cakes.

Tunstall Baptist Church, every Wednesday (during term time), 9.30-11.30am

We have adapted to current regulations and can provide both outdoor and indoor spaces to sit, chat and relax (although you will be required to wear a facemask when not seated)

We welcome all ages and have plenty of toys for children.

In line with current guidance we will have to limit numbers and will be working on a first come, first served basis.

We are Covid compliant, risk assessment available on request.

Check out our website for additional information www.stbaptist.co.uk

Dog fouling

It is disappointing to have to write this but there has been a significant increase in dog fouling around the village recently, particularly on the playing field and other grassed areas.

It is totally unacceptable, I am not blaming the dogs but their irresponsible owners.

The Vicar's Voice

Gazing up to heaven?

I stood, gazing upwards, into the sky. It was the sound that drew my attention first, then the flickering lights, and then the movement. Nothing extraordinary was happening. The sky was clear with the clarity that comes with a hint of frost. The aeroplanes appeared to be queuing up, three or four of them, one after the other, coming slowly from the north east and having the same destination. Their flight path was precise and the same. They all began to bank and turn left just an inch above the chimney of the last house in the row in front of me. This is no coincidence, I thought. There is a plan here. Something is guiding these aeroplanes; some remarkable system is operating: little robots in the sky. I mused on the physics and the wonder of modern technology.

Of course, each aeroplane was undoubtedly owned and operated by a different company. Had it been daylight, I might have identified them by colour. Of course, they were full of different people and very probably coming from different places. Some passengers would be comfortable and confident with their flight, some would take to the thrill of it all and some, like me when I'm flying, would be nervous, apprehensive and glad to be near the end of the journey.

For Christian people, the journey of life has a

specific destination, and in general, the same guidance systems are used. Different people travel at different speeds. Some enjoy the thrill of the journey. Some are comfortable and confident. Some, like me are nervous and apprehensive. The value of experience differs according to personal make up, memories of the past, judgments about the present and expectations for the future. Different faith groups and even denominations, like companies, offer different packages for the journey. All are deemed attractive.

Whatever our understanding of the nature of the world in which we live we are clearly all going somewhere. I would hate to be in an aeroplane that didn't know where it was going to. I would hate it even more if I felt that the pilot wasn't in control. But then, what are guidance systems for? Is there a twist here? Who is it that is really in control?

So, who built the guidance system? What was the objective, the vision?

Could it be that I'm safe after all? Am I nervous without just cause? Will the destination be as anticipated and hoped for? Will there be a thrill at the end, if not on the way?

I shall gaze up to heaven another night: I shall muse and I shall wonder.

The Reverend Canon KEVAN S. McCORMACK

Tunstall Community Hall

Looking for a new challenge post lockdown? Join us and help shape the future of the hall at the heart of the village.

Tunstall Community Hall Committee are looking for local residents to join us and help take our wonderful hall forward post lockdown.

All committee members are volunteers and would usually commit to around 3 or 4 hours per month.

You will have the opportunity to put forward

ideas for improvements, events and funding and will be integral to all decision making. Tunstall Community Hall is a registered charity and exists for the benefit of the community.

We are especially looking for volunteers with an interest in admin or events.

For further information and to register an interest, contact Karen on 07873 388 373 or email tunstall.communityhall@gmail.com

childrens play area leave the gates open when they leave, despite the signs. This could be potentially very harmful to young children if they happen to get dog mess on their hands and then rub their eyes, so please help, by closing the gates.

STEVE SMITH
an angry resident of Tunstall

MUGA

Tunstall MUGA Now Open!

Tunstall Parish Council are delighted to announce that the Multi-Use-Games-Area, situated within the Recreation Ground is now open for use. It has been a bumpy and occasionally difficult journey, but now we are here I hope you agree that it was worth all the effort.

The MUGA Club is up and running and several members have already booked the court. But there is still plenty of availability, so make sure that you don't miss out by heading to tunstall.suffolk.cloud to make your bookings.

For those who have not yet visited the MUGA, I would encourage you to go and have a look at the facility to see what is on offer. I am sure that you will be suitably impressed by this wonderful amenity at the heart of the Village.

Just a little reminder. It is the expressed wish of Tunstall Parish Council that the MUGA be run as a club, with registered members. So, if you want to use the court and have not yet done so, register your details at tunstallmuga@gmail.com

The MUGA is free to use for the residents of Tunstall with a small charge for those outside of the village and organised groups.

The Parish Council would like to celebrate this achievement by holding an open afternoon on Saturday 17 July 2021 from 2.00pm. The court will be officially 'Opened' in a short ceremony, followed by an afternoon of activities and refreshments. We would love to see as many villagers there as possible, so please make a note in your diary.

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Tunstall Parish Council

Disability Advice North East Suffolk

Do you want a job which helps people?

We are seeking two advisers to work in a small, busy charity dedicated to improving the lives of Disabled People.

30 hours per week – pattern of working hours and days to be negotiated.

These are permanent posts.

Salary: NJC Scale 5, point 15 (£12.43 per hour)

As a minimum, the successful candidate will:

- have awareness of the needs of someone with a disability or health problem,
- be able to work independently and as part of a small team,
- be able to maintain detailed and accurate electronic records,
- have their own transport and be able to travel throughout the area to Outreach venues throughout Waveney.

Knowledge of the current benefits system

would be an advantage but training will be given to the successful candidates.

For a full Job Description and Person Specification please visit our website www.disabilityadvicenes.co.uk or email info@danesonline.co.uk and for an informal discussion please contact our Manager on 01502 511333.

Apply by email only explaining your suitability for the post. Attach a comprehensive CV & send to the Manager on trish@danesonline.co.uk by 4.00 pm on Thursday 10 June

Applications from people with disabilities are welcome.

Fewer hours and/or job share would be considered

Interviews will be held on Tuesday 22 June at the Disability Advice North East Suffolk office at 161, Rotterdam Road, Lowestoft NR32 2EZ, unless a further lockdown is imposed by the Government

Woodbridge Tide Mill Photo Competition

Woodbridge Tide Mill Museum announces the launch of The Woodbridge Tide Mill Photo Competition 2021 Sponsored by Marshall Hatchick Solicitors.

The Mill is inviting amateur photographers to submit photographs on the theme of: 'Woodbridge Tide Mill on the Deben'. There will be a 1st prize of £250 and a 2nd prize of £100. The winner will also get an A2 Acrylic print of their winning picture courtesy of Suffolk Digital Printers. There will be a special prize of £100 for the best U16, Sponsored by The Arts Society Woodbridge.

Entries will close at Noon Monday 6 September 2021. Winners will be announced on Friday 17 September 2021

The best photographs will feature in a high quality A4 calendar to be sold to raise funds for the Tide Mill Charity and due to go on sale on Fri 1 October 2021 for £9.50. Budding David Baileys are asked to submit up to three landscape jpg file greater than 1MB online via the Tide Mill website. All photographs by non-prize winners that appear in the calendar will earn their creators a £25 voucher to spend in the Tide Mill shop.

Winners will be chosen by a panel of local judges: Eamonn McCabe – Award winning Photographer currently freelancing, photographing mainly people in the arts for The Guardian but also other newspapers and

magazines, Sarah Brown – Award winning Photographer and staff photographer for media group Archant Suffolk, John Carrington – Chair Woodbridge Tide Mill Trust, James Robbins – Sponsor Marshall Hatchick Solicitors' representative, Jane Lynam – Sponsor The Arts Society Woodbridge representative, Sue Bale – Woodbridge Town Councillor and Aine Bethell – approaching the end of year 11 at Farlingaye High School and is a representative from Youth Voice Woodbridge.

John Carrington, Chair of the Woodbridge Tide Mill Charitable Trust commented 'I don't know why we haven't done this before. The Mill must be one of the most photographed buildings in Woodbridge and it seems logical that we encourage that with a Competition. The fact that we can then raise some funds for the Charity by selling a calendar is a bonus. I would like to thank the headline sponsor Marshall Hatchick Solicitors as well as The Arts Society Woodbridge for encouraging young photographers with a prize and printers Suffolk Digital for adding an A2 print for the winner.'

Those wishing to enter the competition should submit their entries at woodbridgetidemill.org.uk/photo-competition