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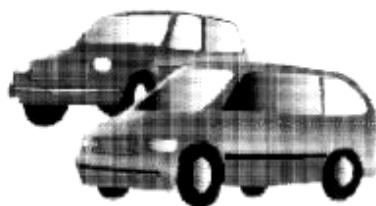
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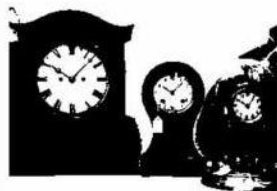
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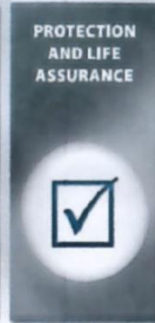
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EDITORIAL

These organisations - Bible Society, HOPE and LICC – have produced a book to mark the 90th birthday of the Queen. In a foreword to this book the Queen herself has written of the triumphs and tragedies of these years, of the great advances in science and technology but also the conflict and terrible suffering on an unprecedented scale.



She recalls her broadcast in 1952 asking the people of the Commonwealth to pray for her as she dedicated herself to their service, and then adds: *"I have been – and remain – very grateful to you for your prayers and to God for His steadfast love. I have indeed seen His faithfulness"*.

In her 2013 Christmas message she said: *"For Christians, as for all people of faith, reflection, meditation and prayer help us to renew ourselves in God's love, as we strive daily to become better people. The Christmas message shows us that this love is for everyone. There is no one beyond its reach."*

On another occasion she said: *"Jesus of Nazareth reached out and made friends with people whom others ignored or despised. It was in this way that he proclaimed his belief that, in the end, we are all brothers and sisters in one human family."*

We might have such words in mind as we consider the many challenges of life – whether in our own personal situations as we meet and deal with other people or in the wider world in areas such as the way our country deals with those with mental illness, with those who are in prison, with those who have fled their homes to escape violence, not to mention Britain's place in Europe. There are rarely easy solutions to these situations but the Queen has reminded us of some principles that can underlie our thinking.

This magazine sends birthday wishes to Her Majesty and thanks her for the unwavering dedication she has given to her demanding role. Her example is unique in the modern world and it would be hard to find any figure in history who has earned such respect and love for such a long period.

Opinions may differ about republicanism but some of us would much prefer to have a committed, thoughtful and caring head of state who is beyond the cut and thrust of electioneering and can provide continuity as political leaders come and go.

Gerald South

LETTERS

Dear Editor,

I hope you will permit me to use the magazine as a last resort to discover who very kindly and generously brought a beautiful bouquet of flowers to the restaurant on the evening of my birthday.

The varied blooms of lovely bright colours created a glorious display which I appreciated immensely for two weeks.

After all the time which has elapsed, I am not just eager, but desperate to express my gratitude.

Perhaps I may take this opportunity to say how overwhelmed I felt to receive so many cards, to be followed later by enthusiastic messages and gifts of plants.

My 90th birthday was for me an occasion of great joy, and the memory of it I shall treasure all my days.

Betty Perry

Editor: We take the unusual step of printing a letter in its original form although the editor's scanner has not done full justice to its elegance and quality.

TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

The annual meeting of the Parish Council took place on 9 May. Our first task was to elect a new Chairman for the coming year. We were very sorry that Ian Mitchell did not wish to remain as chair. As previous Vice-Chair and next-longest serving parish councillor, I agreed to take on the mantle with Althea Davies kindly agreeing to be the new Vice Chairman. We would like to register our thanks for Ian's strong lead, guidance and support in the role of Chairman and we look forward to his continued contribution as he remains on the Council.

The Parish Council has **two committees** which meet regularly: Finance - which has Ian Mitchell, Niall Kells and Mike Sarll as members, and Parish Land - with Althea Davies, Niall Kells, Ian Mitchell and Mike Sarll. We also agreed to work in pairs each month to cover the planning applications we receive and comment on.

The Parish Council has representatives on a number of external bodies as well as village organisations. Each year these responsibilities are divided between the team and this year they have been distributed as follows:

Our new **Vice Chairman** represents the Parish Council on the Vern d'Anjou Committee and also the local Citizens Advice Bureau. In her role on the Parish Land Committee she also has responsibility for footpaths. She is our emergency plan organiser and is our point of contact with the school.

Helena Garcia-Macleod is our person on the Village Hall Management Committee, the Fairtrade Group and - along with Althea - promotes our relationship with the school. She also takes the lead on all matters relating to youth, health and wellbeing, parish property and housing.

Along with his busy role on the Parish Land and Finance Committees, **Niall Kells** joins Helena with parish property and also covers highways and the allotments. Niall has developed great relationships with our key points of contact at Tandridge and Surrey Councils which is extremely helpful!

Ian Mitchell is our representative on the Biggin Hill Airport Committee and looks after the archives as well as now joining the Parish Land Committee.

Mike Sarll chairs the Parish Land Committee and represents us on Tatsfield in Bloom and the allotments. He is also involved with highways and the volunteers.

If you wish to contact any of us with any specific enquiries then our details are on the website - www.surreycommunity.info/tatsfield/the-parish-council.

You may recall the two recent works proposed for the **Village Hall** - replacement windows and a new external door to the eastern side. I am pleased to confirm these now have the go ahead and should be finalised in the coming months.

Since her presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting in April, Louise Williams of Surrey Community Action is assessing the results of the **housing survey** for us. Her initial comments are that 218 responses have been received which equates to a 30% return rate. 71% of residents are in favour of a scheme for local people and approximately 17 people are looking for a home. Once we have her full assessment we will be able to discuss and agree a way forward.

We are also in the throes of deciding whether or not to proceed with a **Neighbourhood Plan** and we should have more news on this next month. If we do decide to go ahead then we will be looking for other Tatsfielders to join the team, so please have a think if you'd be interested in joining this venture.

Dumping on parish land: Please do not deposit any garden refuse on parish land, such as the woodland on Tatsfield Green. It can encourage further unsightly dumping of other rubbish in public areas.

**Nichola Stokoe, Chairman (Tel: 576443;
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The next meetings of the Parish Council will be held at the Aileen McHugo Building at 8.00 pm on Monday 13 June 2016 and then on Monday 27 June 2016 - also at 8.00 pm. The agendas will be available at: www.surreycommunity.info/tatsfield/ and on village notice boards.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

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TANDRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL

You will recall from my last month's report that things were going to be a little quiet, due to the elections that took place on 5 May; nonetheless I attended the Tatsfield Annual Parish Meeting, and the Tandridge full council meeting on the 21st April. In between I was delighted to be able to accept an invitation to visit the Orpheus Centre in

Godstone, something I had heard much about but knew very little. It is an impressive organisation and I urge you to look it up online and, if able, make a small donation to their work that they do down there. I took the opportunity to have meetings with some of the TDC staff to continue my learning and attended one planning meeting. Incredible, but the committee had to vote on two different applications for the same site, both applications being permitted: so I guess that is not the end of the story here.

So to the elections: There was no change in control after the Tandridge District Council elections on Thursday 5 May. Of the 42 seats, Conservatives now hold 33, Liberal Democrats seven and there is one Independent and one Oxted & Limpsfield Residents' Group councillor. The turnout of voters was 38.7%.

The Conservatives held eight seats and lost two:

The Oxted and Limpsfield Residents' Group gained one seat:

The Liberal Democrats held four seats and gained one:

One of the seats lost by the Conservatives was previously held by the Leader of the Council, Cllr Gordon Keymer, so this is a major loss for them but a triumph for the Oxted & Limpsfield Residents Group, who got Oxted North and Tandridge out to vote in large numbers with the O & LRG amassing a total of 1721 votes against 622. Democracy at work here.

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Further information about this result can be found at:

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I do not know David but I am a little disappointed that Kevin was not returned, I liked his forthright and uncompromising style and when asked questions he did in fact answer them. I, like others in the village, are very disappointed that we saw nothing (let me know if this is incorrect) of the candidates in the village so it was difficult for the majority to know who to vote for. I will give David a time to settle in and then I will invite him up to the village and if you wish (so please let me know) I will try and arrange a meeting so that we can all get to meet him and share his views with that of our own.

Fly-tipping: This increasing blight on our society should concern us all but I am pleased to report that TDC continue to have good success from all around the

district, even one close to home. You may remember the mess that was left in Maesmaur Road and Ninehams Road last November. The waste enforcement officer investigated and identified to his satisfaction where the waste originated from and pursued a named director of the company, a Tatsfield resident. He secured funds towards the cost of clear up and disposal of the waste, and the same amount again for failing to provide waste transfer notes. There is a lesson to us all here be careful and use accredited companies when disposing of waste. Any questions about this procedure I would be happy to assist with.

Tandridge District Council has recently had three successful fly-tipping prosecutions heard at Redhill Magistrates' Court, amounting to total fines of over £3680.

A Wallington man pleaded guilty to fly-tipping, not having a waste carriers' licence and failing to produce waste transfer notes. He was given a 12 month community service order and must complete 120 hours of unpaid work. This for a large fly tip of general waste, packaging waste and builders waste found on Roman Road, Godstone Hill.

A Lingfield man pleaded guilty to fly-tipping. He was given a conditional discharge for 12 months for a large fly tip of building and household waste found on Outwood Lane, Outwood.

A Warlingham man was found guilty of being in control of a vehicle used for fly-tipping and fined £880, as well as £100 for failing to respond to a notice. He also has to pay £80 to the victim support fund.

The last one was recorded on a "camera" and I did actually see this fly-tip from this camera during one of my visits to the depot. The pictures gave a very good view of the fly-tipping in action. We are putting in place the final authorities needed for some of these cameras to be placed in the Tatsfield and Titsey area.

Although it takes a lot of work to get these cases to court these prosecutions demonstrate our commitment to catching those disposing of waste illegally and dumping it in our area. Remember a reward of up to £500 is offered by the Council to anyone who provides information which leads to a successful prosecution for fly-tipping.

The Bond Road Community Recycling Centre in Warlingham will be temporarily closed from 23 May until the end of July, for essential maintenance works including:

- Resurfacing and new road markings.
- Replacing the fencing, site gates, kerbing, bollards, height barrier and container stops.
- Repairing the boundary wall.
- Updating the site office and staff welfare facilities.

During the closure, please use the Caterham Community Recycling Centre, Chaldon Road CR3 5PG to dispose of household waste. For non-household waste (plasterboard, refillable gas bottles, tyres and rubble), please use the Earlswood Community Recycling Centre, Horley Road RH1 6PN.

When the site reopens, it will be closed on Sundays and Mondays. This is part of changes made to the community recycling centre service across Surrey. These changes are needed to achieve cost savings so that Surrey County Council can provide essential services like Adult Social Care in the face of increasing demand and reduced government funding.

If you think I can help you with anything to do with the Tandridge District Council or anything else for that matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Cllr Martin Allen 01959 577201 cllr.martin.allen@tandridge.gov.uk Or martin_allen@talk21.com

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL



District Elections: Tatsfield was spared the District election on 5th May. This saw some changes at TDC with the Leader losing his seat but Conservatives retaining overall control. I understand a new Leader was being voted upon on Monday 23 May and formally sworn in on Thursday 26 May.

Police and Crime Commissioner: David Munro was elected by Surrey residents as the New PCC. We will need to await his plans to see if rural areas will get the support Tatsfield and places like this need.

London Mayor: We will need to be mindful of the new Mayor of London and watch carefully how his plans affect Tatsfield. Those plans centre on buses and the housing overflow into counties on London's border. The Mayor's Office is working on a 2050 housing plan and this could have impacts on Tatsfield. I shall be keeping a watching brief on this as Leader of Surrey County Council.

Education future: I have had a private meeting with Nicky Morgan, Secretary of State for Education, to discuss issues which could affect Tatsfield with its rural school and any impact academy status would create. SCC is supporting all schools with their plans and we believe that it is up to School Head, governors and local parents to assess and decide which option provides the best for the local children.

Cllr David Hodge (Tel: 020 8541 8003 Email: david.hodge@surreycc.gov.uk)

PROTECTING CHILDREN ONLINE – a message from our MP

The internet presents so many great opportunities for our children; it is a phenomenal resource for learning, as well as offering tools and experiences that can really enrich their lives. Unfortunately, there is also a range of serious risks to be aware of, from fraud and cyberbullying down to simply knowing what information should and should not be shared online. It is crucial to empower children with the skills to stay safe and act responsibly, but with technology changing so fast, it is little surprise that nearly half of parents feel they know less about the internet than their children.

For this reason, it is more important than ever that high-quality information is available widely, and children learn best practice as early as possible. With the support of Google, I am pleased to be working with a number of primary schools across East Surrey, taking part in assemblies and raising awareness of the key actions young people can take to stay safe. For example, this means being aware of the real-world impact that their actions on social media can have. It means knowing how to avoid putting their personal information at risk, by using effective passwords and precautions. It means being alert to fraudulent activity and suspicious of 'too good to be true' offers. And, crucially, it means being respectful of others in developing their online presence.

More information on how people of all ages can stay safe can be found online on the Google Safety Centre, and if there is anything I can help with please do not hesitate to get in contact with me (sam@samgyimah.com).

Sam Gyimah MP

SUMMER PUPPY LIFESKILLS COURSES AT TATSFIELD VILLAGE HALL

Right Start Dog Training, who currently offer regular dog training on a Thursday afternoon at the Village Hall has added a summer class to run on a Tuesday evening from 7.30pm - 8.15pm.

The first course is due to start on Tuesday 7 June. Places are limited so for more information or to book a place, please contact Kaye Scott on 01959 575129

www.rightstartdogs.co.uk

SOME MAGAZINE MATTERS

CONTACTING THE MAGAZINE

Please note that the email address for advertisement enquiries and entries has now changed to:

tatsfieldmag@gmail.com

For other magazine enquires and articles for printing the email address remains:

tatsfieldpm@gamil.com

THE NEXT MAGAZINE

The next magazine should reach you by the first weekend of July and will cover the months of July and August as we do not have an edition at the beginning of August. Please send in details to cover both of these months by 16 June please.

A NOTE TO CONTRIBUTORS AND ADVERTISERS

The Magazine Committee is intending to print the September magazine, and subsequent ones in colour.

Advertisers who currently have submitted adverts in black and white may like to consider the use of colour in future.

Also it is hoped that this will greatly increase the impact of photographs, and those submitting material for the magazine are encouraged to include any relevant pictures. Photos including youngsters or vulnerable adults require appropriate permission for them to be published in the printed magazine and in the website version of the magazine. Sadly, there are those who misuse such images

MAGAZINE FINANCES

Please see details near the back of this magazine. The increased use of colour in magazines from September will significantly increase the printing costs and the magazine will need to swell its income over the next year.

Donations from individuals and organisations are an important component of our income and we hope they may be able to respond accordingly.

TATSFIELD POLICE REPORT



Hello!! This month I will be short and sweet (as opposed to me.....tall and sweet).

There have only been two crimes within the last month, but of course I'd like that reduced to zero. Or lower.

A resident of Shipfield Close sadly suffered a burglary during May, with a wallet and car keys being stolen, along with the car itself off the driveway.

At present, there are forensic opportunities, and we hope these will bear fruit. Also during May, three gas canisters were stolen from the Scouts premises, following entry through the outer fence. Sadly, there are no lines of enquiry to follow up on this one.

Finally, with longer days and lighter evenings, please can we all be mindful of not keeping doors and windows open, even though the temptation to do so in warmer weather is great. Even when we are pottering around in the garden, it is still possible for Mr Billy Burglar or Tommy Thief to nip in and nick our valuables if the front door is ajar, or the garage door is up, with everything on show. If you own items you're not too keen on parting with, please put them on Immobilise.com to protectively mark them. So if anything goes 'walkies', then your stuff can get traced back to you if it's recovered by any police force in the land. And it's FREE (no catch, no special offers involved, T+Cs apply, etc.). FREE.

That's all folks.....see you around the village.

Rupert

PCSO 12599 KELLEY

Pat Johnston

Pat, a long time resident of Tatsfield and latterly of the Weald, died suddenly on Saturday 7 May.

Cremation was at Tunbridge Wells on 23 May, followed by a memorial service at St Mary's Church.

An obituary will appear in the July edition of the Parish Magazine.

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TATSFIELD-VERN D'ANJOU TWINNING ASSOCIATION'S VISIT TO FRANCE

Thoughts from our first-time visitors

Easter is a tricky time for me, family commitments etc., so getting involved in Vern has never really been on the cards. However this year was different. The trip took place over the May Day bank holiday. As soon as I heard that this would be the case I realised that this was my chance to go. After some reassuring conversations with Alizon Mooney I took the plunge and booked my ticket.

When the morning of departure arrived I was extremely nervous. I was travelling without Jed. Would I be ok? Would I be able to make myself understood? Would I feel out of place with the 'Vern veterans'?



I needn't have worried. I was made to feel so very welcome by everyone concerned. Arriving in France I was greeted very warmly. The first evening I spent in the company of some Tatsfielders I hadn't met before the trip, together with their and my hosts, Nathalie and Maurice. I found myself relaxing very quickly. We spent Saturday visiting local places of interest and Sunday enjoying a barbeque by the lake and in the evening a delicious three course meal and dancing.

Did it matter that my French was very poor or that my hosts English wasn't very good either – not at all. With the help of a phrase book and sign language we got on just fine. We laughed a lot and gave up when we couldn't understand each other. Nathalie and Maurice and everyone involved in the twinning in Vern couldn't have been more welcoming – their only agenda was to give us all a special time. In the space of three short days I feel I have made some lovely friends on both sides of the channel. Given the chance would I go again or have a couple to stay? You bet!

Barbara Hester

This year we joined the Tatsfield twinning association for the first time and travelled to Vern D'Anjou. What a marvellous experience it was. From the outset it was a pleasure to meet new Tatsfield villagers as we all made our way to a town that had only been a name on a map for us up until then.

On arriving in France, we were welcomed by their twinning committee and were introduced to our hosts. Everyone was made to feel so welcome and throughout

the weekend nothing was too much trouble. Each and every host was not only so hospitable to their individual guests but to the party at all times, whether it was in their homes or on the wonderful trips they had arranged.

We saw several places of real interest, enjoyed many a fine feast and by the end of our short time there it felt as if we had known our hosts like friends of many years' standing. It was an incredible trip full of culture, fun and gastronomic fulfilment.



For those who have never considered taking part in this event, we would wholeheartedly recommend it.

Paul & Val Hoad

The trip was so well organised and all we had to do was to turn up at The Ship at the right time, where taxis were laid on to take us to Gatwick.

When we arrived at Vern we met the couple we were staying with, a lovely couple but it was difficult at first because our French was rubbish and their English wasn't great. But fortunately their grown-up son was staying with them and his English was pretty good.

As well as some informative trips out we learnt about French traditions in the home like being served coffee in a cereal bowl in the mornings for you to dip your bread or croissant in and in the evening you use the same plate for the starter, the mains and then cheeses or dessert, wiping it clean with some bread in between!

It was all extremely enjoyable as the group is such a friendly bunch and very amusing. And now we know some more faces in the village.



If you are tempted to find out more take a look at our website

www.tatsfieldtwinning.weebly.com

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NORTH DOWNS SINFONIA SPRING CONCERT – SATURDAY 7 MAY 2016

A warm evening, a buzz of anticipation for a programme of Mozart and Beethoven symphonies and some excellent singing too!

Opinions vary but Mozart seems to have rattled off a total of 41 completed published symphonies, in addition to operas, concertos, chamber works and much more in such a short life. The evening started with his 'Haffner' Symphony No 35, a work guaranteed to warm up both the band and audience alike full of drama and energy. It is said that Emperor Joseph II told Mozart that his work contained "too many notes" and this is a great example; they tumbled out of the band filling the hall with sound, and then the lovely second movement with great playing by the wind section especially clarinet and bassoon, the final movement was finished in brisk fashion, a great finish and a lovely moment of silence before we showed our appreciation



The Songs of the Auvergne by Canteloube was the next item on the programme sung by Belinda Evans. Her voice is superb with support from the NDS, the wind section in particular, getting the balance just right. After five lovely songs we were surprised when our conductor Brynly Clark announced the inclusion of the Baileria by far the most popular of the collection. This music is so well suited to spring in the countryside around Tatsfield with all of its colours, birdsong and sweeping valleys.

After a short interval Belinda continued with a Mozart Aris “Ch’io mi Scordi di te” and what a surprise this was! Not just a lovely aria with full support from the NDS but almost a piano concerto as well – well done young Alex Trigg!

The finale of the evening was the Beethoven 4th Symphony, one of my favourites. Beethoven fans love the bigger symphonies full of drama and dismiss this lovely work as a lightweight. The NDS played this with great enthusiasm and vigour after a demanding evening for all sections. An ambitious programme finished in some style – well done!

The NDS is going from strength to strength, we are so lucky to have such a versatile and enthusiastic band of musicians to bring a live music experience to Tatsfield – I am looking forward to the next one! Keep in touch with them on www.northdownssingonia.blogspot.co.uk

Jon Allbutt

The next NDS concert will be on Saturday 12 November, so this date should go in your diary NOW. It will be a very special concert, for not only is it the tenth anniversary of the first NDS concert, but it will be a memorial to David Preston. David was a founder – along with the late Peter Warner – of the NDS, but he was also its chairman, music librarian and inspiration. The music (to be conducted by Jonathan Maynard) will include Mozart – Marriage of Figaro overture, the very first piece played in concert by NDS, Fouré – Pavanne, which demonstrates the flute, on which David was a skilled player, the Audience Choice (chosen at the May concert) of Rachmaninoff Piano Concerto 2 (played by our favourite Mariela Cingo) (one movement), the Orchestra Choice of one movement of the Dvorak Symphony 9 ‘From the New World’, Johann Strauss – Emperor Waltz, and the best-loved cello concerto by Edward Elgar. All in all, a concert not to be missed! And there may well be a surprise or two!

Peter Maynard

THS VISIT TO WISLEY

Summer and THS visitors arrived at RHS Gardens Wisley on Sunday 1 May.

The Bank Holiday, a Craft and Design Show and the wonderful weather attracted crowds of people. Fashions ranged from shorts and sundresses to boots and scarves!

There was plenty to see and room for all to wander at leisure in the gardens and glass house, and maybe to stop and rest whilst listening to the jazz band playing.

A group of us walked with Jon to Battleston Hill to inspect the progress of the Azaleas and Rhododendrons. We found some damaged by the recent cold spell

and because of the wet winter it will be a couple of weeks before the normal fantastic colour arrives.

Two Rhododendrons particularly caught my eye, Orange beauty and a pale pink pachysanthum crosswater, this Yakushimanum group are known as Yaks. The Japanese Cherries were also wonderful in this area and throughout the gardens.

We progressed to the Alpine House which even when visited in winter is always full of splendid plants and colour. On the way we stopped to admire drifts of a very unusual blue flower unfamiliar to us -- yet to reach full bloom. It had star-like flowers and we discovered it was named *Camassia Leichtinii* and belonged to the Lily family. We came across several plantings of these throughout the gardens, they will look stunning in a week or two.

We left Jon in the Alpine House taking photographs and walked to the Vegetable Garden. It was immaculate and Ian was interested to compare the growth of various vegetables with his own. He wasn't too disappointed! Most were in the early growing stages. A four year crop rotation is used at Wisley.



Then it was off to The Glasshouse stopping on the way overlooking the lake for a picnic lunch. The ladies in our party took in the craft marquees to admire the very talented display of many crafts on show. There is so much to learn and so many new things to see and often it is an individual choice of what we think is fabulous.

My choice on this visit was the under planting of *Erythronium* - common name dog's tooth violet. It was a lemon shade

called Joanna. It is soil tolerant and grows well in semi shade. I am sure it would look as if the sun was shining even if it wasn't, such was the splash of colour. Jon has since told me that he has an established group thriving in his garden in the semi shade, that encourages me to plant some.

Thank you THS for organising the opportunity to visit RHS Wisley, we enjoyed a wonderful day.

Kay Longley

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LITTLE ACORNS



A big hello from everyone at Little Acorns Preschool!

We have had a busy month with a fun and exciting visit from a 'The Wiggly Workshop' where the children met and discussed some fascinating creatures such as turtles, snakes, spiders, lizards and many more! They have been talking about lifecycles and exploring the mini beasts in the garden when the sun has appeared!

The children have been exploring a different shape, number and colour every week and the children have done well to bring some associated things from home to 'show and tell' to their friends!

Little Acorns has some exciting news - Since 2015 we have been trialling an online system of recording the children's learning in preschool. 'Tapestry' is a system which can be accessed by parents online for a secure and exciting and effective way of keeping track of their child's development and their time with us. In May we held a Tapestry Launch evening in the Village Hall where we introduced Tapestry to the parents and carers and this was a lovely evening to offer help and guidance on this new and exciting software.

More great news - We have been very lucky to have been chosen for the 'Community Matters' Waitrose Green Token scheme this month, so please pop your coins in our box if you are shopping in Waitrose! All money raised will continue to go towards the renovation of the outdoor area for the children.

If you would like more information about Little Acorns or would like to register your child or have a look round, please contact Julie Barlow on 540775 during pre-school hours. These are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 0900-1500 and Wednesday and Friday 0900 – 1200.

If you have a child attending Tatsfield Primary School, our breakfast club operates every day from **7.15am** and includes school drop-off.

Thank you for reading!

Natalie Ruggins, Chair of Little Acorns Management Committee

(littleacornschair@outlook.com)

NOT SO YOUNG CLUB

Tuesday 14 June. 2.00 pm. WI Hall

Bingo



Tatsfield Primary School

Year 5 had a wonderful time on their recent residential at Blackland Farm in East Grinstead. Fears were faced, giggles shared and memories made. These are a small selection of the photographs we have from the week. Can you guess what we got up to?



TATSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

A small band of villagers made the visit to Wisley on Sunday May 1. If you were able to go along and see the Horticulture and visit the 170+ craft stalls on the very nice sunny day we had I do hope that you enjoyed it. If you were unable to attend please see Kay Longley's report of her visit.

We held a very successful - **Plant and Produce Sale** on May 14 on Westmore Green starting at 09.45am. We sold just about everything but the things that were not sold were donated to the church for selling at church teas.

Please see Carol's report elsewhere in the magazine with some photos from Lisa taken during the sale. Thank you to the committee for all of their time on this starting at 8apm on the morning. We look forward to seeing some of the plants entered in to the Autumn Show on the 10 September.

Please contact Christine on 577803 or me on 577201 if you have any questions regarding membership and want a book delivered. Membership costs only £5 for a family. Free but hopefully with a small donation from seniors. The summer is coming and you do benefit from the 10% off at Knights for certain garden products.

Martin Allen Chairman Tatsfield Horticultural Society
(01959 577201 or martin_allen@talk21.com)

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HORTI HOTSPOT - WESTMORE GREEN SATURDAY 14 MAY

Over a dozen people queued impatiently for the PLANT SALE to begin at 9:45!

On the dot transactions began in earnest. In spite of icy temperatures the turn out and sales were brisk.



Sellers and buyers alike were comforted by hot drinks brewed on the Fairtrade Stall staffed by Jennie South, Barbara Hester, Alizon Mooney, Hilary Harber and Helena Mcleod.

All was sold before 11 am! The early bird definitely caught the flowers this year.

Thanks to the Horti team ably managed by Martin Allen. We could not have managed the event without Peter Maynard, Jon Allbutt, Bob David, Chris Stainer, Lisa Stokoe, Alan Armitage, Angela Sawyer and Kay Longley.

See you next year. Remember to get there early.

Carol Gaskell

Congratulations to Lesley Bennett who has passed her Level 2 Diploma in Floristry. Her advert appears on page 7 of the magazine.

TATSFIELD IN BLOOM

On Saturday 6 May we spent the morning planting 38 hanging baskets and 25 mangers ready for the village displays in the summer. We had a fantastic team of 25 or more volunteers who turned up in the glorious sunshine to work in teams of two or three. They planted purple and gold petunias and yellow lysimachia, the royal colours, to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. The baskets and mangers have now been taken to various volunteers' homes to be "looked after" until they are put on display next month.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped on Saturday with the preparation, planting, mixing the compost, and fetching and carrying compost and containers. Many hands made "lightish" work and a very efficient job was done by everybody.

At the beginning of June we will be taking delivery of the plants for the containers and beds around the village and the volunteers will be out in force again – let's hope for glorious weather again!



The following week our carpet bed will be delivered for the Tatol Bed and on the Saturday morning we will be putting together the "jigsaw" of pieces to mark the Royal birthday.

Thank you again to all of you who have made a donation towards Tatsfield in Bloom 2016. Villagers have supported us generously again but it is not too late to make your contribution. Every donation will help make a difference to the village. There is a box on the counter in Linda's and envelopes can be left there for collection.

If you would like to join us, just turn up outside The Bakery at 10.00 am on a Saturday – you will be welcomed with open arms! No special skills are necessary, although a good sense of humour is essential, as the group always work with a smile on their faces!

Thank you for your support.

Jill Hancock (577622)

BEDDLESTEAD'S STANDING STONES



I wonder how many readers have noticed the 'standing stones' that have appeared just over the border along Beddlestead Lane? From a distance they could pass for some ancient construction, built perhaps by long-gone Britons with intent to determine the seasonal position of planetary bodies, or a meeting place for healing, sacrifice or governmental debate. As one moves towards the site, however, it becomes apparent that this is simply a random collection of concrete blocks (of unknown origin) dumped out of convenience, forming yet another blot on the rural landscape. But wait. Let us reconsider. Upon closer inspection there is something poetic about this composition. Clues to the source of the material is evident on the surface and within; cut marks, cladding patterns, pipework, wire reinforcement. Whatever the history, this collection of concrete forms has, to my mind, benefited the landscape. It is as if some benevolent sculptor has chosen this site to install a magnificent, sprawling example of landscape art for the enjoyment of anyone who passes. Rather than a blot, I see this as an 'accidental' contribution that enriches our visual environment. If deliberate, I feel sure that many of us would like to compliment the landowner for his/her creative vision.



To view the 'stones', follow the footpath at the side of the 'Beaver Water World' car park. After a while, as you enter an extensive field, head off across the well-marked path towards Beddlestead Lane. As you walk, the stones will come clearly into view on the opposite side of the hill. Upon entering the lane, turn right and follow a second footpath on your left for a closer inspection of the site.



Those of you who decide to visit may well be serenaded by Skylarks. A feast for the eyes and the ears!

Nigel Shaw

QUEEN'S AWARD FOR ENTERPRISE GOES TO FAIRTRADE FOUNDATION

The Fairtrade Foundation is honoured to be a recipient of one of the prestigious Queen's Awards for Enterprise in Sustainable Development 2016.

The award recognises Fairtrade's work empowering small-scale farmers and workers in developing countries to drive their own sustainable development within a world trade system that is often stacked against small producer communities.

Since the organisation was established in 1992, Fairtrade has expanded dramatically in the UK with consumers and companies driving the organisation forward with the support of over 10,000 local campaigning groups, **including Tatsfield Village and Church, Oxted School and now Surrey County has recently gained Fairtrade Status.** Fairtrade - in the UK alone - now works with 400 companies, both large and small, with each sale contributing to improving the lives of the farmers and workers who produce many of the foods we consume every day.

Michael Gidney, CEO Fairtrade Foundation, said: "This award is a boost for all of the businesses and campaigners who support Fairtrade, but it is also welcome recognition for the incredible efforts of producers around the world who work tirelessly to innovate and improve their products, and who have used Fairtrade as a means of building stronger businesses and communities."

Awareness of the Fairtrade Mark remains high, and is trusted by 83% of consumers who have seen it. Innovation has driven Fairtrade's success; with producer groups taking a wide range of initiatives ranging from environmental, such as cocoa farmers in West Africa using cocoa husks to power small machinery to social, with a project empowering women coffee farmers to run their own businesses and access niche markets in East Africa. The Fairtrade Foundation will formally receive the Award at The Queen's Reception at Buckingham Palace on Thursday 14 July 2016.

Thank you for supporting Fairtrade producers every time you choose a product with that familiar Fairtrade Mark. ***You*** really do have the power to make a difference with every pound you spend. Have a look for the symbol every time you shop!

Hilary Harber



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TATSFIELD COMMUNITY COMPOSTING

The green waste intake we have taken over the past month seems to have remained in about the same quantity as the black gold that we have delivered out. But if the weeding I have had to do over the past week is anything to go by we expect that the soft green waste and the mown grass will now start to coming to us in greater quantities.

So of the 40 odd bins that we had at the end of 2015, we have now emptied about 25 of them leaving approximately 15 bins with compost in them. The rapid transformation from the green shredded waste to black compost means that we have much less of the rotted compost but we are working on methods of slowing the composting down so that we will have more in the future. But for now with much less of this as it is in a finer form than in previous years don't delay if you want some for your gardens or allotments. Please do come and collect while it still lasts.

We are still waiting for the delivery of a "Green waste Grid". It seems to take forever to obtain parts for this machine so we continue to shred to a finer form for the moment and just keep our fingers crossed that when we do get the green



mesh for the shredder this will result in a slower maturing of the bins in the future.

Our D o E youngsters continue to assist us in the workings of the site and continue to grow into the role of volunteering in their community; however we are always in need of more volunteers. There are many things to do, some of them not strenuous in any way and your help would be appreciated.

Courtesy of Dave Bishop who supports the site well with his reports and photos in the Surrey Mirror I have copied his latest photo above for you. Taken during a quiet moment.

The composting site is run by compost volunteers aided by some allotment volunteers so do please be considerate to them by not dumping any material whilst we are closed and separate the waste you bring to the site for ease of transport to the correct bins.

Details of what and when you can bring waste to the site can be found in the 2016 THS Year Book on Page 37.

If you would like to join the THS or join the band of volunteers to help on the composting site next season, then please contact Martin Allen on 01959 577201.

Further details of the Composting Group and all other THS events can be found on the THS website: <http://tatsfieldhorticulturalsociety.weebly.com>

Martin Allen

TEAS AT TATSFIELD CHURCH

Where better to relax and spend a Sunday afternoon than enjoying tea and cake in the spectacular surroundings of St Mary's Hall and Churchyard.



Every Sunday
3.00 – 5.00 pm
until
the end of September



TATSFIELD ALLOTMENTS AND COMMUNITY GARDEN

After many months of strimming the allotment pathways, the grass is now manageable, and ready for mowing. Unfortunately, the mower used for the community area has given up the ghost, and has been sent to the Bond Road "graveyard" just before its temporary closure for refurbishment. Fortunately, we have funds available to purchase a super duper mulching lawn mower - capable of dealing with all areas, and this will be on site shortly for the constant maintenance required - Alan can now whiz through this regular chore and get on with his own plot, which is looking a bit sorry and neglected.

A never-ending job, but It's all gotta go.....



During May, Ian McAffer and his swarm of "busy bees" have cleared an area at the Beaverworld end of the site and constructed a beehive - those of you who have walked up there will be surprised to see it's not the tradition expectation of a beehive - this is an upmarket log cabin version - with its own privacy windbreak!! Ian is waiting for his contact in the Westerham Beekeepers Society to transfer a swarm ready to settle into this DesRes, and we hope to produce a small amount of honey later in the year, which will be offered to the helpers, which only seems fair!! Ian is hoping to recruit more members into the team (you will not have to wear yellow & black stripy jumpers!). The bees will obviously help with pollination and if this idea proves successful and popular, we

will increase the number of hives and bees, and maybe in the future we will be able to offer TACG honey to other plot holders!

You'd have to be a "B" stupid Bee not to want to live here!



By the time you read this article, work will have started on phase two of the drainage system which will solve the flooding problems around the compost site and some plots adjacent to this area - although I haven't noticed any rice being grown!

If any of you saw Alan hanging upside-down, bat-like in the water container a few weeks ago, fear not, he was merely turning the water on! Typically the valve stuck just as the dry spell started and the water was not running smoothly, a panic phone call from a member and he sprang into action. The regular supply will be activated for the summer as soon as the big black tank empties to a certain level, as this triggers the valve to open for a constant flow.

A summer BBQ is being planned for Sunday 26 June - details will be circulated to plot holders nearer the day by your society secretary, Jenny Nichols. We hope all plot holders will attend.

Liz Armitage

SHOPPING AT LINDA'S IN JUNE

☎ 577152



- ❖ All your Post Office needs including foreign currency for your holiday
- ❖ A great selection of cards for all occasions
- ❖ Plenty of bargains available until 7 June including:

- Tetley tea bags £1.22 (pm £2.45)
 - Whitworths sugar 49p (pm £1.00)
 - Walkers crisps 3 packets £1.00 (pm £1.50)
 - Red Bull 4x 250ml £3.29 (pm £4.49)
 - Heinz Soup 3 tins £2.00 (pm £2.97)
 - Birds Eye Fish Fingers + free peas £2.50 (pm £4.00)
 - Heroes £3.00 (pm £4.59)
 - Fairy and Lenor £1.00 each (pm £1.99 each)
 - Kellogg's Coco Pops, Rice Crispies, Frosties £1.50 each (pm £2.19 each)
 - Digestives and Hobnobs £1.00 each (pm £1.75 each)
 - Branston, Triple Pack Baked Beans £1.00 (pm £1.50)
- (pm = price marked)

Sylvia Waters

'Holiday at Home' in Tatsfield
Monday 22nd –Thursday 25th August 2016



A change is as good as a rest!



For those who may not be getting away on holiday during August, and even for those who are, we are planning another 'Holiday at Home' week. Please put the dates in your diary now if you think you might like a change of scene and something a bit different to do. We would love to welcome you on board. A change really can be as good as a rest! Further details of the programme and how to book will be in next month's magazine.

THE FAIRTRADE TEA TENT OUTSIDE THE SHOPS

A chilly morning, and the crowds at the nearby Horticultural Society Plant sale, meant that we were busier than ever serving free Fairtrade tea, coffee and hot chocolate at the Fairtrade Tea Tent. As well as the hot drinks to warm everyone up there were delicious Fairtrade bakes made by Barbara Hester. There was a wide range of Fairtrade goods to view and buy. Divine Chocolate, rice from Malawi, cookies, cereals, and honey sold well as did the Traidcraft gardening gloves.



Saturday 14 May was also World Fairtrade Day which happened to be sandwiched in the middle of Fairtrade International's Global Coffee Challenge. See <https://www.fairtradechallenge.org/home/> for more details. This event was registered and the 35 coffees we served and counted towards the Global Coffee challenge. Andrew at The Bakery, who always serves Fairtrade tea and coffee, came on board with the challenge too and served 96 coffees which we registered. Thank you Andrew!

Jennie South

REGULAR EVENTS THIS MONTH

These events, weekly unless stated otherwise, normally take place at the times given below, but there can be variations e.g. in school holidays. Please check with the organisers if necessary.

Sun	10.00 am	Church service – StM
	3.00 pm	Teas – StM (to 5pm)
Mon	9.00 am	PCSO Rupert Kelley Surgery – Linda’s Stores [to 10am]
	9.30 am	Tots on Top – CH
	10.00 am	WI Exercises - WIH
	1.30 pm	Bridge Club – WIH
	6.00 pm	Beavers – SH
	7.30 pm	Art Group – VH [Term time]
	8.15 pm	Bingo – TVC
Tue	7.00 pm	Pilates – TPS
	7.00 pm	Scouts - SH
Wed	10.00 am	WI Pop In – WIH
	1.30 pm	Short Mat Bowls –VH
	6.00 pm	Cubs – SH
	8.00 pm	Yoga – VH
Thu	9.15 am	Said Communion Service – StM [3 rd Thursday only]
	10.00 am	Over 50s Yoga – WIH
	3.00 pm	WI Darts – WIH
	various	Martial Arts
	5.30 pm	Brownies – CH
	7.30 pm	Duplicate Bridge – WIH
	7.30 pm	Tatsfield Singers - TPS
	8.00 pm	Table Tennis – VH
Fri	1.30 pm	Short Mat Bowls –VH
	5.30 pm	Badminton club for Juniors - VH
	8.00 pm	Badminton Club - VH
Sat	10.00 am	Composting – TACG Approach Road (to noon)
	11.00 am	Parish Council Café -The Bakery [to noon]

ADDITIONAL EVENTS THIS MONTH

2 Thu	1.30 pm	Hearing Champions – AMB (to 3.00 pm)
	2.00 pm	Scrabble - Scrumdoone, Greenway
5 Sun	10.00 am	Open the Book for Environment Sunday– StM
	11.30 am	Said Eucharist – StM
7 Tue	2.30 pm	WI, Barbara Stevens WIH
11 Sat	3.00 pm	Queen’s birthday cream tea – WI (to 5pm)

12 Sun	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist – StM
	10.30 am	Ramblers
	3.00 pm	Queen’s birthday cream tea – StM (to 5pm)
13 Mon	8.00 pm	Parish Council Meeting – AMB
14 Tue	2.00 pm	Not So Young Club – WIH
	7.30 pm	Tatty Knitters - Bakery
19 Sun	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist – StM
25 Sat	12-3 pm	Tatsfield School Fete – TPS
	7.30 pm	Tatsfield Singers Sing – TVH
26 Sun	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist – StM
	11.00 am	Ramblers
27 Mon	8.00 pm	Parish Council Meeting - AMB
28 Tue	1.30 pm	Whist - WIH

ADDITIONAL EVENTS NEXT MONTH

1 Fri		Tatsfield School INSET day
2 & 3	10.00 am	Tatsfield Art Group Exhibition – TVH (to 4.00 pm)
3 Sun	10.00 am	Open the Book – StM
	11.30 am	Said Eucharist – StM
		Scout Fete
	3.00 pm	Signing of CTOD Covenant – St John’s Hurst Green
5 Tue	2.30 pm	WI Garden Party
7 Thu	2.00 pm	Scrabble - Scrumdoone, Greenway
22 Fri		Tatsfield School term ends
23 Sat	7.30 pm	Quiz of Quizzes – VH
26 Tue	1.30 pm	Whist – WIH

FURTHER AHEAD

August		
22 – 25		Holiday at Home – StM

Venues

AMB - Aileen McHugo Building • CGA - Community Games Area

CH - Church Hall • FC - Furze Corner • SH - Scout Hut

StM - St. Mary’s Church

TACG – Tatsfield Allotments and Community Garden

TPS - Tatsfield Primary School TVC - Tatsfield Village Club

VH - Village Hall • WIH - Women’s Institute

If you would like your village event included in this diary in future please send details to: tatsfieldpm@gmail.com

ST MARY'S MATTERS

Ascension Day

St Mary's Churchyard at 6.00am on a glorious May morning was again the setting for the Ascension Day Eucharist. As usual it drew Christians not only from St Mary's but from the wider network of churches of different denominations in Oxted and the surrounding area. The service, held outside with views over the downs and accompanied by the dawn chorus, was followed by a welcome breakfast including delicious bacon rolls. A truly marvellous celebration and start to the day!



Fairtrade at St Mary's

St Mary's is a Fairtrade church. Fairtrade coffee is always served in the hall after the 10.00am service and on Sunday 15th May the twenty two coffees served were added to the Fairtrade International's Global Coffee Challenge. For details see <https://www.fairtradechallenge.org/home/>. There were lots of Fairtrade tea drinkers too of course!

Hear Here! a FREE service in Tatsfield to support those with NHS hearing aids

This new monthly service, run by St Mary's has now been in operation for three months. We have been able to support twenty four people so far with batteries, re-tubing and general advice. This has saved people longer journeys to pick up batteries or to have tubes renewed. Tatsfield Parish Council has been very supportive in allowing the use of the room in the Aileen McHugo Building at no cost. Hearing loss is stressful and can be very isolating. There are 10 million people in the UK with hearing aids and about 2 million of these are not used. This is often because people have not found

them easy to get used to or to access the ongoing help and support they need. Details of what we can offer and when and where to find us are on page 65 of the magazine.



Open the Book

Our May service celebrated Rogation – the very ancient custom of remembering the planting of crops. To help us we were privileged to have with us Bill Peters (seen in the photo) who farms for the Titsey Estate including our Tatsfield fields, for example those between the Approach Road and Clarks Lane Farm. He told us about the challenges of farming on our heavy soil and explained his plans for the season.

Our June service (10am on 5 June) will focus on Environment Sunday and we will recognise the beauty of God’s creation and our place within it. All are welcome to this service which is especially designed for all ages.

Tots on Top

Babies and toddlers together with their parents, grandparents and carers can be sure of a warm welcome on Monday mornings in St Mary’s church hall. This is a great opportunity for the youngsters to play with others of their own age and for the adults to enjoy meeting up with friends old and new over a cup of coffee. Apart from Bank Holidays we are there every Monday morning from 9.30 to 11.30 am. As the warmer weather arrives we are looking forward to spending some time outdoors.

Holiday at Home

This year the dates are Monday 22 August to Thursday 25 August. Further details next month

Churchyard

Volunteers continue to help each first Saturday in the month and really enjoy working in the peaceful atmosphere and beautiful surroundings. The wild flowers, especially the primroses, have been particularly good this spring. The welcome refreshments at half time are a bonus! The future tidy-up dates are 4 June and 2 July.

Discussion group

There will be another series of Wednesday evening discussions on a variety of topics, including some humour, on 1, 8, and 15 June. Please contact Gerald on 577598 for further detail.

Church Teas – 3-5pm every Sunday until the end of September

These continue to be popular with both locals and those from further afield who greatly appreciate the scenery and the warm welcome, as well as the cakes and tea. If you would like to offer to help one Sunday please contact Madie on 577114.

Flower rota

5. June: Brenda Fairclough 12 and 19 June: Kay Roberts 26 June: Sue Saunders

100 Club

Winners of the May draw are:

No. 81 R. Savery £20; No. 23 M. Grover £12

Records

1 May Baptism of Tammy and James Chevalier

16 May Funeral of Florrie Pearson (at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium)

23 May Memorial Service for Pat Johnson

YOUR PARISH CHURCH

Since Louise left last July as Team Vicar in Tatsfield it has not yet been possible for the Bishop to appoint her successor.

However St Mary's continues to provide the usual range of services and welcomes requests for baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Please contact Revd Gerald South.

Tel: 01959 577598. Email: gp.south@bopenworld.com

Other contacts are:

Wardens: Marjory Broughton (541059), Chris Hancock (577622);

Pastoral Auxilary (SPA): Jennie South (577598)

TATSFIELD VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE QUIZ OF QUIZZES

Saturday 23 July 2016 7.00 for 7.30 pm

Tables of 6 please

£10 per person to include a cold supper and a pudding

Quiz Prizes and a Raffle

Licensed bar - so please do not bring your own bottles/cans

To reserve a table contact: Roger Sawyers on 577434

or email acresroger@aol.com

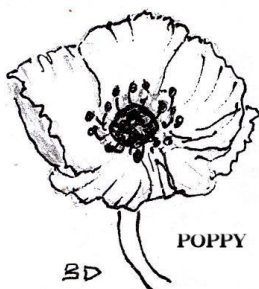
All local club and individual teams welcome

Proceeds towards Hall improvements.

“THE HERBER” A VERY ROYAL CONNECTION

Our Village Herb Trough situated at the newly-restored crossing in front of The Ship pub has been planted out with a very special Herb theme this year, in honour of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's 90th Birthday. What better way to incorporate a herbal planting with this very Royal connection than to turn to “**THE QUEEN'S GARDEN**” in **Kew** for inspiration, so this is the place I have been researching recently.

This unique garden was opened to the public for the first time by H.M. Queen Elizabeth in 1969. It contains a large collection of herbs, both culinary and healing, and includes labelled quotes and illustrations from “Herbals” of the 16th and 17th Centuries. It is a “sunken” garden, correct for the period, which enables herbs to be viewed from all sides. In the early 1960's when the garden was first planned, gardens containing historically correct plants were very rare and many “Herbals” must surely have been consulted by the Kew gardeners, to ensure the planting was not compromised by using modern and “New World” varieties.



POPPY

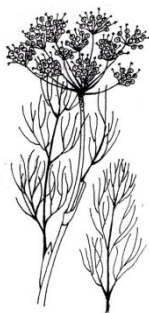
“Herbals” were books containing botanically correct illustrations and listed the “virtues” of plants that were of use to man, much of this secret knowledge having been passed down from Egyptian, Greek and Roman scholars of the ancient world. Herbs are still a hugely important part of modern life with many culinary and household uses, and I am sure everyone has a favourite. But herbs are also vital for healing, as our ancestors stretching back many thousands of years first discovered. Morphine could not be available without the **Poppy** for instance, and oil extracted from **Yew tree**

leaves today aids the fight against Cancer.

Our Herb Trough planting takes **Box** as the defining part of my design, used in herb gardens through many ages, including at Kew. Intricate “Knot Gardens” of the first Elizabethan age were constructed with a Box theme, herbs planted sometimes informally within the more formal shaping. So with a nod to the *first* Elizabeth, I have used this idea within a very small area indeed! The “Queen's Garden” also has informality within its scheme, so I have kept **Rosemary** “**Severn Sea**” and **Golden Marjoram** at the far end of the Trough to soften the design, with a **Ginger Mint** running down the central Box arrow-shape on this side.



MARJORAM



FENNEL

On the raised part of the Horse Trough I have planted trailing **Violas** at each side of the little Box hedge. Violas were important plants used for treating gout and rheumatism, while ointments using the flowers still treat acne today. Nearby we have a **Bronze Fennel**, perhaps more attractive than its green counterpart, with a Purple Sage complementing this planting. Another Sage to be seen is variegated "**Tricolour**" on the other side, with a pretty (and *my* favourite) **Thyme** "**Silver Posie**" in similar colouring nestling at the front. Both are such good kitchen herbs and the keen cook should not be without

either of them.

Other flavoursome herbs include **Oregano** "**Country Cream**", a wide-leaved and variegated plant essential for providing an Italian twist to many meals, and the very sunny "**Archer's Gold**" **Thyme**, appropriate with the Arrow shaping of the central box design! Golden **Lemon Balm**, an upright **Rosemary** "**Officinalis**" and two **English Lavenders** complete the scheme. Whenever the word "Officinalis" is seen it confirms the herb variety used by the Apothecary or Physician, and really meant "Workshop". It is also where the modern use of the word "office" originates! Just think how those 17th century herbalists such as Nicholas Culpeper and John Gerard would have *loved* to have got their hands on an office computer and all the modern data contained therein!



ROSEMARY
OFFICINALIS

Finally, apart from the two Elizabetps, there is another lady I would like to include when writing about this planting scheme. I started writing monthly herbal articles for our Parish Magazine in 2006, under the title "For the Love of Herbs" and most recently "The Herber" and for seven and a half years most of those monthly articles were illustrated with the meticulously correct line drawings of **Brenda David**. We often used to meet up when I was tidying the Herb Trough and I would tell her the herbs featured for the next month's article. And sure enough, there was usually at least one of her illustrations accompanying it. So I thought it entirely appropriate for some of Brenda's work to be included within this article, and on the Board accompanying the planting.

This year I would like to dedicate this planting to the Memory of Brenda David.

Lin Saines

Tatsfield Art Group Exhibition

**SAT 2nd & SUN 3rd JULY
10am to 4pm
TATSFIELD VILLAGE HALL
SHIP HILL**



**Art & Craft for Sale
Ploughman's Cream Teas
Free Entry & Parking**

Display from Tatsfield Primary School

THE 'GREAT WAR' AND TATSFIELD ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

One of the popular histories of the First World War described 1916 as the year that the Allies were 'at bay'.

On the fifth of June Britain lost its War Minister. The Secretary of State, Lord Kitchener, was on board H.M.S. Hampshire on his way for talks with Britain's ally, Russia. The cruiser struck a mine off the Orkneys and sank with the loss of 700 men. Lord Kitchener, whose face had been on a recruitment poster since 1914, was the most senior officer from either side in that war to have died on active service.



The stalemate on the European mainland did not mean that families at home were spared bad news. Towards the end of the month the Rushen family of Goddards Cottage, also known as Manor Cottage, heard that their son, Joseph, had been badly wounded on the Somme. Another son, Bertram, serving in the Royal West Surrey Regiment - as was his brother - had also been wounded, but a third son, Private Arthur Rushen, was home on leave. He was in Tatsfield for a happier reason - his marriage to a daughter of the Streets family of Church Farm. Two of her sisters were bridesmaids at the wedding and carried bouquets of 'carnations adorned with the national and Allies' flags', according to the Westerham Herald report.

For another Tatsfield family there was some encouraging news: Sergeant James Honey was recovering slowly in hospital after having been gassed in France five weeks earlier. The war had been under way for nearly two years and had yet to reach its mid-point.

**Ian Mitchell, Tatsfield History Project: Email: Tatsfield.history@talk21.com
Tel: 577376**

Surrey in the Great War: A County Remembers

Sources, People, Remembrance

Including - Surrey Red Cross V.A.D.s

Presented by the Surrey History Centre Project Team

Caterham Valley Library

Wednesday 8 June

**7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. – all welcome - refreshments from 7
p.m.**



THE CINEMA COMES TO TATSFIELD!

When did you last go to the cinema? No need, you might say, I can see all the films I want to on TV. Well, true but only up to a point – some films will never be seen on TV and others will be seen only some years after their release. And additionally, I think it is true to say that somehow watching a film in a cinema is a very different experience from watching one on a small screen at home.

There have been several attempts in the past to show films in the village but, sadly, for a variety of reasons none has been sustained. But there we were on Saturday 23 April watching two recently released blockbuster films in the Village Hall as a result of a joint initiative by Curzon Country Cinema and the Village Hall Committee.

The film in the afternoon was “*Suffragette*”, a moving film about the beginning of the fight for the right of women to vote. It was directed by Sarah Gavron and starred Carey Mulligan, Helena Bonham-Carter and Meryl Streep. In the evening we watched “*Lady in a Van*”, the amusing and moving film about the relationship between Alan Bennett and the singular Miss Shepherd, a woman of uncertain origins who “temporarily” parked her van on Alan Bennett’s London driveway and proceeded to be there for 15 years.



Seats cost £5. There was a small audience in the afternoon and a much larger one of more than 30 in the evening, Whatever doubts anyone had about the quality of what we would be seeing and hearing were soon removed – the screen was an enormous one stretching across the front of the Village Hall stage, the picture was clear and bright and the sound excellent. It was almost like being in a real cinema!

Two more recently released films – “*Brooklyn*” and “*The Danish Girl*” – are to be shown on 28 May, before you receive this magazine. There will then be a break during the three summer months before monthly showings on a Saturday begin in September and continue until next May (on the third Saturday each month). Look out in the magazine and in posters round the village for the details of the showings. We hope that you think this initiative deserves to be supported, that sufficient people will do so to enable it to continue and that all who do so will enjoy what they see.

Bob David

THE TATSFIELD GARDENER IN JULY

The spring and early summer flush of colour is over and now is the time to make sure your early flowering shrubs will flower next year. Forsythia, Deutzia, and others that have flowered or are now in flower should have the old flowering wood removed to encourage the growth of new shoots that will mature and be ready for flower next year. If your vigorous early flowering climbers like Clematis Montana are too large you can cut them back now, this is especially important if they are growing on a fence as the weight can pull them down! Towards the end of the month cut back by two thirds those long wavy stems of annual growth on Wisteria, this will tidy them up and also promote the development of flower buds at the base of the stem. Rambling roses (those 'climbing roses' that have already finished flowering) will have lots of old flowering wood mixed in with vigorous new shoots; take out all the old flowering wood as far down as you dare, give them a good feed of rose fertiliser, a good mulch around the base, a good soaking (preferably with rain water) and they should make plenty of growth for next year's show of bloom.



During the hot weather you may notice that your shrubs in containers are looking burnt and may be wilting; this is probably because it has been some time since you took them out and re-potted them and the container is now too full of roots. Water them daily and make a note to take them out and give them a good root prune before putting them back in the same container with fresh compost.



Please be as frugal as possible with garden watering, don't water grass! If it goes brown it will come back as soon as we have one of those heavy summer downpours. Water plants in the evening giving the ground a good soak infrequently rather than a quick drop each day; surface watering will quickly evaporate and never reach the roots!

During hot dry spells please remember that it is not just us who get thirsty – please put out plenty of water in shallow bowls for our wildlife to have a good drink and perhaps a bath!

Make sure to put on your list of jobs to do before going on holiday to move all container grown plants out of direct sun and use old plastic drink bottles full of water as reservoirs. Cut off the bottom, keep the top screwed on, make slits near the top – not holes and turn upside down pushed into the soil – the bigger the container the more you will need!

Jon Allbutt

TATSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Year Books 2016

As most of you are aware, each year between January and March, volunteers knock on your doors and distribute the **Tatsfield Horticultural Year Books** and for the sum of £5.00 per household/free or a small donation from Senior Citizens, you become a member of the **THS**.

The Year Book is very good value. On the reverse is a 10% discount card for use in the Knights Garden Centres at Chelsham and Woldingham and can be used on specific purchases such as plants, composts, light garden tools etc.

Being a Member also entitles you to exhibit at the Spring and Autumn Shows during the year in the various sections, with the possibility of winning a cup/trophy/prize. Amongst other things this year the THS has organised a visit to Wisley Gardens and Long Barn.

We also hold Gardening Club evenings in the WI Hall a few times a year where we have a glass of wine/tea/coffee and listen to a speaker on specific aspects of gardening.

We currently have 325 members living in Tatsfield and 8 outside the village and would welcome new members.

If you missed our knock on the door and would like a Year Book, please ring or email me and I will arrange to deliver one to your door.

Christine Stainer, Subscriptions Secretary
(Tel: 577603 / christinestainer@yahoo.com)



TATTY KNITTERS

After that brief spell of warm weather at the beginning of May, I've gone back to knitting scarves. Hopefully that'll make it sunny again.

Our last couple of meetings have been well attended. In April we had a delicious après Easter meal, then May saw us nattering and crafting. June is the "World Wide Knit" in Public day and we will be sitting outside the Bakery (just inside if wet) on the 18th. Come along and chat.

Our usual monthly get together will be on June 14th usual time of 7.30 until 9.30 ish in the Bakery. Cakes supplied buy your own drink.

Happy knitting

Val Quick (Tel:07761571071)



TATSFIELD VILLAGE HALL

I thought it might be interesting for you all to know what goes on in your Village hall. Did you know that during term time your hall is almost totally fully booked from 7 am to 11 pm Monday to Friday.

These are the many things that take place in the hall:

Little Acorns preschool, Dance First-children's dance classes, Art club, Short Mat Bowls, Badminton, Table Tennis, Yoga, Dog training, Veterans football from October to April (outside in MUGA), Ballet practice (private booking).

Over the year the hall is regularly booked by a variety of users: North Downs Sinfonia, Horticultural Society, Tatsfield Singers, Tatsfield Vern, Fairtrade, Scouts, Parish Council, Tandridge District Council-Elections, Defibrillator and First Aid training, Dance shows, Bowls and Badminton matches, Fundraising events, Craft Fayre, Many children's parties and evening party bookings, Christenings, weddings and funerals, Green relay race pit stop, Fostering seminar, and even a regular Sunday 1 hour Taekwondo training (private booking).

Every third Saturday of the month, we have the London Advance Motorcyclists 9.30 - 11am. The bikes all turn up, have a breakfast roll, plan their route and go on their way. If you are a biker and interested, pop up and see them. From September this will also be the day for our new Cinema venture (see separate article in the magazine).



At the moment we have a couple of temporary slots available:

Tuesday 7.15 pm -10.30 pm until September, Thursday 5.15 - 7.15 pm until October, and also a long term slot on Friday 4.30 pm – 6.00 pm. E-mail tatsfieldvillagehall@live.co.uk if you are interested in any of these slots.



Kaye Scott at Right Start dog training is looking at starting a new puppy training course from Tuesday June 7 at 7.30 pm - 8.15 pm. Call 07779500129 or 01959 575129 for more information.

Helena Garcia-MacLeod (Hall Booking Secretary)
Website: tatsfieldvillagehall.weebly.com

W.I.



Tatsfield W.I. believes in making the most of an Annual Meeting and so cheese and wine accompanied our May meeting. We reviewed all the activities enjoyed over the past year and received an update on our finances and the actions taken to keep our Hall an attractive and popular venue for us and others in the community. We welcomed a new member onto the committee and balloted for an annual bursary to enable one member to attend the course of her choice at Denman College.

We received our new programme of speakers and events for 2016/17. Our speakers will cover subjects including the experiences of a Special Branch officer, the Life and Times of Edith Cavell, Biggin Hill's RAF story and the Real Downton Abbey (early 20th century domestic service). In between we will fit a summer Garden Party and a Christmas Party.

During May we will host a district wide talk on Winston Churchill – the soldier. We will open the Hall doors to the village to celebrate our Queen's 90th Birthday with a fabulous Cream Tea on Saturday 11th June and on the same day our president will represent North West Kent W.I.s at the National Conference in Brighton.

Our speaker at 2.30pm on 7th June will be telling us about the Trials and Tribulations of a Public Speaker.

Sue Smale, 01959 577660



BARN THEATRE AT OXTED

SUMMERFEST

Saturday 18 June at 7.30 pm



Starmakerz Theatre School – The STS Summer Showcase

(The young performers showcase their talents in all aspects of the performing arts in true West End style)

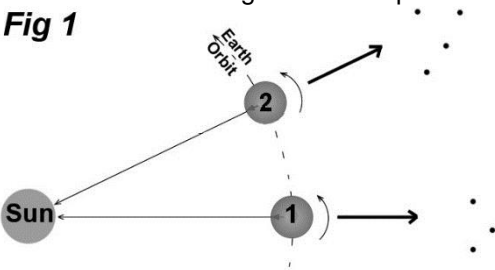
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THE NIGHT SKY IN TATSFIELD – JUNE

Some of the terms used in astronomy can be extremely confusing to the man or woman in the street. One such that I've used in these articles before is the "ecliptic". This can be described as the plane of the Earth's orbit around the Sun. However, it is equally true to refer to it as the yearly path of the Sun against the stellar background. Most people are aware that the constellations in the night sky change gradually throughout the year because, for instance, we refer to Orion, Taurus and Gemini as being "winter" groups. So you may wonder where these constellations are at other times of the year. The answer is that they are above the horizon during the day; in fact at the summer solstice on June 21st the Sun lies on the border between Orion and Taurus. This change is brought about by the yearly motion of the Earth around the Sun which gives us a slightly different view of the sky each night until after a year we are back where we started. By looking at fig 1 you can see on day one that an observer on the night

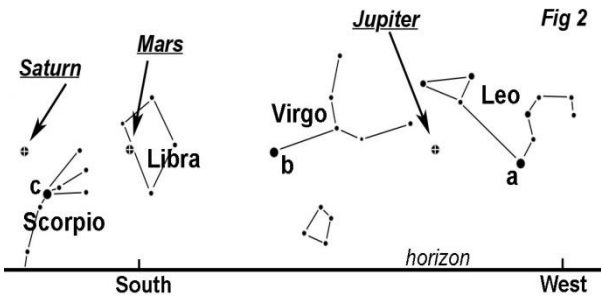
Fig 1



side of Earth is looking towards a particular group of stars but by day two we have moved on a little in our orbit leaving our observer looking at a very slightly different portion of the sky. This is a rather simplified explanation which I'll expand on another time when I talk about the difference between the "sidereal" day and the "solar" day.

The Moon and planets are found in a narrow band that centres on the ecliptic called the zodiac. The reason these bodies are found in a narrow strip of the sky is because their planes of rotation are very similar. To put it another way, if you drew a series of ellipses (the planets orbits) on a sheet of paper and then looked at it edge on, you wouldn't be very far from the truth. Mercury's orbit has the largest deviation from the ecliptic and that is only seven degrees.

If you look out a little after 10 pm on June 21 the line of the ecliptic will be obvious because it will be marked by the three planets Saturn, Mars and Jupiter stretching from the south to the west as shown in fig 2. Three bright stars are also shown to help with identification. They are Antares (c), Spica (b) and Regulus (a).





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NIGEL'S NATURE NOTES

Correspondence:

Firstly, an update from the garden of Martin (Allen) and Julie (Jewell) (15.04.16):

*'Well, looking back to this period last year, it seems that I can start this update off in exactly the same way. After a relatively quiet period in the garden, we have had some time to stand and stare over the last couple of weeks and that has shown us that the birds are returning in a big way. We have seen promising sightings of **Blue Tits** testing out our nesting box that was used last year. The vast quantity of **House Sparrows** are active in the hedge and in the area under the roof tiles, so we can expect a crop of young sometime soon. However, this does mean that we are now getting some **Magpies** standing on the top of the hedge just about where the sparrows are nesting. I think this is where Chris Packham calls for us to be 'pragmatic' in understanding the life cycle. We had a run of about a week where a **Goldcrest** was seen feeding from both the fat balls and the peanuts. It really is good to see them surviving in our garden which does have its natural fir tree habitats. The last couple of weeks has seen an increasing regularity and number of **Greenfinch**, **Goldfinch** and **Chaffinches**. There have been some scuffles between male **Blackbirds** but they seem to have been resolved and now just one male and one female are resident. The female could be the one that has been with us for a few years as she has taken to come to the back door for her currants.*



*We have one irritating **Grey Squirrel** that is gorging itself on the sunflower seeds and fat balls. Just the other day Julie saw a cat stalking it. They both ended up in the same place at the same time and both darted off in different directions in fright!*

*Further afield, we are now seeing regular sightings of the **Red Kites**, just on the perimeter of the village. Two flew over the field neat to the school only last week and Julie saw two in the fields along Limpsfield Road, so they are definitely now with us on a regular basis. How this success story has grown, as shown by the regular sightings from all of the reports we have read.'*

Thanks for this, Martin. Glad to see everything is getting back to normal. Talking of finches, there has been a pair of **Bullfinches** visiting our garden over the past few days. The male really is splendid. The bright red chest turns to a burning orange in the sunlight and looks stunning contrasted against the black head.

Next, a report from Liz (Armitage) about a butterfly, a bucket and her apparent lack of domestic routine! (11.04.16):

*'I read the article about the butterflies in the April magazine. I don't know exactly what a **Brimstone** is - I thought it was something to do with fire and witches spells! Anyway, mid-March, I was rummaging under the sink and a white butterfly flew out from a bucket I am sure hadn't seen the light of day for weeks.... I didn't see where it went, but a few days later (OK, I don't wash the kitchen floor that often!) I noticed it on the tiled floor, under a chair. Alan managed to lift it and placed it on a plant outside the back door and a few minutes later it flew away. I thought butterflies only lived a day or so - was this a super strain??'*



The Brimstone, Liz, is that beautiful, primrose-yellow butterfly that you may see flitting around your garden. The reason it causes so much excitement is that it is usually the first butterfly to emerge after the cold, winter days. Seeing one drifting around on a sunny, February morning is a truly uplifting experience. And being the first person to spot one in our village is cause for celebration! The butterfly you encountered was either a **Small** or **Large White**. Most butterflies live much longer than a day. Some migrate, the same way as birds, some emerge from chrysalises, while others hibernate over the winter and re-appear the following spring. That's what your one would have been doing.

'Are you saying that butterfly had been lurking under my kitchen sink for months, listening to all my conversations and not even helping with the washing up? Cheek!'

Entertaining, as always, Liz! Thank you.

Now, if you're a bee fan (and aren't we all?) you'll know that this year's '**Great British Bee Count**' is underway. Just pop that title into Google and you'll be able to view all the details. Also, Emi, a member of the Friends of the Earth 'Bee Cause Team', has sent an email that may be of interest as it continues a line of interest begun last year:

*'I almost can't believe it. The Government has just **rejected** an attempt to allow bee-harming pesticides back into our fields. Last year the Environment Secretary, Liz Truss MP, agreed to let farmers use banned neonicotinoid pesticides, despite the overwhelming evidence that they're harmful to bees. But we've just heard that an application from the National Farmers Union to use them again this year has been rejected. It's a great step for British bees, although there's likely to be more requests to use them in the coming weeks. There's no guarantee that this is the end of the story – it could all change again soon.'*

As we know, bees are essential for a healthy environment and healthy economy. However, our bees are under threat. Over the last century, we have lost 20 of our native species and another 35 are at risk.

With this in mind, anything we can do to encourage and care for bees will be beneficial. Twenty species in a century may not sound much but that equates to one species, lost forever, every five years. That's 18 species lost in my father's lifetime. Suddenly that sounds pretty horrendous.

Any news, views or observations? Contact: **(nigelshaw2000@hotmail.com)**. Alternatively, drop a note in to 'Linda's Stores' or to 'Primrose Ridge', Greenway.

TATSFIELD RAMBLERS



Details of walks in the surrounding area for June 2016 are as follows. Everyone welcome including your dogs.

Sunday 12 June

Leader: Annette Glazebrook

Time and Venue: 10.30am One Tree Hill Car Park, near Underriver

Map Ref: TQ560530 Postcode: TN150SN

Length 5 miles. 3 hours. To Ightham Mote via the Greensand Way.
Refreshment stop at Ightham Mote.

Sunday 26 June

Leader: Carol Vening

Time and Venue: 11.00am Rosemary Lane, near Bewl Water. Follow the A21 south from the A25. South of Lamberhurst, pass the turning on the right which is signposted to Bewl Water. About 1½ miles after this, at the sign for Springwood Trout Fisheries, turn right into Rosemary Lane. Park where the lane runs alongside the reservoir.

Map Ref: TQ700320 Postcode: TN5 7PT

Length Approx. 5 miles. 3.5 hours. Stopping at The Bull, Ticehurst. As is traditional on this particular walk, we will stop here for longer than our usual refreshment break - sufficient time that people can have lunch.

Walks can be subject to change at very short notice. Please either telephone or check the website. www.westerhamramblers.org.uk. The Ramblers do not carry insurance. They started as an informal group and never felt it necessary, so everyone is responsible for themselves (and their dogs).

Angela and Roger Sawyers (Tel: 577434 Email: acresroger@aol.com)



MEDALS GALORE FOR TATSFIELD MARTIAL ARTS

On Sunday 8th May, members from TMA travelled to Coulsdon to take part in the annual YoshinRyu judo club competition. YoshinRyu is a collection of clubs within Surrey and Coulsdon is the main location, where I teach on Saturdays, Mondays and Tuesdays - it is a permanent dojo, located in a converted church. Other YoshinRyu locations include Tatsfield, Nutfield, Addiscombe and Burgh Heath.

For some of the Tatsfield judoka's this was their first taste of competitive judo - having to fight someone you don't know under contest rules with a referee, is very different to fighting in the familiar surroundings of your club. Some had entered this event last year, so a little wiser but no less nervous! It takes courage just to enter a competition.

There were some great fights throughout the day and some fantastic results for the club:

Girls: 5 yr. olds: Olivia Coppock – GOLD, 6 yr. olds: Tillie Brown - BRONZE
8 yr. olds: Ella Jameson – BRONZE.

Boys: 5 yr. olds: Theo Garry – SILVER, 7 yr. olds: Tom Alexander - 5th place,
7 yr. olds: Charlie Brown – GOLD, 8 yr. olds: Aaron Mumford – BRONZE,
8 yr. olds: Kayden Plinston – GOLD, 9 yr. olds: Alfie Brown – BRONZE,
10 yr. olds: Charlie Worth – BRONZE, 11 yr. olds: Noel Stokoe - BRONZE
11 yr. olds: Danny Dow Smith - SILVER

Tom Alexander was extremely unlucky. He fought his way through to the bronze medal fight only to lose after extra time. No scores had been recorded during the contest so the referee had to make the decision who won. Myself and a number of other coaches felt Tom had done enough to secure this decision. However the referee saw things differently and awarded the fight to his opponent. As the senior club coach, I could have stepped in and overturned this decision - but this wouldn't have been the right thing to do. The referee's decision is final in judo and has to be respected, even if you don't agree with it. So a tough decision to accept, but considering how hard Tom fought throughout the day, he can hold his head up high.

All the student have gradings coming up over the next couple of months, plus a handful are representing the club in the South Coast Open & the Surrey Youth Games in June. Hopefully, the recent run of medals will continue.

Adam Plinston



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When your first payment is received in the 100 Club account you will be given a number (between 1 and 100) which will be put into the draw. If there were 100 members then the prizes each month would be: 1st prize £150.00; 2nd Prize £100.00 and 3rd prize £50.00

Obviously, with less than 100 members, then the prizes are less on a pro rata basis. The more members the bigger the prizes! You can have as many numbers as you want at just £6.00 per month per number.

If you wish to join the 100 Club then please contact Les Eames by e-mail at les.eames@ntlworld.com for a form to enable a standing order to be set up with your bank.

Congratulations to the 100 Club winners for April 2016

1st prize:	Keith Woolfrey	£45.00
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3rd prize:	Tim Scott	£15.00



TATSFIELD TABLE TENNIS CLUB

We have welcomed some new faces to our club since the New Year and are hoping for more. Why not pop along on a Thursday evening at 8 pm to see what we have to offer - five quality tables (one of which is set aside for coaching each week), nets, bats, balls all provided as are refreshments; you could take advantage of a training session with our coach, Ian, to improve your game should you so wish, but essentially new friends are waiting to meet you whatever the standard of your game, beginner or more experienced we have a player waiting to give you a challenge, see you soon!

Any more information needed please ring Jonnie Panther 577518

Cathy Glover – Committee Member

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN OXTED AND DISTRICT (CTOD)

On Sunday 3 July the congregations of the 12 churches of CTOD will come together to renew their covenant with each other; the 30th anniversary of the first such signing. Church Unity in our area is much older than that. It was in 1948 that the Council of Churches was formed. After the second Vatican Council, All Saints Roman Catholic church joined and then came Tatsfield. A year later in 1986 all the main churches in the area agreed to covenant for unity themselves.

The CTOD Covenant now reads:

We, the Churches of Oxted and District

- *recognise that Christ wills the unity of his Church;*
- *acknowledge the sincerity of each tradition of faith;*
- *rejoice in our common Christian faith and heritage;*
- *give thanks to the Holy Spirit for leading us into closer friendship and unity of purpose.*

So we covenant with each other to

- *continue our pilgrimage towards a visible unity, praying that God will lead us to the form that it will eventually take;*
- *share our Christian life together as fully as we can, in love and service to God and to God's world.*

To do this we will:

- *worship, pray and study together so that we may understand, know and value each other;*
- *wherever possible, carry out our mission to our local community and the wider world as Churches Together;*
- *commit ourselves, as individual churches and together, to find ways to promote unity;*
- *every year, review our progress towards these objectives.*

CTOD provides an invaluable link between the local churches. In addition to seven Anglican churches these include: All Saints RC Church, Oxted URC, Hurst Green Methodist Church, Hurst Green Evangelical Church and Kings Church.

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They are also advised to keep away from the caterpillars and their nests, because their hairs can cause itching skin rashes and other health problems and to report sightings to the Forestry Commission.

OPM is a tree pest which was accidentally introduced to England. They feed on oak leaves and in large numbers they can severely defoliate trees and leave them vulnerable to other pests, diseases and drought.

Their tiny hairs contain a protein which can cause itchy skin rashes and, less frequently, eye and throat irritations and breathing difficulties in people and animals. The hairs can be blown on the wind, and left in their nests on and under oak trees.

The greatest risk period is May to July, when the caterpillars are active, although nests should not be touched at any time. The Forestry Commission website www.forestry.gov.uk/opm1 has pictures to help identify the pest.

Infested oak trees should be treated by qualified operators under strict controls to ensure it is safe for people, pets, livestock and the environment.

Report OPM sightings to the Forestry Commission, using the Tree Alert online form available from www.forestry.gov.uk/opm1. Anyone who cannot use Tree Alert may e-mail or telephone reports to opm@forestry.gsi.gov.uk or 0300 067 4442.

Health advice is available from the "Insects that bite or sting" area of the NHS Choices website, www.nhs.uk/livewell.

Anyone pruning or felling oak trees in the affected areas should contact Forestry Commission England's Tree Health Unit beforehand for advice on opm@forestry.gsi.gov.uk or 0300 067 4442 about safe removal of the material.

Councillor Tony Elias, Chairman of the Community Services Committee, said: "We strongly advise people not to touch or approach the caterpillars or their nests because of the health risks posed by the hairs. Pets and livestock can also be affected and should be kept away as well."

For more information, contact Giuseppina Valenza, Head of Communications, on 01883 732704.

TATSFIELD PARISH MAGAZINE FINANCES

We are very grateful for the many donations towards the production costs of this magazine received from individuals and organisations.

The following organisations have made recent donations: Tatsfield Village Hall, Tatsfield School, Tatsfield No So Young, Tatsfield Short Mat Bowls, Tatsfield Art Group, St Mary's Church, Tatsfield Food & Wine Society, Tatsfield Parish Council, Tatsfield Scouts, Little Acorns, Tatsfield WI, Tatsfield Bridge Club, Tatsfield Badminton Club, Vern d'Anjou Association, Tatsfield Fair Trade, Tatsfield Horti Soc.

The magazine is distributed to all houses in the village free of charge which is only possible by charging for advertising, and from sales (to those outside the village), donations from village organisations and individual donations.

Our costs are mainly the printing of the magazine but also include some preparation costs, postage and stationery and sundry expenses.

A summary of these figures on the basis of the actual amounts paid and received in the year ending 31 March 2016 is as follows.

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Sundry Expenses	<u>68</u>
	7,219
Surplus in year	480

Many thanks to all who advertise, give donations and give of their time thus enabling the production of a great magazine.

Madie Langford, Magazine Treasurer

If you or your organisation have not recently contributed to the costs of the magazine and would like to do so, donations may be left at Linda's Stores in an envelope marked Tatsfield Parish Magazine.

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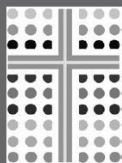
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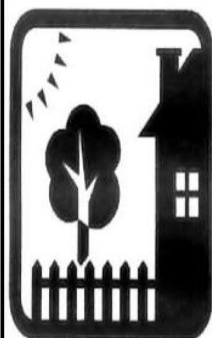
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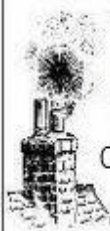
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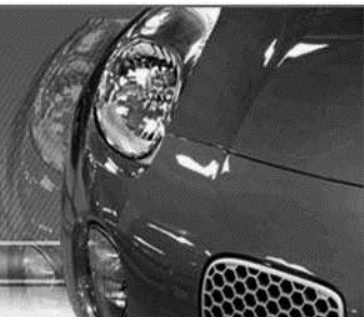
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