OCTOBER 2020

Tatsfield Parish Magazine 25 YEARS 1995-2020

J.

thoughts

of Dementia

In my

and

£1. One copy FREE to each household

www.tatsfield.org.uk

atvide.



HOUSE AND GARDENS OPEN ON SATURDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS, GARDENS ONLY ON SUNDAYS

Titsey Place, with its stunning garden, lakes, woodland walks, walled kitchen garden and park offering panoramic views, enchants visitors. Enjoy the fine family portraits, furniture, a beautiful collection of porcelain and a marvellous set of four Canaletto pictures of Venice. After visiting the mansion house and grounds, why not relax in our tea room where light refreshments are available. Open season: 16th May to 23rd Sept 2020 House and gardens open: 1pm to 5pm every Wed and Sat. Also end of May and Aug bank holidays. Guided tours of the house at 1.30, 2.30 and 3.30pm (limited 20 per tour) Tea rooms open: Wed, Sat. Sun 12.30pm Gardens only open: Every Sun 1pm to 5pm NGS open days: 17th May, 14th June, 19th July, 16th August

Info Line: 07889 052461 www.titsey.org





LOOK OUT IN OCT bar restaurant & grill

To Celebrate the Launch of Our

New Autumn Menu Stephen, Our Chef, has created

We Invite you to Attend Our Autumn Tasting Menu Night—Thursday 15th October 6 Course Tasting Menu—£45.00 Optional Wine Flight £ 23.50 Arrival 7pm to sit down at 7.30pm To Book Call Us Only On 01959 577605

THE BAKERY RESTAURANT - WESTMORE GREEN - TATSFIELD - KENT - TN16 2AG Tel 01959 577605 e-mail info@thebakeryrestaurant.com or www.thebakeryrestaurant.com

Sheree's Store & Tearoom



- Speciality Tea and Coffees
- Delicious cakes
- Cream teas
- Hand made cards
- Locally made arts & crafts
- Wide range of products including locally sourced & Fairtrade
- Newspapers, stationery & stamps
- PayPoint
- Cash back

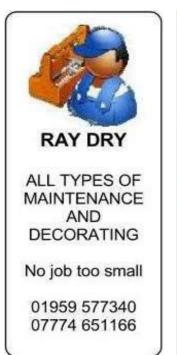
Join us in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere in the heart of the village

Tel 01959 928181

f 'Sheree's Store and Tearoom'

2 The Parade Westmore Green Tatsfield TNI6 2AS







How sharp is your image? Does your literature or website content need updating?

bigginwords

COMPETITIVE RATES

Whether you need a full PR campaign, one-off project, company newsletter or leaflet, or some editing and proofreading, bigginwords can help. I can also help with book manuscripts, club newsletters, letter writing and more...

For a bespoke, friendly service give me a call on 07814 738894,

or email <u>barbara@bigginwords.co.uk</u> www.bigginwords.co.uk FELLOW MEMBER OF: SWWJ (Society of Women Writers & Journalists).



Your reliable Tatsfield taxi service for all occasions

Airport transfers Taxi hire Occasion/Wedding hire Corporate hire School run service (DBS checked)

01959 575957 A25Taxis.co.uk

Homeopathy

A safe and effective form of natural healing for adults and children, which can help with most complaints.

01959 577 143 MOBILE 07494 568 520



Alizon Mooney R.G.N. QUALIFIED HOMEOPATH



THE CHARTWELL CANCER TRUST CHARITY SHOP

Westmore Green, Tatsfield Village



Selling a range of good quality new and secondhand items.

We have ensured that all necessary precautions are in place such as social distancing measures, protective equipment for our staff and volunteers and the safe collection and processing of donated items.

OTHER CCT Shops:

Addington Road, Selsdon Croydon University Hospital Acre Lane, Brixton The Green, Westerham

Good quality donations wanted (non-electrical).

If you would like to volunteer in one of our shops call 01959 570322 or email info@chartwellcancertrust.co.uk

www.chartwellcancertrust.co.uk



We provide a wide range of tree services Complete tree and Stump removal Thinning and Pruning Crown Reduction Lifting and Reducing Site Clearance 24 Hour Emergency Call Out Chippings delivered All fencing undertaken. Based in Tatsfield D1959 577718 D7831 132333 acaciatreesurgeons@gmail.com

NPTC QUALIFIED & CHAS REGISTERED

Call us today for a free estimate Celebrating 75 years of professional tree care

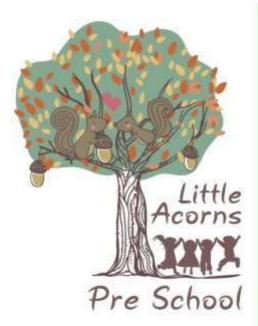






TATSFIELD VILLAGE CLUB & POST OFFICE





Pre School for children 2+ Tatsfield Village Hall

Funding available for 2.3 &4 year olds

Mon: 8am - 3pm Tue: 8am - 3pm Wed: 8am - 3pm <u>New!</u> Thurs: 8am - 3pm Fri: 8am - 1pm

Breakfast Club Monday- Friday 7.15 - 9am For 2-11 year olds including drop off to Tatafield School

Call: 01959 540775 Email: office@littleacornstatsfield.co.uk www.littleacornstatsfield.co.uk

LOCAL CARERS Biggin Hill & Tatsfield

NVO Level 18 2. Fully insured CRB (Police Check)

Deige Keefe 07981 182773

For all your personal needs Call us for advice or charges Deige0707@gmail.com WINDOW CLEANER

Terry Waite

01959 577613 07703 519353

terrywaite8@hotmail.com

Locally established for over 25 years









As Financial Advisors we provide advice on a wide range of financial matters. From investment advice to retirement planning and managing your estate, we ensure as much as possible goes to the people you want to benefit from your hard work. Our initial 45 minute meeting is free, either at our offices in Tatsfield or your home.

To arrange a meeting please call 01959 571300 IQ Wealth Management, Aileen McHugo Building, Westmore Green, Tatsfield TN16 2AG

The value of your investments and pensions can fall as well as rise and you might get back less than you invested

IQ Wealth Management is a trading name of Philip Clark who is an appointed representative of Quilter Financial Limited

01959 577347



MOT - Servicing - Repairs on all makes of vehicle.

Tyres • Batteries • Brakes • Suspension

Garage Ltd

TATSFIELD

Air Con • Clutches • Diagnostics • Welding

Please call Simon or just pop in.

Established since 2014

5-7 Paynesfield Road • Tatsfield • TN16 2AT • tatsfieldgarage@gmail.com

Tatsfield

OAY NURSE THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR YOUR CH CALL 01959 928 427

We believe that every child is made to live an extra ordinary childhood, that they can accomplish anything, with the right teacher and environment. With over 100 years teaching experience, Monkey Puzzle is more than just an education, it is an environment where life skills, good manners, caring for each other and bonds are made for life.

Highly qualified, well-motivated staff Beautifully appointed, bright open rooms Large outdoor play area Open 7.30am - 6.30pm, 51 weeks of the year Accept 2, 3 and 4-year Government funding

Monkey Puzzle Day Nursery Tatsfield Old School, Church Hill, Tatsfield, Surrey TN16 IJX manager@monkeypuzzletatsfield.co.uk www.monkeypuzzletatsfield.co.uk



@monkeypuzzletatsfield

@monkeypuzzletatsfield





Starg A Zing

All pupils look skywards for their ambition Support is given to raise the bar as high as true potential allows

> For details of the School's next Open Mornings see the website

The alphabest of Ha-zelwood School

www.hazelwoodschool.co.uk. Contact Nick Tappin on 01883 733841



PERSONAL TRAINING SERVICES



WANT TO GET FIT AND FEEL BETTER?

GREAT INDOOR & OUTDOOR TRAINING FACILITIES IN TATSFIELD SUITABLE FOR BEGINNERS AND ADVANCED TRAINING

PACKAGES

1:1 PERSONAL TRAINING 1:2-1:4 SMALL GROUP TRAINING SPORT SPECIFIC TRAINING

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT CHARLOTTE LIMPENNY ON:

Email: charlotte@fitness-for-all.co.uk Website: Fitness-for-all.co.uk Tele: 07769692782 Fully Insured, Level 2 Gym Instructor, Level 3 Personal Trainer, Senior Fitness Specialist.

Tatsfield Aquatics and Reptiles

- Reptiles
- Tropical Fish
- Marine Fish
- Pond Fish

'Everything for your fish and reptiles under one roof'

Open every day (Only 20 minutes from Croydon)





Waylands Farm Approach Road Tatsfield TN16 2JT

01959 571828





Tatsfield Martial Arts – Judo & Ju Jitsu Dojo

Head Coach - Adam Plinston.

5th Dan Black Belt. UKCC level 2 Coach. DBS Checked & First Aider

Gain confidence. Learn self defence. Have fun getting fit



FIRST LESSON



07956 956095 / tatsfieldmartialarts@gmail.com / www.tatsfieldmartialarts.com

FREE!

PILATES CLASSES

Tuesdays 6.00pm-7.00pm Westerham Hall Quebec Avenue, Westerham TN16 4BG

Fridays 10.00pm-11.00am 11.15am-12.15pm Tatsfield WI Hall Paynesfield Road.

Tatsfield TN16 2AT

ADULT TAP CLASS

Tuesdays 7.00pm - 7.45pm Westerham Hall

Quebec Avenue, Westerham TN16 4BG

COME AND JOIN US -No experience required!

e: emily@dancefirst.co.uk m: 07734 543464 For full details of classes: www.dancefirst.co.uk

From small gardens or ponds to full design and build packages, we offer a wide range of services. Garden, pond, water feature & landscaping design, construction and maintenance, all to a high quality finish.

ance

FIRST

RM Ponds & Landscaping Ltd Tel: 01732-863177 / 07903-329631 Email: rmpondsandlandscaping@gmail.com

We have extensive experience, broad range of skills and an innovative approach to transform your outdoor space and create beautiful gardens. Our aim is to impress and please our clients with every project and to build everything to an extremely high standard. Produced for the Village by the Parish Magazine Committee under the authority of Tatsfield Church.

Editors • Tracey Syrett • Tara Barry

Chairman • Revd Vince Short

Treasurer • Madie Langford (577114) Distribution Manager • Jim and Ruth Yeeles (577489)

Advertising Manager • Sarah Tait

Production Team

Ian Mitchell • Ruth Yeeles

CHURCH CONTACTS

ST MARY'S CHURCH, Church Lane, Tatsfield, TN16 2JX, www.lttm.org.uk

Anglican • Team Vicar: Revd. Vince Short

The Rectory, Ricketts Hill Road, Tatsfield, TN16 2NA (577289; vince@lttm.org.uk)

Wardens • Marjory Broughton (541059), Chris Hancock (577622)

COUNCIL CONTACTS

Parish Council: Clerk • Samantha Head, 33 Alexandra Rd, Warlingham CR6 9DW clerk@tatsfieldparishcouncil.org.uk (07483 337461) Chair • Kim Jennings email: kimjennings@tatsfieldparishcouncil.org.uk, (577328) Website www.surreycommunity.info/tatsfield Tandridge District Councillor• Martin Allen,38 Paynesfield Rd, Tatsfield TN16 2BG (577201) Surrey County Councillor• Becky Rush <u>Becky.rush@surreycc.gov.uk</u>

OTHER CONTACTS

St. Mary's Church Hall - Bookings • Sheila Cook (577443) Village Hall - Bookings Secretary • Helena Garcia (tatsfieldvillagehall@live.co.uk) (07983 011028) W.I. Hall - Bookings •Sheila Cook (577443) Parish Room - Bookings •(07920 772880) email clerk@tatsfieldparishcouncil.org.uk Tatsfield Primary School - Head • Kevin Bellinger(577356) Tatsfield Village Club-577330 Furze Corner Sports Pavilion - Bookings 07533 033325 Doctors • Stock Hill Surgery 580011 • Westerham Surgery 564949 Tatsfield Helpline - (577749) • Pet Register - Val Moore (574810) Village Website: www.tatsfield.org.uk

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

We welcome contributions from village organisations and individual residents but reserve all editorial rights. We welcome letters commenting on items in previous issues or on anything else. Anonymous submissions will not be accepted. Organisations must include contact details in their submission, which will be published. Copy date for the Magazine is normally 16th of the preceding month, except for July/Aug and Jan/Feb double issues. Ideally contributions should be sent as a Word attachment in an email to: <u>tatsfieldpm@gmail.com</u>, Alternatively they may be posted to: Tatsfield Parish Magazine, The Rectory, Ricketts Hill Road, Tatsfield, Westerham, TN16 2NA.

Enquiries concerning advertising or loose inserts should be made to Sarah Tait (<u>tatsfieldmag@gmail.com</u>). All loose inserts need to be booked an approved at least ONE MONTH in advance of insertion.

Small Ads These are accepted only from Tatsfield or Titsey residents (No Trade) and are free of charge (Max 10 words plus phone number.) We will include them in the next issue space permitting.

Calendar Dates Our calendar usually covers six weeks or more from publication so please give us your dates in good time. If you don't want your event to clash with others why not check with us early?

Advertisements We take no responsibility for the goods and services advertised in the magazine. Cover image: Photo taken by Jan Akthar of her charity wagon raising funds for Dementia Charities

EDITORIAL

When we go out cycling while on holiday in Suffolk, one of the joys for my wife, Veronica, and myself, is to find fresh onions or potatoes at the roadside, where they've recently fallen from an overloaded tractor and trailer on a corner or uneven stretch of road. Another joy is to purchase home-grown produce from the tables or stalls that are a relatively common sight by garden gates and smallholdings. Together these often form part of our meal that same evening.

Whilst our situation is very different, this closeness to harvest reminds us of the practice of gleaning, where what is left over at the end of harvest can be gathered by those who need it. In Old Testament times (Leviticus 19:9-10) harvesters had a duty to leave some of the harvest behind for this purpose and as recently as the 1890s, gleaning was an essential supplement to the income of farm workers.

One piece of good news in the recent BBC1 programme "Extinction: the Facts" was that world food production is still sufficient to feed the whole world (without any further deforestation). However, there is the need to reduce waste, which currently runs at 40% and also the challenge of getting the food to all who need it.

On a domestic level, food banks have been playing an increasingly important part in society, where loss of employment and housing can quickly change the circumstances of those who have no reserves to fall back upon, although the Government has offered some welcome protection by slowing the process of evictions in the face of the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As St Mary's Church contributes to the celebration of Harvest with services on Sunday 4th October and our usual collections for the food cupboard at Christ Church, Brixton Road, and possibly, our local foodbank in Westerham, I feel that a positive message for Harvest is that we could each make a difference by sharing our resources, as well as seeking to play our part in reducing food waste. In addition, let's be very thankful for the vital work of all who are involved in food production and distribution.

Finally, a verse of a great harvest hymn that some might like to sing at home:

We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, But it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand; He sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain, The breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain. All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above; Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all His love.

Matthias Claudius. Tr. Jane M. Campbell.

God bless, Vince 01959 577289 email: <u>vince@lttm.org.uk</u>



New government guidance to keep us all safe

Following increased positive COVID-19 cases in parts of the UK, the government is introducing <u>new measures</u> to keep us safe and to try to stop the spread of the virus. From Monday 14 September:

- You must not meet with people from other households socially in groups of more than six, whether indoors or outdoors, including in private homes.
- COVID-19 secure venues, such as places of worship, restaurants and hospitality venues can still host large numbers of people, but groups of up to six must not mix with others or form larger groups.

This new rule will not apply to individual households or support bubbles of more than six who will still be able to gather together.

Education and work settings are unaffected and organised team sports will still be able to proceed, as will weddings and funerals of up to 30 people.

From Monday, these changes will be enforceable in law.

The government has also updated its FAQs setting out <u>what you can and can't currently do</u> and its <u>social distancing guidance for young people</u> to reflect these new changes.



Safely using our open spaces

The government guidance on <u>accessing green spaces safely</u> has been updated to reflect the new measures mentioned above. When using outdoor spaces across the district, please remember to:

- Walk or cycle to them if possible and wear a face covering if using public transport to travel, unless you have an exemption.
- · Check if facilities like car parks and toilets are available before you travel.
- · Take hygiene precautions when you are outside.
- · Wash your hands as soon as you are back indoors
- Keep at least two metres apart from anyone outside your household or support bubble where possible, or at least one metre with precautions such as wearing a face mask.
- · Take hand sanitiser with you in case there are no handwashing facilities.

We've recently received reports of anti social behaviour in some of our parks. When using our parks, please don't:

- · Play loud music, especially at night.
- · Shout or use offensive language.
- · Play ball games near residents' homes.
- Leave litter behind. If the bins provided are full, please take your litter home with you.

KEY HELPLINES

Fraud: If you need to report a scam, please contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040

Domestic Abuse: If you are at risk, please contact East Surrey Domestic Abuse Service in confidence on: 01737 771350 or the National Helpline 0800 2000 247 which is manned 24/7. The <u>Surrey Domestic Abuse Partnership</u> is aware the measures to reduce the spread of Covid-19 will put survivors of domestic abuse at further risk. Being unable to leave the home will make accessing support even more difficult and being isolated at home with a perpetrator increases the risk of serious harm or worse. The Home Office has published <u>advice and guidance for those who are experiencing or feel at risk of domestic abuse</u> during the outbreak.

In danger, need the police, but can't speak? <u>SILENT SOLUTION</u> is a way for the public to access help in an emergency situation even if it's not safe, or they are unable to speak. This solution allows someone to make themselves heard and let the 999 operator know the call is genuine.

Bright Sky App: Bright Sky is an App providing support and information for anyone experiencing domestic abuse, or someone concerned about a friend or family member. In addition, the app is available for use by employers and service providers and includes:

- A UK-wide directory of specialist domestic abuse support services
- A secure My Journal tool to record incidents of abuse via text, audio, video or photo form, without any of the content being saved on the device itself
- Questionnaires to assess the safety of a relationship, plus a section on dispelling myths around domestic and sexual abuse
- Links to further resources and information on topics around domestic abuse

You can <u>download Bright Sky</u> for free on the Google Play Store and App Store, where it is available in English, Polish, Punjabi and Urdu.

Surrey County Council Helpline: If you need the help of volunteers and community groups, financial support, or help with prescriptions they can be contacted on 0300 200 1008.

Tandridge District Council: If you have a business, Tandridge are responsible for administering the grants and business rate relief that you may be eligible for. You can register on <u>https://www.tandridge.gov.uk/Your-council/Coronavirus</u>

Food available for parents struggling to provide family meals: Those finding it hard to put food on the table are being encouraged to talk to their child's school or early years setting, or to contact the <u>Community Helpline</u> set up by Surrey County Council to find out about the options available. There are various other sources of food available, including food banks and community fridges. In addition, food hampers are available for some families who need them and again schools will be able to help with allocation.

LETTERS

Dear Editors,

After reading your magazine for the first time today, I feel I must write and compliment you on an excellent piece of work.

The news from parish, district and county councils is well set out and clear for residents to understand. There is lots of information concerning helplines and how to access them, and lots of information concerning future events.

It is also encouraging, in these difficult times to see how well you are supported by local business, a true community magazine.

Well done and best wishes Cllr Mark Ridge, Lingfield and Crowhurst ward

Dear Editors

We wonder, is any other household experiencing problems with their land-line connection with the local (and not so local) hospitals? On the other hand we have had calls from various parts of the world – Australia, Mexico and Europe as well as Scotland and locally. We have been told a number of times that various hospitals have been trying to contact one or other of us about appointments/consultations but cannot get through. On the other hand, we can call them with no difficulty. The problem has been reported to the GPO etc. and the line checked but no problem was detected. We are interested to see if anyone else is experiencing the same thing? No-one is willing to take responsibility for the problem which is annoying to say the least. Being a little deaf makes it difficult to hear our mobile phone so we cannot rely on it.

John and Antoinette Holley

Dear dog walker

We are very grateful for the way you carefully gather up your dog's poo and put it in black plastic bags, we have quite a collection now hanging in the hedge. When we were out in the lane picking blackberries recently my eldest grandson (8years old) was very amused that an adult did not seem to understand that dog poo inside black plastic does not break down, and, why doesn't the stupid person take it home with them? Such wisdom from one so young!

Jon Allbutt



THE TALE OF A FOXY THIEF

There are many things that make Tatsfield a wonderful place to live andl'd like to tell you a quick story that shows this great village at is neighbourly and eccentric best. Let me take you back to the start of lockdown. Our government-sanctionedexercise was in full swing and having left my new trainers in the office, I had started running in an old pair which were practically falling apart. After a couple of months, and a heroic 80 or so miles of wear, I decided to treat myself to new ones and ordered a glorious pistachio green pair of trail shoes

online. The day they were delivered, I took them for their debut run around the village.

It was a warm evening and I decided to let them air out on the porch overnight, only to discover to my great surprise that the next morning there was only one shoe there.

I was puzzled. Why would a thief take just one trainer? Was it a practical joke? My husband Tom worked out what had happened straight away. 'It'll be a fox' he said. He'd heard about a friend who'd had not one but two trainers stolen by a fox and after a quick google I concluded he was probably right. Foxy had form for this kind of caper and I learned that while some foxes like crocs (there's a Dr Seuss book in here somewhere), some steal underwear, and still others all manner of goods and trinkets. Often, by all accounts, they're taken back to their lairs for the cubs to play with.

Dismayed at the loss of my expensive and very new trainer I trailed around the village, grid walking Tatsfield Green and poking around amongst the fox lairs in the woods opposite. Nothing. I was on the point of throwing away my remaining shoe (having seriously considered getting at least half my money¹s worth by wearing one old shoe and one new on my runs but decided this was too eccentric, even for Tatsfield). Before I resigned myself to getting a new pair, and more in hope than expectation, I posted a picture of the remaining shoe on Tatsfield Talk in case anyone stumbled across its twin in a road or ditch. A few weeks went by and I got an alert on Facebook that there'd been a comment. Two lovely ladies from the village had formed the link between me and the owners of a lawn on which, on the night of its disappearance, the trainer, only slightly chewed, had been abandoned. The lawn owners were not on Facebook but had spotted the errant shoe and mentioned it, perturbed, to a neighbour who had remembered seeing the post and taken the trouble to join the dots.

And so there I was, calling in to see two people I¹d never met before who live about 12 houses away from me and across the green to collect the village's best travelled shoe. They were absolutely lovely and we marvelled over the distance the shoe had travelled. So there we go. New shoes, new friends, and a strange tale to add to the Tatsfield annals. All shoes are now safely locked indoors at night and I have renewed respect for the doggedness and curiosity of the brush tailed friends we share our village with.

Laura Ellis

MY CHARITY WAGON

Having retired in July 2019, I wanted to find a way of raising money for charity and the cause that is close to my heart is Dementia. My father has been suffering from Alzheimer's for the last ten years and witnessing his gradual demise and the sadness and distress it has caused to all who love him, made me determined to help towards finding a cure and giving support to families coping with this cruel disease.

We have been holidaying in the Isles of Scilly for many years and it is commonplace for local islanders to sell handmade crafts and produce outside their front gates, using honesty boxes. One such cottage has a charming wagon and I have always admired it!

Last year, I took a photo of this and showed it to my husband in the hope that he could make one for me! In searching for suitable wooden cartwheels on Ebay, Aslam discovered that the Scilly Isles' wagon was, in fact, a converted dog cart. He then found a similar dog cart for sale and we collected it from Margate. A few days later, I had an identical wagon and the rest is history! (The wagon features on the front cover of this issue.)

I was not overly optimistic that it would be a success, but I have been overwhelmed with the support and kindness that I have received! One of the best sellers is 'Smartie Cake' – something that many Tatsfield pupils have tasted as I used to make it weekly for the school orchestra and for Year 6 as a leaving treat! It was an old family recipe of my Grandma's and she used to decorate it with smarties, hence the name. It actually contains no Smarties but the name stuck!

I gradually added wooden signs with quotes and sayings written on them, recycled tin cans for plant pots and bug hotels, homemade jam and surplus fruit and vegetables.

In addition, I have had numerous contributions from local people, of produce, crafts and monetary donations for which I am extremely grateful and to date, we have raised an incredible £1, 400. For anyone who is wondering where this is located, it is outside our gate at Furze Corner, Approach Rd, next to the Sports field.

I hope to carry on until the end of September and then I may take a break during October, to restock the wagon with some Christmas crafts, ready for November onwards.

Thank you again, to everyone who has either bought items or contributed to the wagon's contents.

Jan Akhtar

LOCKDOWN- LOVE IT OR LEAVE IT?

Time has changed its appearance, somehow it has enlarged, but then shimmied away as well. We have all learned that the treadmill of work and life can be enhanced and clarified and controlled in a new and enhancing way. Perhaps this applies essentially to those in lockdown. I hope some readers will discuss how it has been for those of you who are essential workers. Have you found you are valued more by the rest of society? If, when we get through this, will we all remember those people. Will we be kinder to them and show our appreciation by our attitude in future?

My own neighbours have been stalwart in helping us and generous with their time and I hope most of the villagers have found the same. As a retired woman, lockdown has been a new and interesting event. It has encouraged everyone to become more outgoing verbally. People I do not know, as they walk by my front garden will say hello and sometimes talk a little. People who can go out for an hour of exercise often come along our lane because it joins up with a lane to Biggin Hill, so conversations among strangers is now quite frequent. We were housebound until the end of July because I was shielding my husband. Our children have been able to visit, initially in the garden. The weather has been kind for some time now, and we have even managed a book club meeting in the garden spaced apart appropriately.

I have learned to shop on-line - being something of a luddite, this was challenging for me, and much swearing was to be heard from the kitchen! Because I was not going to anything, I have been able to indulge in a little water-colour painting, something not done for years.

What have other readers been doing that is different for them?

My son, who is on furlough like all of British Airways, has been making bread and cooking vegetarian food, his birthday gift from me is a pasta making machine. Perhaps like many other furloughed workers, some of you have been learning something new online or zooming to communicate with colleagues?

Our village shop has held things together to help people who could not go far, they like many other corner shops have been wonderful. Our Parish council have organized collecting medicine for those shielding. The pub and the Bakery have been providing take-away meals.

We have managed to still keep our village looking pretty and unique, the young ones have stepped forward, to help with deliveries and to keep the village looking smart. Everyone who has an open space, or garden has learned its value. Gardening has taken on a new meaning and will help us all to value our planet more than ever.

Have our values overall changed in the long term? When we look back on this period, what will we have learned?

Dawn Forrester-Groom

DONATIONS AND GIFTS

We, as the Magazine Committee, have decided this year not to request any donations to the magazine from Village organisations or individuals.

We appreciate that in these difficult times, village organisations have not been able to have their meetings and activities and have therefore not used the magazine to advertise such events or been able to report on them.

We were unable to deliver to every household for a few issues, and although the system of leaving magazines in the old bus shelter did work well for many, some of you were unable to collect your magazine.

We hope therefore that you will take this as a gesture of goodwill in these difficult times and hope that you will all keep well and consider and look after each other.

Madie Langford, Treasurer



THE HAPPY CROISSANT DELIVERY CO •

Delicious, freshly baked croissants and pastries delivered to your door on from 8am on Saturdays and Sundays.

> ALL BUTTER CROISSANT- £1 PAIN AU CHOCOLAT - £1.25 PAIN AUX RAISIN - £1.25

> > Deliveries within Tatsfield village. Please send me a text or WhatsApp message to order: Ethan Syrett 07482 402988

Changes to car parking in Ellice Road, Oxted

From 1 October, anyone parking in Ellice Road car park in Oxted will be able to park for free for up to two hours.

In August we increased free parking to three hours, until 30 September, to help support local businesses and encourage people to shop locally.



From 1 October, parking arrangements in Ellice Road car park will go back to our original two hours of free parking.

Details of charges for parking are on the car park ticket machines, notice boards and on our website.

Parking arrangements in our other car parks remain unchanged.

COVID-19 testing

There is very high demand for COVID-19 tests and it is vital people with symptoms are able to get a test to help stop the spread of the virus. When thinking about whether you or one of your employees should book a test, please consider the following:



You should get a test if you:

 Have COVID-19 symptoms (high temperature, new, continuous cough and loss or change to your sense of smell or taste) you must get a test.

If you or any of your employees have symptoms and need to book a test, you can do this <u>online</u> or by calling **119**. Please do not call **111**, which is an urgent care service and cannot help with tests.

You should not get a test if you:

- · Don't have symptoms.
- · Have returned from abroad or are about to travel and don't have symptoms.
- · Are returning to the workplace and don't have symptoms.
- You have been in contact with a confirmed case, or if another member of your household has symptoms, only get a test if you have symptoms.

Employers should not ask staff to get tested before they come into the workplace. The testing service is also unable to test people without symptoms, to provide proof of a negative test result, which some employers are asking for.

TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

In a normal year, the Parish Council tend not to sit in August. 2020 of course being far from a normal year has meant that the PC have been busier than ever. Also our meetings since April have all been via Zoom so it was good to see we had six members of the public join us on 14th September. We must be more entertaining than the repeats on TV!

Just as I sit to write this, I have heard That Tatsfield In Bloom have once again been awarded A GOLD. In what has been a very difficult time, this is all the more deserved. TIB adapted to problems set them and proved what a wonderful bunch of volunteers they are. Congratulations to them all.

This month we had six planning applications to consider.

Little Dene, Ricketts Hill Road - Erection of a single storey side and rear extension and enlarged front dormer. No comment

White Gables, Cudham Road - Demolition of existing carport and erection of replacement carport. No Comment.

Tavira, Parkwood Road - Demolition of existing annex workshop and conservatory. Erection of two storey side extension with basement. Before considering we have requested further details.

The Firs, Maesmaur Road - Erection of a single storey rear extension and rear dormer in association of loft to habitable accommodation - Object.

Thistledown, Shaw Road - Erection of a detatched storage building (Part retrospective) and Greenhouse - Object.

The Red House, Ricketts Hill Road - Erection of single storey outbuilding to north west of main building - Object.

Further details of these planning applications can be found on the Parish Council website.

With the introduction of the Government's new COVID restrictions, much of the discussion at our meeting was about the two highlights in the Tatsfield Village cocial calendar, the Remembrance Service and the Christmas Carol Singalong. We are putting in place a request for the road closures as this needs forward planning but are awaiting guidance information from the British Legion and TDC. We have therefore deferred our decision on both events until our October meeting and hope the position will be clearer. Although it will be very disappointing if we have to cancel these events, the safety of us all is our primary concern.

During the summer, with Social Distancing, a few members of the Parish Council have been giving the AMB meeting room a bit of long-awaited makeover. The walls have been painted along with the woodwork and new blinds and carpet fitted. We hope to be able to reopen for bookings as soon as COVID precautions allow. A new boiler has also been installed which will hopefully be far more efficient and cost effective in the future. We are in the planning stages of providing an overhaul of the Christmas Lights in the Village centre and will be able to report more progress next month.

The picnic benches on the Village Green have been hailed a great success and have provided a lovely spot for friends to meet and enjoy the pond and a cuppa and cake from Sheree's. The Parish Council propose to leave them in place at the moment and will look again in October.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Monday 12th October via Zoom. If you would like to join us please contact the Clerk by email clerk@tatsfieldparishcouncil.org.uk for full details.

Kim Jennings Chair, Tatsfield Parish Council <u>kimjennings@tatsfieldparishcouncil.org.uk</u> 01959 577328

TANDRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL

On the matter of the possibility of Unitary in Surrey Tandridge District Council hosted a Zoom meeting for Members, Parish Council chairs across the district and for their own Executive Leadership Team. The Seminar briefed everyone on the recent proposals, you saw the letters in last month's edition, the contents of the anticipated white paper and to discuss the factors for this council to consider when proposing solutions related to any Government reorganisation which will specifically ensure that where possible it meets the needs of the Tandridge District residents and business.

I will keep you updated on any developments with regards to this important matter as it develops but do please join the debate by reading everything relevant to any proposals so that we can be sure that you have your own say and input.

So with Covid, Unitary White Paper, Budget Deficit and our own Council Improvement Plan along with some staff reorganisation it is going to be a busy time for Officers and Councillors alike over the next few months; so please be patient and understanding in your dealings with them and where possible use the website for everything you might need.

I continue to attend meetings on a variety of subjects as well as dealing with neighbour disputes and planning enforcement matters and other social issues within Tatsfield.

Warlingham Community Recycling Centre - What you can bring

Paper and cardboard, wood, metal, small electrical white goods, batteries, TVs, green waste and textiles are accepted at this CRC.

The limited number of waste materials accepted at the smaller sites will allow residents to dispose of the largest volume waste types, while maintaining social distancing for the safety of residents and site staff. Residents who need to dispose of other types of waste

will need to go to one of the 10 larger sites that are currently accepting more types of waste. More information is <u>available on SCC website</u>.

Residents are asked to hold onto other materials they need to take to CRCs. The intention is to move to a further reopening phase after a few weeks when the full range of materials can be accepted, but only when it is safe to do. We will continue to only allow reduced numbers on sites to maintain social distancing.

No other waste can be accepted at this time, and the reuse shops are staying closed

The Big Bulky waste collection for Tatsfield was regrettably cancelled as it was felt that the operators should be safeguarded for the more important task of the Weekly waste/recycling services that Tandridge operate, but at least now you can take some of this recycling to Bond Road.

I am still reporting instances of **"overflying**" which I am checking and will pursue with the CEO/BHA when he comes to meet David and I on September 25th.

On Saturday 31 October, all <u>Tandridge Together Lottery</u> players will have the chance to win a break worth £500 with Forest Holidays, which has a variety of locations situated in some of the UK's most beautiful forests. All lottery players will also have a chance of winning cash prizes. Over £90,000 worth of cash prizes have been won so far, with one lucky winner recently scooping our top prize of **£25,000**.

The Tandridge Together Lottery supports 162 registered local good causes, including community centres, sports clubs and charities, helping them deliver their valuable work for residents. Many of the registered good causes have been essential lifelines during the COVID-19 pandemic, even when their own funds have been reduced due to many fundraising events being cancelled.

Our lottery players have raised more than £190,000 for local charities and voluntary organisations because 50p of the £1 ticket price goes directly to a player's chosen good cause. A further 10p goes into a central community fund.

Lastly and importantly for Tatsfield can I urge you to **support our local businesses** in every way that you can. We rely on our local business so much and we need to show our support to them to ensure that they continue to operate through these hard times and prosper well into the future also. The next few months are going to be a challenge for them so let's all please support them.

Remember to help Tatsfield Good causes by buying your Tandridge Together lottery tickets.

If there is anything you think I can help you with please contact me accordingly. Cllr Martin Allen 01959 577201 <u>cllr.martin.allen@tandridge.gov.uk</u> or <u>martin_allen@talk21.com</u>

CLAIRE COUNTINHO, EAST SURREY MP

One of the unexpected joys of the last few months for many of us has been spending more time with nature. I was pleased therefore to put together a 'Green-tember' this year – to focus on environment issues for the whole month. Thank you so much to those of who you took part in the 'The Time is Now' Climate Change campaign online event, joined me for a Q&A with Zac Goldsmith, Minister for the Environment on the 28th September, or helped litter-pick in Caterham and Horley. I was also delighted to visit the exceptional British Wildlife Centre and Lingfield Nature Reserves. More broadly, I will continue to press Natural England to extend our Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in Surrey Hills.

As we move into autumn, I know some of you will be anxious about a second wave of COVID-19. I continue to monitor our situation carefully and I am in regular contact with Ministers about testing capacity in Surrey. I am also continuing my work with Crispin Blunt MP and local leaders through our East of Surrey Economic Taskforce to create a coordinated response to what is likely to be a challenging year ahead for the local economy. This month we have worked with the LEP to gain additional funding of £1.7m for the East of Surrey. We are pressing Ministers for additional jobs transition support for aviation workers in and around Gatwick and for a youth Job Centre to prevent long-term youth unemployment. Crispin and I have also lobbied the Secretary of State for Education to increase capacity for advanced technological placements at East Surrey College.

I also am continuing to work on a Community and Volunteering paper with MPs from across the country to share the learning of the outpouring of community spirit that we saw in Tatsfield and across East Surrey throughout the pandemic. Thank you again for all those who took part in my online survey and for all that you have done for each other in recent months.

Lastly in Westminster, I continue to support the Chancellor in my role as Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Treasury. I was also delighted to be recently appointed to the Policy Exchange Commission on the Indo-Pacific, chaired by former Canadian PM Stephen Harper and charged with creating a new strategic blueprint for the UK's relations with the fastest growing region in the world.

If you need help, please contact me at: <u>claire.coutinho.mp@parliament.uk</u>; or call 0207 219 5972. Do please also check out my Facebook Page (@claire4eastsurrey) for the latest updates.

POLICING

Hi Tatsfield

Can't believe it's now mid-Autumn, but to be fair, the intensity and strangeness that is 2020 means that it's all passed us by quite quickly.

On the policing and crime front, dare I say it, things have been a little on the (shhh, quiet) side, even by Tatsfield standards. During August, a resident of Manor Road was the victim of financial fraud, initially losing a large amount of money, but later having the bank reimburse them. This was as a result of a replacement bank card not being successfully delivered, and probably stolen. This highlights the important issue of post-box security, so if you could all review your own post-box arrangement, and amend it to make it as secure as possible. Please make it is difficult as possible for any would-be thief / fraudster.

Please be on the lookout for any suspect vehicles driving slowly or stopping outside driveways in the village. Recently there have been reports of a Ford Transit dropside van, signwritten with 'UK Power Networks' on the bonnet, with the driver and passenger scouting properties for scrap metal. We know who they are, and they have been prevalent around Tandridge and across the Sussex border. They were reported in Parkwood Road in September and seen in other roads.

Only a short report this time, mainly due thankfully to very few reports. Please keep your eyes and ears open for any offences or suspicious activity, thanks! As we all know, due to Mr Covid (19), handshakes and hugs are not allowed, so when we see each other, please give a big friendly wave.

KIDS: Hopefully being back at school is working ok for you. Remember: the more chances you have to get clever, the better. Go on, impress your teachers!!

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

Rupert PCSO 12599 KELLEY, Surrey Police, Caterham

TATSFIELD ONLINE

Village website:<u>www.tatsfield.org.uk</u>

Village facebook page: search for 'Tatsfield Village' on facebook Tatsfield Talk facebook group: search for 'Tatsfield Talk' on facebook, and ask to join to be able to view and post. Twitter: @tatsfieldtweet

LITTLE ACORNS PRE SCHOOL

We were very pleased to welcome all of our children back at the start of September; some of whom we haven't seen since the spring! We've also welcomed lots of new children who have all settled in brilliantly.

After spending time in smaller 'bubbles' last term, we were able to try

new activities and ways of planning our sessions. Since returning in September we have continued to use 'in the moment planning' where practitioners look to extend the children's learning by spontaneously planning activities based on the children's interests in the moment. We have also replaced our show and tell time with a circle time where we can share a story, phonics or song together which also seems to be very popular with the children!

We have also been taking full advantage of the September sunshine by spending lots of time in our outdoor area with musical instruments, water play

and sensory activities.

We have a limited number of preschool spaces still available so if you would like to enquire about a place for this term please do get in contact; we'll be happy to answer any questions you may have and we can now safely arrange visits in our outdoor area (weather permitting!) or inside when preschool is not in session.

We were very pleased to have our Tatsfield School children back to breakfast club after a very long break; we missed their smiling faces bright and early in the mornings! We still have

some spaces left for breakfast club, which is open from 7.15am every weekday morning and includes a healthy breakfast before the children are walked over to Tatsfield School.

Our preschool committee AGM took place at the end of September, where we said goodbye to our chairperson Jenny Bradshaw who we're extremely thankful to for volunteering so much of her time to us over the past few years. We welcome Lisa Turner as our new chairperson and are excited for this new chapter!

Thank you for reading!

The Little Acorns Team office@littleacornstatsfield.co.uk











Tatsfield Primary School

The first week for our new Wrens in Reception Class

This week we have welcomed into school the youngest members of our school community. It has been lovely to see all the Wrens come into school with happy, smiley faces. They have managed remarkably well with the new routines of, not only school, but regular hand-washing! The children have engaged in lots of independent learning inside and outside; exploring the different areas of our learning environment with enthusiasm and excitement. We have observed new friendships, amazing cutting skills, imaginative play, kindness and resilience. We have been so impressed with the way our new children have taken things in their stride, especially their positive attitude to trying new foods at lunchtime. It has been great to meet our new families and the Early Years team are very much looking forward to getting to know everyone over the course of the year.

One of their first activities was to paint a self-portrait.

Can you spot anyone you know?!!







ST MARY'S NEWS

Harvest at St Mary's – Sunday 4th October

We warmly invite you to join us in celebrating Harvest. As previously reported, we will be making our normal collection for the food bank(s), hopefully supplemented by the School's a collection, if they are able to make one. We also hope to have some small displays of flowers and produce which may be viewed during the open time (detailed below) in the afternoon.

9am Short service of Holy Communion in Church (no hymns)

10am All Age service from the Rectory by Zoom (details in Notice Sheet via website). 2-4pm Church open for prayer and viewing the displays (please wear a face covering).

For our food bank collection, Christ Church, Brixton Road, are particularly glad of the following which go in their 'store cupboard' and provide the makings of a simple meal for those in immediate need. Rice, pasta (including pot noodles) and tea bags. Breakfast cereals. Cans of protein foods: baked beans, tuna, sardines, meatballs, meat pie, stewed meat. Cans of tomatoes and canned vegetables such as carrots and peas. Canned fruit and fruit cocktail, packets of custard, jars of jam. **Our delivery of food gifts to Christ Church is planned for Monday 5th October.** For further information, please contact me on 01959 577864.

Hilary Vale

Flower arranging team

We are hoping as always that you all keep well during these very different times. We have an idea at the moment in regard to Harvest Festival which would be to do an arrangement at home and then bring them to the church between 10am – 12noon on Saturday 3rd October. Hopefully there will not be instructions before then to close churches completely again. We have started to decorate the Paschal Candle and will be in contact when a rota can start, bearing in mind that the Church is open on a Wednesday afternoon or Ann or Jan would need to 'open up' for you to gain access. Ann will be in touch. **Ann 577207, Jan 577659**

St Mary's Church is open for private prayer at 2pm-5pm on Wednesdays

Visitors are required to wear a mask. Please read and follow the **safety guidelines** by the entrance porch, including the use of the **hand sanitiser** provided on entry and exit.





All Souls' Service Sunday 1st November 3.30pm by Zoom from the Rectory

This year our short service to remember those we have loved and see no more will be a little different but we will still remember our loved ones by name, as we gather together by Zoom video conference to share our sadness and also to give thanks for the lives that have meant so much to us. If you would like the name of someone who has died to be read at the service, please do write, phone or email me with the details.

Revd Vince Short Tel: 01959 577289 email: vince@lttm.org.uk

Lectio Divine – weekly Bible reflection 7.30pm-8.00pm each Wednesday by Zoom We are grateful to Chris and Ellen Goldsmith, who moved to Tatsfield from Cornwall within the last year, for this initiative that began during lockdown. Each session explores and brings to life a short Bible passage as we first listen and then each share a word or phrase that stands out for us. All are welcome, as each week stands alone. The Zoom link can be found in our notice sheet which is accessible via the homepage on our website.

Team News - St Andrew's Limpsfield Chart

Revd Paul Perkin was licensed as Team Vicar by the Archdeacon of Reigate on Thursday 27th August and took his first service on Sunday 30th August. We wish Paul and Christine and the folk at the Chart every blessing in this new season.

Churchyard

We are grateful to all who contribute to looking after the churchyard, which is appreciated by many who pass through or tend graves. It was amazing how quickly it all became overgrown during the weeks of lockdown but now it is back in keeping with our usual mix of tended and wild areas. Thanks also to those who bagged up compost for the benefit of those who then collected it.

Records

4th September Funeral of Sandy Webster

St Mary's Church 100 Club results for the September draw

2. C Hancock £23.75 50. M&L Lambert £14.25 47. I&D Mitchell £9.50 St Mary's £47.50

The Millennium Hall remains closed at present but we will continue to review when we may be able to re-open to our regular groups.

St Mary's Church Website: <u>www.lttm.org.uk</u>





TATSFIELD FAIRTRADE GROUP Fairtrade - Communities, Climate and Covid19

Did you know that when you choose to buy a Fairtrade product you will be supporting the rights of workers and their communities, protecting them

from exploitation and coronavirus, as well as nurturing biodiversity and sustainable agricultural practices to protect the environment? That's a long list of positive reasons to look for the mark!

Bananas are a staple food in our diet and our shopping trolley. The Fairtrade Foundation has recently been explaining how the Fairtrade's Producer Network for Central, Latin America and the Caribbean (CLAC) represents banana growers' organisations in countries such as Colombia, Costa Rica, Panama and the Windward Islands, who provide up to 15 per cent of the UK's bananas.

Bananas are the eighth most important food crop in the world, they are grown in 135 countries and they are the world's most commercial fruit. Despite this the crop presents many challenges, the poverty of producers, damage caused by agrichemicals, and an urgent need to implement measures to tackle the effects of climate change.

PIP (productivity improvement programme) is showing positive results after 5 years of hard work to improve soil fertility and banana production as it works with 374 Fairtrade Co-ops to increase soil fertility whilst reducing use of fertilisers. In the recent past, pressure to maximize the numbers of bananas produced led to excessive use of agrichemicals which have damaged the fertility of the soil and caused productivity to drop, while making crops more vulnerable to disease.

Small banana farmers face stiff competition from larger producers entering the Fairtrade market, leading to more competition and the need to maximize productivity, which in turn increases pressure to grow more bananas by whatever means possible.

Reversing the damage to soil fertility while limiting the use of agrichemicals is a priority which small producers and Fairtrade are working to address together. Training and visits to farms involved in PIP is also available for other producers to join. These measures have increased the number of bananas grown by 565 boxes per hectare on average after two years, and the incomes of small producer Co-ops have risen by £4704 in that time.

What's more, if the bananas are sold under Fairtrade terms during that period, it generates £430.19 in Fairtrade Premium. Fairtrade organisations democratically decide what to spend their Premium payments on, and the community projects supported vary from providing education, health facilities, housing or clean water.



To decrease the carbon footprint, following PIP practices has led to a drop of 35 per cent in the use of agrochemicals by small banana producers. Use of water for irrigating the crops has dropped by half, reducing the overall water footprint, which all helps to meet targets when tackling climate change.

More recently the Fairtrade Foundation has ensured that its co-operatives are ensuring the safety of workers and their families with clear and practical measures to reduce the spread of the Coronavirus. In Junin, Peru, each producer who brings cocoa wears a mask on a mandatory basis, washes their hands, disinfects their shoes, and has their temperature measured before delivering their cocoa. These biosafety measures are part of the steps the co-op has taken to prevent COVID-19 contagion and wouldn't be possible without the financing of Fairtrade CLAC's Relief Fund. "This aid has helped us a lot to prevent the spread of COVID-19,' stated Marco Antonio Dominguez, president of COOPAVRE.

Although the COVID-19 infection rate in Peru is one of the highest in Latin America, there are still few cases in the communities where the Co-op operates. This is in huge part thanks to the fact that the members have organised to promote prevention measures.

So, a huge THANKYOU for all your Fairtrade purchases - not only are you helping to look after the environment, you are also ensuring dignity for workers and reducing the spread of Covid19 to some of the most vulnerable places on the planet. Remember the power of the £1 in your pocket.

Hilary Harber Tatsfield Fairtrade Group

KEEPING APART AND STAYING UNITED #FAIRTRADETOGETHER

FREE DELIVERY OF FAIR TRADE GOODS TO TATSFIELD

The Fairtrade Group were very sorry not to be able to hold the Tea Tent on 19th September

Whilst we can't hold a Tea Tent please do remember that Moyna, our local Traidcraft rep. offers FREE delivery of most items in the Traidcraft range. You can view the catalogue online at <u>www.traidcraftshop.co.uk</u>

If you would like a copy of the Autumn/Winter or Christmas Traidcraft catalogues please do let us know on tatsfieldfairtradegroup@gmail.com

Moyna can be contacted on 01883 716257 or moynabridge@yahoo.co.uk

Please also remember to look out for Fairtrade products when you shop in Sheree's and the supermarket.



NORTH DOWNS SINFONIA - A BRIEF RESPITE?

North Downs Sinfonia held their first rehearsal for six months on 6th September in the Village Hall, following a decision of the Village Hall Committee to re-open the hall to regular hirers – with extra conditions in place of course! One of these was, needless to say, social distancing, and the first photo shows the hall set up but before any of the players arrived.



The rehearsal was for strings only – no wind players allowed – and 28 people attended, all eager to get back to playing. Looking at the spacing, it would be possible to increase the numbers somewhat. At the moment, the maximum number allowed in the hall is 30.

The conductor, Francis Griffin, and our brilliant solo violinist Haru Ushigusa, both wore masks throughout (they were facing the orchestra of course) and we kept the doors open to allow a good air flow. There was a one-way system in operation, we sanitised all hard surfaces before and after the rehearsal, and there was a 'one in – one out' policy for the toilets.

Many thanks to the Village hall Committee for working so hard to make this possible. They were permitted to open the hall to the public but have had to do many things to enable this. There are two main sanitising stations, at the main door and fire exit, with hand sanitiser, hard surface cleaner, pedal bins and kitchen roll. There is a well-equipped first aid room upstairs. Much effort has been put into signage, and a Risk Assessment, and extra Conditions of Hire have been considered, discussed and implemented. All-inall, a huge effort! Let's hope that it was not all for a brief respite, and things will be able to start to get back to normal in the near future, whatever 'normal' means!

Peter Maynard

NOT SO YOUNG CLUB

Thanks to the amazing weather on Tuesday 1st September the Tatsfield Not So Young Club we able to have a very social distancing garden party! It was hosted in a large garden and everyone was provided with plenty of sanitiser, masks and gloves to keep safe.



To start off the afternoon we held a condensed AGM and all the current committee were voted in along with a new committee member Jane Hearn. We also welcomed Kim Jennings, Chair of Tatsfield Parish Council and Hazel from Tatsfield Helpline.

Before closing Kim presented the club with £150 from the sale of masks, this will be an amazing help towards our Christmas celebration. Members were then served by visor clad helpers and enjoyed delicious delights including a small glass of bubbles or Pimms.

As always, the afternoon was rounded off with a raffle and everyone one a prize!

It was wonderful having our members safely together enjoying their day.

Many thanks to our helpers and other committee members who made the afternoon such a success.

On a personal note I would like to thank Jackie and Suzanne who have supported me over the past 18 months without them the Tatsfield NSYC would not still exist and finally thanks to our lovely members who we all adore.

Take care and keep safe

Sue Dowse 07816110929 notsoyoung100@gmail.com

TATSFIELD HELPLINE NEEDS YOUR HELP

A community care system, with a base at The Rectory, had existed in the village since 1980. Originally the idea was for volunteers to help local residents without transport to attend medical appointments, collect prescriptions, etc. There was also a system of 'road wardens' who offered to keep an eye on the elderly or to assist new arrivals.

However, following the Village Appraisal in 1994 it was felt that more people might make use of the scheme if it was more widely known and more drivers were recruited. The Tatsfield Helpline was subsequently formed by constitution in 1995 with the object of the scheme aiming to help any person in Tatsfield in need of transport, home visits or other similar activities. Officers, a committee and a Coordinator were appointed, together with the recruitment of additional drivers.

During the twenty odd years since the Helpline was formed, the Helpline has met many calls for a driver, mainly for medical appointments for our elderly residents. The Helpline has provided lifts on 131 occasions in the last 18 months.

Sadly, since lockdown the Helpline has had to discontinue the service, but if it can be reinstated when things improve, it desperately needs some new officers– **immediately a Treasurer.**

Our Annual General Meeting will be held towards the end of November. If anyone out there is interested in keeping the Helpline to function, please contact our Chairman, Angela Sawyers on 577434 or our Secretary, Hazel Cartwright on 577749, who will be more than happy to give you further information.

TAGGERS KEEP BUSY

We hope that you will enjoy our latest virtual exhibition and that items will be added in the coming weeks.

We have not been able to meet up of course but are planning our new 2021 calendar.



We hope to run a socially distanced workshop in October if regulations allow. More news next month.

If you are interested in joining our group or exhibiting your work under our aegis please get in touch with me on 07815775859.

Many thanks to Sue White for her technical assistance.

Carol Gaskell <u>https://tatsfield-art-group.weebly.com/exhibition-august-2020.html</u>

BARN THEATRE, OXTED

Fortunately, the new regulations only affect those who would like to book more than six tickets, so we plan (at the moment) to hold the attached event at the theatre in November. We consider safety to be paramount, so masks must be worn, social distancing must be practised and entrances and exits will be controlled. Hopefully this will be the beginning of a return to some sort of normality after what has been a very challenging time for all.

NOVEMBER

Oxted Comedy Night (When did you last have a good laugh? Change that and come and see Bob Mills and the comedians from House of Stand Up)

Saturday 28th (7.45) (Tickets (£25.00) 18+

Information pertaining to all the above shows can be obtained from:

<u>www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk</u> or 15a High Street, Westerham. Kent. TN16 1RA. 01959 561811

TATSFIELD PFA 100 CLUB

Congratulations to the winners of the Tatsfield PFA 100 Club for July 2020:

1 st Prize:	Debbie Bishop	£48.00
2 nd Prize:	Margaret Burton	£32.00
3 rd Prize:	Matthew Perrett	£16.00

Thank you for supporting sport in Tatsfield. If you know of anyone who wishes to join the 100 Club (for a modest £6 per month) or if you would like additional numbers then please contact me at <u>les.eames@ntlworld.com</u>

Les

EMERGENCY INFORMATION – DEFIBRILLATORS

The following Automatic Emergency Defibrillators (AEDs) are available in and around Tatsfield. No prior training is required as instructions and audio guidance is provided:

Village Hall, Tatsfield, 24 hours a day

Crossways Court, Tatsfield, 24 hours a day

Mayfield Stables, Ricketts Hill Road, Tatsfield, 24 hours a day, on left hand side of entrance.



Another film of "Little Women" did you say? Yes, it is the seventh film version of the 1868 novel of the same name by Louisa May Alcott. Released last year, the film has won rave reviews. It is brought to the Village Hall by Curzon Country Cinema on Saturday 17th October. Doors open at 7pm and the programme begins at 7.20pm.

All social distancing and other Covid-19 measures will apply. The number of seats will be limited, so it will be necessary to book and pay online – at <u>www.curzoncountrycinema.co.uk</u>. Tickets are £5.



For those not familiar with the story, here it is. In 19th century Massachusetts, with their father away serving in the Civil War, the women of the March family – the loving mother, Marmee, and her four daughters, Jo, Meg, Amy and Beth – are left to fend for themselves. Faced with genteel poverty, the fledgeling author, Jo March, is struggling to make a name for herself in male-dominated New York City; considerate Meg is now married, and the artistically inclined Amy is in Paris with their affluent Aunt March. However, the news of talented Beth's illness will reunite the sisters under the same roof. But, more than anything in the world – much to the disappointment of the handsome next door neighbour, Theodore "Laurie" Laurence, the fiercely independent Jo yearns for freedom.

The film was directed by Greta Gerwig, who also wrote the screenplay. The main parts are played by Saoirse Ronan, Emma Watson, Florence Pugh, Eliza Scanlon, Laura Dern and Meryl Streep.

Bob David

NIGEL'S NATURE NOTES

Let's begin with a super report that's been sent in by Steve (Gaskell) titled, 'Lockdown Nature Notes'. The content presents a varied and surprisingly diverse list of observations covering the 'at home' period that began in March and carried on through the summer.

March

17th – Two Small Tortoiseshell butterflies (garden).

22nd – Sparrowhawk (garden).

Possibly first Swallows (Beddlestead).

23rd – First Cowslip (garden).

First Brimstone (for us), Comma and Peacock butterflies.

Plus, in or seen from the garden during the month: Red Kite, Buzzard, Long-tailed Tit, Great spotted Woodpecker, Green Woodpecker and owls at night.

April

07th – First Orange tip butterfly (Titsey). First Bluebells (North Downs Way).

- 11th Holly Blue butterfly (garden).
- 15th Hornet (garden).

May

- 20th Cuckoo heard (5.00am).
- 23rd First Swifts.

24th – Cuckoo heard (5.00am).

June

20th – Hedgehog in broad daylight (Redhouse Road).

28th – Tussock moth larva (garden).

Plus, in the garden wild patch during the month: Meadow Brown, Gatekeeper (hedge brown) and Ringlet butterflies. Ten orchids (Pyramidal?).

July

- 01st Common Toad (garden).
- 03rd Marbled White butterfly (garden). Humming-bird Hawk-moth (garden).
- 06th Holly Blue, Peacock, Large Skipper, Comma and Brimstone butterflies (garden).
- 08th Mystery Fritillary (butterfly) (garden). Dark green or Silver-washed?
- 19th Male Blackcap (garden).
- 28th Two young Common Toads (mowed wild patch in garden).
 - Mystery Fritillary revisits. Very fast. Never Settles.
- 29th Possible sighting of a bat going under the eaves.
- 31st Possible Purple Hairstreak butterfly (garden).
- Fritillary mystery solved! Silver-washed (female). Caught, photographed, released. August
- 08th Second Silver-washed Fritillary (garden). Not the same one. Photographed.
- 22nd Jersey Tiger moth on Buddleia. (Kemsley Road).

Thanks for this, Steve. I'm sure 'Adventurers' Jim and Ruth will be amazed to see that you spotted a couple of Fritillaries in your garden! Mind you, <u>I'm</u> amazed that you attracted a Ringlet, Marbled White and (possibly) a Purple Hairstreak to your wild patch, none of which appear on <u>my</u> annual list of species seen. Keep up the good work!

I intended to write a few notes about **Hedgehogs** this month but 'Thompson and Morgan' (the mail order seed and plant company) have done the job for me. Here are their notes from a recent newsletter:

'Hedgehogs are on the decline, according to a new report, but there are plenty of things you can do to encourage them into your garden. They are particularly useful animals for the gardener, consuming large quantities of slugs and snails. They are usually most active after dark in the



hours before midnight, often travelling approximately one mile each night to forage for food, find shelter or search for a mate.

To roam freely Hedgehogs need open gardens, but if yours is enclosed and you can create a gap in a fence [about 15cm high and wide] or dig a channel under it, this will help them a great deal.

Food supplies can run low in cold or very dry weather and hedgehogs are very fond of meaty dog food, sunflower hearts and CHOPPED unsalted peanuts. You can also buy ready-made hedgehog food. Leave out some water (if you already do this for the birds, the hedgehogs will drink it too), but please don't give them milk.

Leave autumn leaves untouched in quiet corners of your garden. This will offer excellent shelter and foraging ground for your prickly visitors.

Gardening organically helps too - slug pellets are harmful to hedgehogs, so if you can use natural deterrents such as beer traps or broken eggshells, this will help to boost hedgehog survival rates. Ensure that ponds have a shallow end to facilitate their escape, should a hedgehog fall in - or place a small ramp into steep sided ponds.

Bonfires, strimmers, garden forks and other tools present grave danger for sleepy hedgehogs. Be sure to disturb any areas of long grass, bonfires or mounds of fallen leaves prior to starting work to give Hedgehogs an opportunity to escape beforehand. Get into this habit all year round, and not just in autumn.

Gardening with hedgehogs in mind will help to alleviate many of the dangers that they face and make your garden a much safer place for our spiky friends. If you spot an injured or sick hedgehog, contact the British Hedgehog Preservation Society on 01584 890801.'

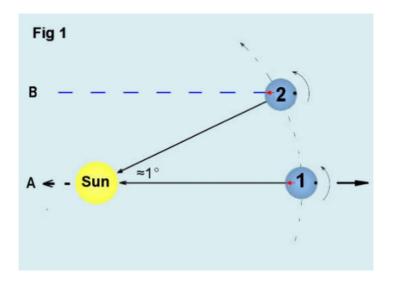
Happy autumn gardening! (With <u>all</u> wildlife in mind – <u>naturally</u>!).

Any news or views? Contact: nigelshaw2000@hotmail.com Alternatively, drop a note in to 'Primrose Ridge', Greenway.

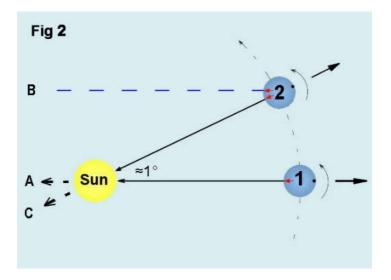
THE NIGHT SKY IN TATSFIELD – OCTOBER 2020

A glance at the night sky around 9pm at the beginning of the month will let you see three of the "outer" planets (that lie beyond the Earth's orbit) Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. Jupiter is the bright object around 15° above the horizon just slightly west (to the right) of due south. Saturn lies just to the east of Jupiter but is considerably fainter and more likely to be mistaken for a star. They were both at their closest to Earth in July and so have lost a little in brightness. If you now turn towards the east you will see the red planet, Mars at a similar altitude to Jupiter, amongst the stars of Pisces. However, as you turned you will have passed the full Moon whose light will sadly drown out all but the brightest of celestial bodies. Fortunately for us Mars just so happens to be one of those bodies because it reaches opposition (which I described last month) on October 13th and so is at its closest and brightest about now. The Moon will be closer to Mars on October 2nd and then on the 3rd, as seen from the southern hemisphere, it passes in front of Mars and "occults" it for a short while.

Last month I mentioned how most objects in the sky move almost imperceptibly westwards day by day. The reason for this is that as well as spinning on its axis in approximately 24 hours the Earth is on a year-long journey around the Sun. It is this that causes, for example, the winter constellations to appear in the east in the autumn and as the weeks and months pass, they take centre stage in the depths of winter before disappearing below the western horizon as spring comes to the fore.



To explain this a little more look at fig 1 which shows the Earth on two subsequent days. On day 1 imagine that you are in a deck chair facing the Sun at noon (direction of arrow A) and the dot on the other side of our planet is me looking at the stars on the meridian at midnight. If you could, just for a moment, turn the Sun off you would be able to observe the patterns of stars that lie so far away that to us they are infinitely distant. You could also note the location of the Sun relative to them. One revolution (360°) of the Earth later we are at position 2 having moved approximately 1 degree in our orbit. We know it is exactly one revolution because were we to switch off the Sun's glare again we would be looking at precisely the same pattern of stars in the same place as yesterday (direction arrow B). Interestingly, to travel from position 1 to 2 has not taken us 24 hours but 23 hours and 56 minutes and you will note that you are not facing the Sun on the meridian at noon. However, if you sit tight for another 4 minutes the Earth will turn that fraction of a circle needed to once again place the Sun due south for you and also for me to be looking at the stars on my meridian at midnight.



This situation is shown in fig 2 where you are again facing the Sun whilst I am now once more looking directly away from the Sun. These are our positions after 24 hours or if you prefer, 1 day although in that "day" the Earth has rotated slightly more than once. You will notice that from your new viewpoint the Sun will appear to be in a slightly different position relative to the distant stars (direction of arrow C) and I will see the stars on my meridian have changed by a tiny amount also.

If you consider that this process is repeated every day then you can see how, very gradually, the Sun will seem to move through the constellations and at night how the stars will have advanced just a little to the west. Six months after our first diagram we will be facing in exactly the opposite direction to that when we started thanks to that extra 4 minutes of rotation every day.

Brian Mills FRAS

TATSFIELD IN BLOOM ANOTHER GOLD FOR TATSFIELD!

For the sixth year in succession Tatsfield In Bloom have won another Gold award in the South & South East In Bloom competition for 2020.

Due to the pandemic, judging in person could not take place this year but instead we were invited to submit a desktop presentation of all the work carried out by TIB and the community throughout the year. This was compiled and completed by Bob David and was taken to SSEIB at the beginning of July.

We heard this month that SSEIB had awarded Tatsfield a GOLD AWARD to uphold our gold standard. Two other villages took part in the Large Village category and both Limpsfield and Eynsford achieved gold awards. The Trustees decided as there was considerable variation in the type of submission it was not possible to be able to arrive at an overall winner in each category.





As we are sure you will agree, the village looked beautiful again this year and we are very grateful to the TIB volunteers and those who answered the call for help when it was needed.



We have resumed our work sessions on Saturday mornings, all socially distanced and begun at intervals, and we would be very grateful for any help with our maintenance and autumn planting which will be coming up at the beginning of October.

Jill Hancock (577622)





THE TATSFIELD GARDENER IN OCTOBER

Was it such a dry summer? It is surprising that August rainfall was near the average, we had 71mm with an expected average of around 58mm; so far (15th) in September we have only had 2.7mm, it seems unlikely that we will be near the average of 69mm. The October average is expected to be around 98mm and if that happens it will be a great relief for gardeners and farmers.

A recent topic of conversation amongst us gardeners is whether our changing climate should make us think again about whether to take up our Dahlias immediately after they have been 'burnt' by the first frost. We would then cut them back leaving about 15cm (six inches) of stem, label them, dry them out and remove the surplus soil, dust with Sulphur powder (to prevent fungus disease) and then store in trays wrapped in newspaper or covered lightly in dry compost they are then stored in a dry, frost free, dark, place until it is time to 'wake them up' in March. Why not do away with all this traditional, and some say, unnecessary gardening chore? In a mild winter with no ground frost the Dahlia tubers might well survive undamaged and sprout again next spring **BUT**, even if this is the case, they are very vulnerable to the attentions of slugs who will feed hungrily on them in the mild wet weather, is it worth the risk?

More on the bitter tasting courgette saga! I wrote to the technical folk at the RHS – a benefit of RHS membership is free gardening advice – and to my surprise this is what I received back from RH Chief Gardening Advisor Guy Barter!

"This year some gardeners reported bitter courgettes and those unwise enough to eat them had a very nasty stomach ache. This is due to poisonous compounds found in wild or ornamental cucumber family plants. Strenuous efforts are made in seed production establishments to prevent pollination of edible cucumber family plants by gourds or other non-edible cucumber family plants which may well result in bitter courgettes when the contaminated seed is grown. Something must have gone wrong in one seed production field last year, probably in China or India, and seed derived from inadvertent crosses of courgettes and inedible cucumber family plants found their way onto the market. Only one batch of seed was affected.

This is the first instance I have encountered in 50 years of vegetable growing so I doubt it will occur again. It is a good reminder though of the inadvisability of saving seeds of cucumber family plants where cross pollination with gourds cannot be ruled out and also the need to immediately discard any bitter courgette."

I agree with Guy, this is the first time in my 55+ years in gardening that I have heard this; maybe it was home saved seed, or it was seed from that one dodgy batch? If anyone experienced this and can remember the name of the seed supplier I would be very interested to know!

Jon Allbutt

TATSFIELD WI

Well, we have survived 2020 so far and are now heading towards Autumn. Looking back on the last six months we have all had new experiences: a few of us are now 'experts' in zooming, home schooling, DIY, gardening etc. Those of us with family living nearby have been supporting each other through this time, others have found old and new friends who have stepped up and helped in so



many small and great ways. Sadly some of us have lost family members and friends and have been unable to mourn their passing as they would have wished. Many of us have been worried for ourselves and others and that concern continues, but as I am writing this the sun is shining and the birds are singing and I feel confident we will get through this by working together and being sensible about what we do and how we do it.

Usually our W.I. committee organises an Autumn Lunch for our October meeting but that is not possible, so this year we are thinking outside the box and will be distributing a basket of edible goodies to each member to keep spirits up and remain in touch with everyone.

Unfortunately the W.I. Hall itself must remain closed which means we miss out on the weekly Pop-In coffee mornings, monthly W.I. and Not-So-Young meetings and the regular Keep Fit, Craft, Bridge, Whist, Senior Circuits, and other events that are based in our "small but perfectly formed" Hall. Government guidance changes to reflect the changing circumstances but we will get back to normal service when it is safe to do so and we will let you know as soon as we are open for business again.

Staying indoors and not having anyone to interact withcan be very isolating for some so please remember it only takes a couple of minutes to check in with vulnerable or elderly,

self-isolating neighbours who after so many months may welcome a simple smile and a friendly wave from the end of the garden path.

Tatsfield is nothing if not adaptable and we will always value each and every member of our W.I. family and our wider community.



This Photo by Unknown Author is licensed under CC

Susan Smale, 01959 577660

BIGGIN HILL CYCLIST'S 24-HOUR HILL CLIMB CHALLENGE RAISES £19,000 FOR CHARTWELL

On Saturday 22nd August, local Biggin Hill resident, Paul Clark, took on an incredible 24hour cycling challenge. He succeeded in conquering the equivalent of climbing to the summit of Mount Everest 8,848m! Not only that, his fundraising effort climbed to the same dizzy heights and reached just short of a staggering £19,000 for local charity, The Chartwell Cancer Trust.

Not in Paul's, nor the charity's wildest dreams, did we imagine the incredible level of support he was to receive, which was so richly deserved.



Paul's challenge was to cycle up and down one of Biggin Hill's steepest hills, which has a gradient of 12% equal to 49m vertical and is 450 metres long. Paul, is a keen and experienced cyclist and had put in many long hours of training prior to the event. However, strength, stamina and endurance were most definitely the orders of the day.

Paul cycled in 1hr 45min stints allowing a quick break to refuel and to change his kit to avoid any chafing! He was assisted by his fabulous 'domestics team' at base camp, (the doctor's surgery cark park), John Nichols and Stuart Strutton, who looked after him for the entire duration.

At 5.20am, Paul had achieved his goal by reaching the summit! He had cycled up Stock Hill an incredible 181 times. If that wasn't enough (it never is for Paul), he achieved his

second goal at 10.30am, a descent into the Mariana Trench, the deepest part of the ocean 11,034m, by riding up Stock Hill 226 times!

Over the 24 hours, Paul cycled 135miles (216km), climbed 7.2 miles (11,621m), burnt 11,164 calories and sweated 11Litres! He rode up Stock Hill a grand total of 237 times.

Paul said: "The last few times I cycled up Stock Hill felt like a dream. I was blown away by the local community, family and friends. When I came to a stop at midday on Sunday to such a wonderful community spirit and party atmosphere, it felt truly amazing. Thank you to everyone who supported me. Those 24hrs will live with me for the rest of my life."

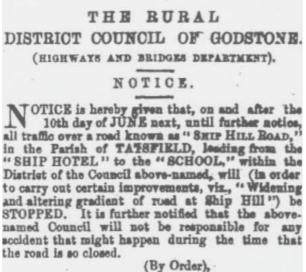
Paul had set himself a goal to raise £2,500. This was completely blown out of the park. His online fundraising alone kept rising and reached an incredible £12,000. Added to this, was the amazing generosity of the motorists and passers-by. And, with the help of our wonderful bucket collectors and good friends on the megaphone for hours on end, he raised a further whopping £7,000 to make a grand fundraising total just short of £19,000!

Thank you to everyone who supported Paul and donated to our cause. Also thank you to the Mayor's Office, Bromley, Biggin Hill Councillors, Melanie Stevens and Julian Bennington, The Stock Hill Medical Centre – for the use of their car park, Graham and TN16, Howdens South Croydon, Domino's Pizza Biggin Hill, Biggin Hill Sports & Social Club, Kelsey Park Lodge 5701, ST Brown Electrical, Westerham Cycling club, Meat in Place, Welling, H Lilleys & Co, On the Beach, Life of the Parties, and Tea's Company.

Chartwell Cancer Trust

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

How things don't change! In October 1920, the Parish Council was calling for a speed limit to be imposed on Ship Hill. Notices had apparently been put up warning drivers of the dangers, but as one member of the district council said: "It doesn't matter what notices have been put up, motorists take no notice of them whatever".



J. GEORGE-POWELL, C.E., Engineer and Surveyor, Rural District Council of Godstone. Engineer's Offices, Godstone, Surrey. May 4th, 1901. Ship Hill had already been modified at the beginning of the century, but there were renewed calls in 1920 for it to be straightened out. According to one councillor, it was just "careless and reckless motorists who usually come to grief. Motorists went up the hill or down, then something went wrong with the brakes". What was the limit proposed? Ten miles an hour! It would be another 15 years before the 30 miles an hour limit was introduced for built-up areas.

Another concern in October 1920 was the state of the school. The local sanitary inspector had issued a critical report to the County Council, noting that it was in an

insanitary condition. It later turned out that the problem was not as great as feared: it was just a question of washing down the walls! Despite increasing numbers of pupils, the school had not been extended or re-furbished for nearly a decade.

That month's Parish Council meeting discussed the demand for allotments. It was decided to ask the squire – Mr C G Leveson Gower – for another acre of land to meet demand. The site was alongside Westmore Green, opposite the site of the present allotments.

Ian Mitchell, Tatsfield History Project - Tatsfield.history@talk21.com Tel: 577376 Our website address is: <u>http://e-voice.org.uk/tatsfieldhistoryproject/</u>

TATSFIELD PARISH MAGAZINE – 25 YEARS AGO

This month we continue our review of the magazine as it was in 1995. This was a time of change for the magazine. It has evolved several times since then, and we would still love to hear your thoughts! Please email tatsfieldpm@gmail.com

WAR MEMORIES Of Bugs, Bombs and Bedrooms

by Joan Bryant

Listening to the war-time songs at the village VE Dance in April took me back as though it was yesterday to the flat I managed to get in the Broadway, Bexleyheath, when I was first married.

It was in a very old building, over an insurance company office. I had my 12 year old sister, Gwen, staying with me when I moved in. During the night we were woken up by a crackling noise and not having got around to putting blackout curtains up, we couldn't put the light on. However, after three nights of disturbance, I made the curtains number one priority. That night it happened again; I put the bedside light on and was horrified to see HUNDREDS of BUGS coming out from behind the fireplace - it was the brittle wallpaper crackling that woke us up!

We shot out of bed and dragged the mattress under the stairs just as a terrific air raid started. We had just settled down when there was a loud hammering on the front door. I was sure I hadn't a light showing anywhere - assuming it could only be an air raid warden; but it was the man from next door - the Co-op

undertakers. He said they had noticed I'd just moved in with the little girl and thought I might like to go in with them as it looked like it was going to be a heavy night. The prospect of coffee and biscuits in a nice flat with pleasant company definitely appealed to me.

He led us, not to his flat, but to the basement under the shop where, to my horror, the walls were lined with coffins - open, upended, with the lids beside them - all round the large room, all sizes, dozens of them. I managed to shush Gwen as she was about to scream and was able to control myself as we were introduced to his wife and little boy.

We settled down to coffee and biscuits and listening to the radio. It was at the time when the screaming bombs were being dropped on us. All the time you could hear them it was alright, they were somewhere else, but when the noise suddenly stopped, they were overhead.

Suddenly, this was happening to us. We all dived headfirst under the work benches in the middle of the room - heads in, bottoms out. I landed face down in a heap of sawdust occupied by 6 baby guinea pigs, belonging to 3 year old Brian. I couldn't see the others for flying sawdust as I puffed it out of my mouth.

Eventually the danger passed and when the "All Clear" came about 7.30 in the morning. I went to go home only to find the fates hadn't finished with me yet. I couldn't get to my front door because the Pioneer Corps were dismantling a landmine on my doorstep fortunately it hadn't gone off. At this stage I decided it was time to go back home to Mum, pro tem. I couldn't handle the bugs and the Council wouldn't help. So I moved, with my furniture, to her house in Bexley, which was a 7 minute walk away from the Public Shelter in Danson Park. As there wasn't a shelter in the garden, we more or less lived in the public one, popping home for a wash or bath or bit of cooking whenever possible.

In due course even Bexley got too hot for me and I decided to take myelf and Gwen to Woburn Sands, where I'd had a holiday as a child. It's such a one-eyed hole, I thought to myself, no self-respecting German will waste his bombs on it; I had overlooked the fact of the nearby airfield **and** it was full of evacuees! However, we managed to get fixed up in the home of one of the part-time firemen, whose wife was afraid to be alone when he was on firewatch. I had my furniture brought down and took over their front room. In due course my son was born, in the stately home of the elderly Duchess of Bedford, who went off in a plane and was never heard of again. Before leaving she gave her home to evacuee mothers.



Later on in the war, my mother acquired a small hotel in Lynton, North Devon and insisted we went down there as she needed some staff. Among the first summer guests we had in Lynton was Captain Fitzpatrick, who had escaped from Colditz. He was on his honeymoon, although he had originally refused to get married when war broke out. I was shocked to find out that he was being sent overseas again and never discovered if he survived the war.

Then there was John Brandon, who came every weekend with a different "wife", a very charming Canadian airman. As I was in charge of the registration forms, I had a real job coping with these "wives". Then there was the woman who boasted she never tipped because it was vulgar; and 3 year old Elaine, who came to dinner in her nightie, crackers in her hair, insisting she was dressed for the occasion. There was Mrs Wilkins who always wore blue, or green or mauve - when I remarked that she never wore black, she said that was for when she was old - she was then 83!

From America we also had Major Wilcox, with an English wife in New York, and Captain Skla, the first coloured soldier we'd met. He spent most of his furlough going to the Valley of Rocks and bringing back specimens to take home to his geologist father. These two went out every night and came back drunk. They then kept everyone awake going bacwards and forwards to each other's bedroom putting each other to bed. In the end I put them to bed so that we could all sleep and I locked them in! They were always full of apologies next morning and proceeded to have sausages with jam on them and a glass of water for breakfast.

If I could put the clock back, I'd be back there like a shot and when my granchildren ask "What did you do in the war Granny?", this is what I shall tell them!



TATSFIELD SCHOOL

STORM

The blinding boths of sightning. The dealering clap of thunder. It The dealering clap of thunder. It The vilont wind howled likes wolf. The massive ball of electricity came down with a boom.) Thetorrents of rain lashed down, the dark dangerous clouds vanish.

Storm

Pouring wet Rad Cold howing wind black Storm clouds darken the sky Loud claps of thunder Bright forks of lightning Soaking wer Rain soaks right through me

Storm

James and JJ Tisdall Garogham

by Abigail Long & Amy ling

The devostating howling of the wind,

The servicious angry storm clouds,

The fast flowing floods caused by the forrential lashing rain,

The blinding lightning boths and the vicious dealening thunder,

A violent and agrosive storm.

Flashes of lightning Pouring torreittial rain Deapening claps of thunder by Alison and Arran Black storm douds are drifting over me. Howling winds are blaving Angrit storm clouds are drifting too. Jennie South Head Teacher Natalie and Danielle crispin

"IT'S A DOG'S LIFE"!



Tatsfield is a haven to me. When I was brought here 5 years ago I thought I was in heaven. I think I must have been a naughty puppy as I was put into the RSPCA when I was 6 months old. After a year with a family in Lingfield I went to the Last Charce Animal Rescue at Edenbridge. From there I arrived in Tatsfield.

I went mad with all the marvellous countryside and the exciting animal smells. There were pheasants, rabbits and hares for me to chase and I would go off for some time, totalling disregarding the calls and whistles for me to return. I had a few successful catches which did not seem to please my owner - something I have never understood. Now I am older I enjoy the scent but usually obey when being told to return - spoilsport!

What is so wonderful about living here? Well, there is the countryside on my doorstep. I only have to be on my lead to cross the roads. A few minutes and I am running around the fields and woods. Park Wood is one of my favourite places. No humans - just wild life and, in the spring, a wonderful carpet of bluebells. My owner has tried to teach me to find lost golf balls on the golf course but I think they are a waste of time - no movement and no scent!

I am often taken across the Green where I am not allowed to foul the grass. What a pity other dog owners allow this to happen as it can make it dangerous for children playing there. Often my owner picks up empty bottles and tins left there by thoughtless people - I could cut my paws on broken glass if it was not removed.

I think Tatsfield residents are very friendly. While my owner goes to the shops, I am often patted and stroked. I love children but parents should always check that I will not hurt them as I know some dogs are not as friendly as I am.

Is there anything I don't like? Yes - Pussy Cats. They tempt me and when I chase them they run away. I think the cats call me the Terror of Tatsfield, as I have caught a few but I have always let them go unharmed as I have a very soft mouth.

I love Tatsfield and I hope you do as well. My message to the Parish Council is: please keep the countryside and don't permit house building to destroy it and please keep the village centre clear from dog fouling and litter.

BIGGLES from Wedgwoods



DAVID WAITE Private & commercial

Tel: 01959 541083 Mobile: 07949 307906 Email: djw2261@aol.com

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Grass Mowed. Tree Work Hedges Cut/Turfing Overgrown Gardens Winter Tidy Ups Snow cleared Patios. Sheds Erected Fencing & Repairs Brickwork Repairs Gutters Cleaned & Repaired External & Internal Painting Fully insured

BIGGIN HILL STEEL

For all your steel requirements

RSJ's Columns Cranked Beams Gates Welding CNC Plasma Cutting 2D Drawings 3D modelling

01959 462465 Info@bigginhillsteel.co.uk



COR ENGINEERING

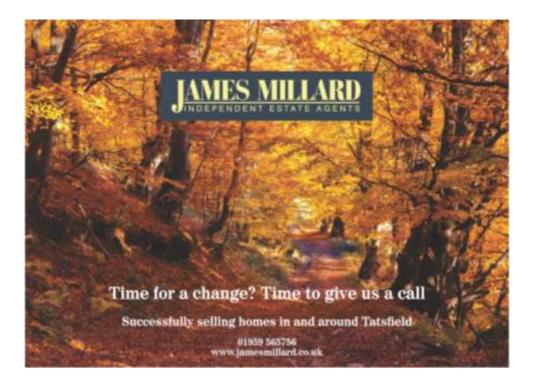
At CDR Engineering Services, we provide a comprehensive structural engineering consultancy service to domestic and commercial clients in London, Surrey & Kent

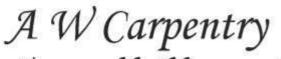
Why choose our structural engineering services?

- Chartered Structural engineers
- Advice on Building Regulations
- · Party Wall services available
- Domestic construction and extension work specialists

CDR Engineering Services 2 Beacon Shaw, Approach Road, Tatsfield, Surrey, TN16 2JT

Tel: 01959 467750 Mobile: 07940 358 347





Telephone 01959 577010

L general building services

Alan Waite

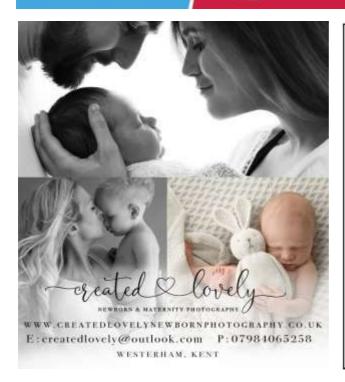
- · Interior & Exterior Carpentry
- Kitchens/Bathrooms fitted
- Renovations/ Alterations
- · Guttering & Fascia
- · City & Guilds qualified
- · Free estimates

Mobile 07984 810966













Entre Nous price: £59, Amazon: £85!

OPEN 10-4 Tuesday to Saturday CLOSED Sunday and Monday www.entrenouslingerie.co.uk 01959 563975



North Downs Shepherd Huts the ultimate glamping experience

Found just down the road from Botley Hill Farmhouse, our luxurious shepherd huts are ideal for a romantic break for two or a unique retreat while visiting friends and family. You can even book a beauty treatment to enjoy while you're here!

We offer discounts midweek for two night stays. Find out more at BotleyHill-Farmhouse.co.uk. To check availability, please email sheilapbenson@hotmail.com or call Sheila on 07796 263023











linkedin.com/company/magna-im2020







Denis H Reeves & Co Building Contractors

Established in 1953

Loft Conversions Extensions Roofing

Office: 01959 571755 Mobile: 07702 564469 Email: dhreeves@btinternet.com



THE GROUND TEAM

Garden Maintenance Services

Specialists in garden maintenance with over 10 years experience.

Weekly, fortnightly or monthly maintenance.

The Ground Team garden services have an excellent reputation for delivering a consistent professional service to our clients providing work to the highest standard.

- Fully qualified & insured
- Lawn cutting
- Weeding
- Pruning
- Planting
- Hedge cutting

For some of our latest work and reviews please visit;

Twitter / Facebook @Thegroundteam



Contact us for a free quote and advice to bring out the best in your garden 07779 315050 / 01959 439048 thegroundteamservices@outlook.com

MoorEnergy Fitness Club









Come and try HIIT & Powerwave classes for free!!!

Become a member of MoorEnergy Fitness and get unlimited access to our gym, with a full range of cardiovascular and resistant machines.

Join us now for just £1.10 a day!

When signing up to our 12 month membership



@moorenergyfitness

London Road, Westerham, Kent TN16 1AA Info@moorenergy.co.uk moorenergyfitnessclub.co.uk 01959 561622





DAVID RUDD AND SON

COMMERCIAL AND DOMESTIC PLUMBING AND HEATING ENGINEERS

- Full central heating systems and boiler exchanges carried out for GAS, LPG and Oil (Kerosene)
- Installers of Worcester, Valliant and Glow Worm boilers with up to
 10 year guarantee
- Kamco Power Flushing
- · All types of Plumbing, Heating and Drainage
- · Landlord / Home owners Gas Certificates
- Installation and maintenance of Ground Source Pumps, Solar, Under Floor Heating, Cookers and Gas Fires
- Boiler breakdown Diagnostics and Repairs
- · Installation and servicing of Unvented Hot Water Systems
- · Full bathroom design and installations

Established since 1973, we pride ourselves on our workmanship

WRAS Approved Institute of Plumbing

ACIPHE RP





Domestic & Commercial Gas Engineers Boiler Breakdowns, Repairs and Servicing Boiler Installations Vented and Unvented cylinders Gas Fires and Cookers Central Heating and General Plumbing Bathroom Design and Installation







Call Rob on 07597 048 884 robert.thorpe@hotmail.com

W. UDEN & SONS LTD. Family Owned Funeral Directors Est. 1881 BIGGIN HILL 186 Main Road TN16 3BB Tel: 01959 573130 24 HOUR SERVICE . 7 DAYS A WEEK PLEASE COMPARE OUR PRICES OUR SERVICE AND OUR VEHICLES Private Chapels of Rest Pre-paid funerals available CONTINUING TO BUILD ON THE FAMILY TRADITIONS OF PERSONAL AND CARING SERVICE FOR OVER 100 YEARS IN THE AREA Branches also at Petts Wood, Sidcup, Eltham, Dulwich, New Cross & Camberwell www.wuden.com

www.saxonsselfdrive.co.uk Saxons SELF DRIVE HIRE 0800 988 1608 www.practical.co.uk Part of pract /cal Car & Van Rental Delivery service svalidble from our offices in Biggin HS, Bromley and Edenbridge 1 day to 4 year self drive hire of 7.5ton trucks V cars V vans chiller vans ✓ 9 seat V WAVs access services) ✓ minibuses with delivery to your door www.saxonsmotorhomes.co.uk xor self drive hire of motorhomes for business or holidays servicing and parts for CI and Rollerteam motorhomes www.saxonstrailers.co.uk ✓ trailer hire ✓ trailer sales ✓ trailer servicing ✓ trailer parts or more information 88 608 CALOR We stock a full range of calor gas bottles



FUNERAL PLANS FROM



One of the few remaining family-owned, truly independent funeral directors in the area

Peace of mind for you and your family Specify your wishes in advance Protection against rising funeral costs A range of flexible payment options Arrange the send off you want

Alex Jones Funeral Directors 92 Station Road East Oxted RH8 0QA

01883 730383 www.alexjonesfuneraldirectors.co.uk

We also have funeral homes in;

Lingfield: 01342 832534 Forest Row: 01342 822399 Edenbridge: 01732 860047







Vouchers distributed 30 days after your plan is taken out - contact us for full details.

£40 M&S vouchers with every plan

75

Golden

Charter

G GLITTERBOX EVENTS LTD01959

OPEN TIMES MON-SAT 9-5pm

8 Roundways, Biggin Hill, Kant, TN16 3KZ Unit 2 Warnan Form, Moin Road, Sundhidg Sevenaaks, Kent. TV114 6EE info-gilmetaus/2017@gmail.com www.gilterbasantendoralt.bic 19 Mage: Gilterbasa an und anaft Insta: Gilterbas codh

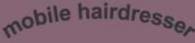


We run lots of ort workshops throughout the week. Under 5s sessions every morning, offse school classes every offseroon. All day on Saturatoys. Regular school clubs in shop 5 of schools. If you how a club or group ask us about our on locations classes.

We cater for parties: full range of helium balloons, sweet or sweet baxes, Wedding or event planning and needs. Wedding stationery, funeral ardiers of service

We fully organise and set up for so many different ever Parties: adults alternation ton parties, baby showers, event dressing

IF YOU ARE PLANNING AN EVENT GET IN TOUCH



Based in Tatsfield

25 Years Experience



tel: 01959 573816

mobile: 07970 012194

FH/

Fully Insured



Your local paint mixing specialist



190 Main Road, Biggin Hill



lingandsons.co.uk

01959 577586





07903 396 265

Tatsfield & Biggin Hill's Local Independent Mortgage Broker with over 20 years' experience

- Purchases, Re-Mortgages, Buy to Let Mortgages, First Time Buyer Mortgages, Self Employed Mortgages, Guarantor Mortgages
- Life Insurance, Critical Illness Insurance, Income Protection & Family & Mortgage Protection
- We complete all of the paperwork so you don't have to making the process stress free!
- We will not be beaten on our mortgage rates or service ensuring we get the best possible product for you

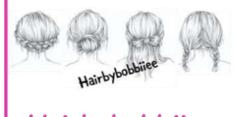
DO YOU HAVE A TN16 POSTCODE?

If "YES" my services are FEES FREE! (saving typical fee of £495)









Hairbybobbiiee

Have your hair done in the comfort of your own home at affordable prices

> 10+ years experience Tatsfield and surrounding areas

> 07850 968202





WESTERHAM PLACE Care Home

Quebec Square, Westerham, Kent, TN16 1TD

01959 565805 | wrenretirementliving.co.uk



Excellent care in the heart of Westerham

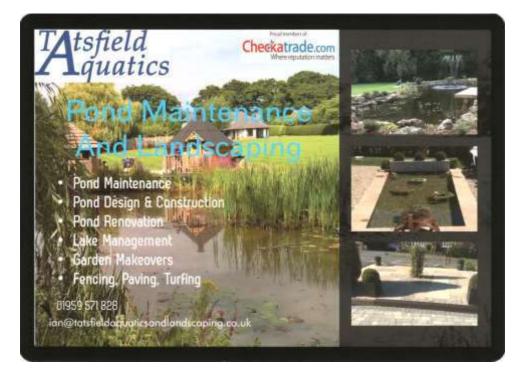
A warm welcome awaits you at Westerham Place.

A beautiful residential care home that combines the charm of a grand Victorian country house with excellent person-centred care.

Our highly-trained care team are on hand to tend to your every need, 24 hours a day. We work with you to tailor our care to your personal requirements.

Enjoy delicious home-cooked food, vibrant activities, and views of our picturesque gardens.

We would love you to meet our team and see our charming home. Simply call us to arrange a visit.



- Dry Carpet Cleaning
- Upholstery Cleaning
- Tile & Grout Cleaning

Call Chris or Mark 01732 387046 or 07827 580012 www.zdtcleaning.co.uk



Zero Dry Time Kent



BOOK TODAY!

olf Club

Book your wedding with us and we will give you...

£1,000 OFF

Have a party or private event at Park Wood and get...

FREE ROOM HIRE

#ParkWoodGC

01959 577744 info@parkwoodgolf.co.uk

Sunningvale Avenue, Biggin Hill TN16 3TL

01959 573434

We offer a warm welcome and friendly service whatever your motoring needs





Petrol/Diesel	MOT
Catalysts	Bodywork Repairs
Diesels	Spraying
Exhausts	Insurance Estimates



TATSFIELD'S ONLY VEHICLE REPAIR SPECIALIST

INSURANCE APPROVED

ALL MAJOR INSURANCE COMPANIES DEALT WITH

Localised smart repairs Bumper scuffs

Phone: 01959 577518 (Answerphone out of hours)

JPA, Edgar Road, off Ricketts Hill Road



Printed by WILMOT-BUDGEN LIMITED 52 Ullswater Crescent, Coulsdon, Surrey, CR5 2HR