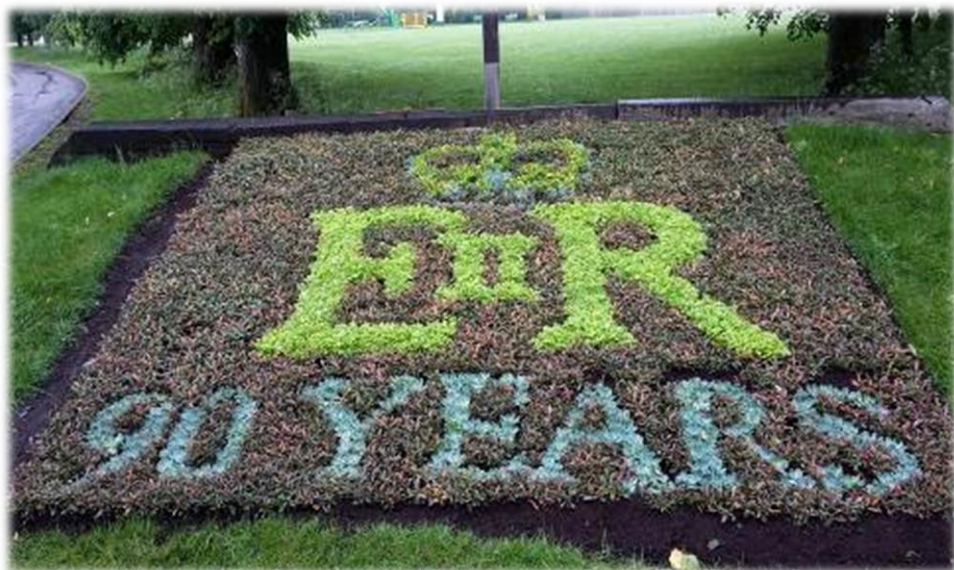


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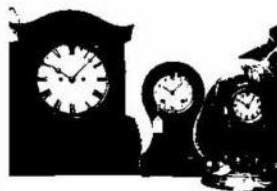
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EDITORIAL

Who is the most intelligent person you can think of? Who is the least intelligent? About twenty years ago I asked a group of teenage schoolboys those questions. They came up with various answers to the first one, Einstein being most common, but to the second question there was virtually universal agreement – David Beckham - such was his image at the time! The purpose of the exercise was to note that anyone who can put a football 30 yards from the goal and swerve it into the net past a line of defenders and a goalkeeper is displaying a considerable range of different intelligences: we went on to promote the use of our various abilities in academic studies and in life in general.

Happily, David Beckham's reputation amongst the public is now more positive. Of all the countless words that were said during the EU referendum by so many well-known politicians and experts it is a short sentence from him that I particularly recall. He said "We need to face the problems of the world together". This immediately lifted the debate beyond the level of 'what's in it for me?' or even 'what's best for Britain?' He seemed to realise that the many challenges facing our world must be addressed by concerted thought and action by many people and nations. Some historians would see the roots of some current problems in the distrust and lack of respect between different sects and nations in years gone by – sometimes centuries ago.

We may not know the extent to which the referendum lay behind the tragic killing of Jo Cox MP although the words in court of the accused may well be telling us something. The immediate outpouring of emotion and praise, in this country and in many others, for this remarkable woman deserves to be remembered well after the referendum rhetoric is long forgotten. Her example shows that there are those – I suspect many – who enter politics with the highest of motives and a passionate desire to improve the lives of others, especially those members of society with genuine needs but who feel neglected by the more powerful and affluent. Before joining Parliament she had given much of her life to promoting peace and justice, making many personal sacrifices along the way. She listened to what others had to say and took this on board in her own thinking and actions.

Never again should we hear: "Politicians are only in it for themselves". As our country faces an uncertain future hers is an example to hold before us, as are the sentiments of David Beckham whose intelligences during the referendum debate outshone many others.

Gerald South

There will be no magazine in August. The next edition should be with you by the first weekend in September.

TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Speed Watch: The Parish Council has been made aware that despite the 20mph speed restriction in the centre of the village and the speed bump outside the village hall the Speedwatch group are still seeing high numbers of drivers speeding. We have, therefore, been having discussions about traffic calming measures and are in contact with Surrey Highways exploring the possibilities of a vehicle activated sign. Surrey Highways have advised that an evidence led approach is favoured and before any consideration is given to speed reducing measures a speed survey is carried out on the road in question and hopefully this will be agreed shortly. If you have any views or comments to make on potential calming measures please let myself or our clerk, Ana Hughes, know.

Tenancies: As many of you are no doubt aware, The Chartwell Cancer Trust currently operate out of one of the three offices in the Aileen McHugo Building. They have advised us that they have now put over £1m into cancer and leukaemia services. As they are growing so rapidly they have requested more space and it has been decided that because of the excellent work they carry out a second office should be leased to them. They have agreed to a five year term which will not only provide continuity to their services but will also guarantee an income for the Parish for the next five years.

Emergency Plan: We decided to review our emergency plan as this has not been looked at for a couple of years now and are in the process of updating it with today's requirements and potential emergencies.

Defibrillators: Phil Clark has kindly agreed to carry out some training on the use of the defibrillators and has offered three dates, Wednesday, 6 July at 7.30pm, Wednesday, 13 July at 7.30pm and Saturday, 9 July at 10am. If you wish to come along to one of these sessions please contact Ana Hughes on 01959 701820.

Unmade Westmore Road: A local builder's decision in May to offer surplus materials from his site in Shaw Road to make a smoother surface on the unmade part of Westmore Road was welcomed by many residents. However, the type of material used, combined with heavy rain when the work started, produced a flurry of complaints that the road had become impassable. The road is a Public Bridleway, so Surrey's Countryside Access Officer intervened and told the builder how to remedy the situation. The surface on the level part of Westmore Road was put right first and the slope leading to Kemsley Road was then stabilised, provided with drainage ditches and made smooth. By the time you read this, the final section where Westmore Road becomes Kemsley Road should have been made passable for pedestrians and horses.

Most of Tatsfield's unmade roads are Public Bridleways and the moral is that Surrey County Council on 01737 737332 should always be consulted before anything but minor work is contemplated on such roads.

Westmore Road drainage: To make things worse, May's heavy rain led to a soakaway on land at the bottom of the slope in unmade Westmore Road turning into a fountain and flooding neighbouring land! And not only that! A tree on that piece of land – owned by Thames Water – fell and blocked Kemsley Road. A Thames Water surveyor has inspected the site and will let us know if anything can be done to prevent the soakaway overflowing in the future.

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TANDRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL

The new "year" got under way in May with the Annual Council meeting on the 26th May. I was unable to attend this due to holidays, but at this meeting your new Tandridge District Council's Chairman for 2016-2017 was voted in as Councillor Pat Cannon. The previous Chairman, Councillor Rose Thorn, presented him with the ceremonial chain of office. The new Conservative Leader of the Council Mr Martin Fisher was voted in to replace the recently deposed Leader Mr Gordon Keymer. Martin will be instrumental in overseeing the £8.5 million budget but as he is from a financial background this should not faze him. I have found Martin to be a pleasant if somewhat "political" beast at the meetings and in the few encounters I have had he has been pleasant and helpful so I look forward to working with him in the future.

For my part I will remain on the Housing Committee, and have joined the Licensing Committee and the Staffing (Joint Consultative) Committee. I will also be the understudy for the Biggin Hill Airport Consultative Committee. This Committee is already adequately covered by a member of the Parish Council. In view of the restricted finances over the next cycle of grants it was decided to have a new Sub-Committee (Treasury & Investment) so that they can better function on these important matters outside of the General Resources Committee.

I attended a Resources Committee meeting where it was agreed that the “number of lost days” was now becoming serious and having an effect on the services of the TDC. I have registered an objection on your behalf and will arrange a meeting with the CEO in the near future to find out why this is happening and what is being done to improve these figures. The Community Service Committee gave some good news about the increased recycling figures but we can all do more to keep this figure rising. The bad news was that the company contracted to collect the brown bins wanted to increase the charge by, what was considered to be, a large amount, and was sent back to the contractor to rethink. I did point out that, for a rural village like ours, the actual cost per collection even at this increased level would still prove good value to us. More on this later.

But more good news on fly tipping. TDC continue their successful prosecutions. On 7 June at Redhill Magistrates’ Court, a Westerham man pleaded guilty to fly tipping. He was fined £100, given a 12 month community order to carry out 100 hours of unpaid work, while the Council was awarded full costs of £432. He also has to pay £60 to the victim support fund. This was for a fly tipping incident in Pitchfont Lane, Limpsfield, relatively close to home, so please keep up your vigilance and report all fly tipping in the area. TDC is still working through the final authorities needed for some overt cameras to be placed in the Tatsfield and Titsey District. To find out more visit www.recycleforsurrey.org.uk

Roadside checks lead to warnings for waste carriers and motorists. A joint vehicle stop and check operation took place on Friday 13 May, run by officers from Tandridge, Reigate and Banstead and Mole Valley Councils, working with Surrey Police. The stop checks concentrated on vehicles carrying waste or commercial vehicles that could be carrying waste. An examiner from VOSA was also present, along with officers from Trading Standards and the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). 27 vehicles were stopped on the A22. Of these 3 waste carriers were given verbal advice and a fourth will receive a written warning. The police dealt with three vehicles for traffic offences and the DWP has two investigations, one of which appears to be a significant fraud involving several parties.

On the B269 in the afternoon eight vehicles were stopped, with one waste carrier receiving verbal advice. A further waste carrier vehicle received an immediate prohibition for vehicle defects and the driver was reported for a number of traffic offences once his address was discovered.

So you can see that TDC and others are doing everything they can to catch those that litter our countryside.

Police and Crime Commissioner - I will contact his office and arrange a meeting so that we can all get to meet him and share his views with that of our own.

Food waste caddy. Just to make you aware residents can now line their food waste caddy with plastic bags or liners, which makes it easier, cleaner and cheaper to recycle food waste. You can use anything from old shopping bags to bread or salad bags, but not black bin bags or plastic food packaging. Your caddy will not be emptied if these are found inside.

Sorry to be so lengthy this month, but I will be absent next month as there is no magazine delivery but here are two items that I have seen that may be useful for some of you.

Open for business – the £2.4 million fund to support economic growth. Small and medium businesses wanting financial assistance to expand and to create new jobs can now apply for funding from the £2.4 million Business Growth Grants Programme. The programme is run by West Sussex County Council on behalf of Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and can provide grants of £15,000 to £100,000 - up to 40% of a total project cost. The programme is open to small and medium businesses within the Coast to Capital region: West Sussex, Brighton and Hove, Lewes, Croydon, Epsom and Ewell, Reigate and Banstead, Mole Valley and Tandridge.

It is known that many businesses still have problems accessing funding to help them develop as a business and create more jobs, all of which is important for our local economy so thanks to this funding grants are available to businesses to bridge that gap and encourage job creation and growth across the Coast to Capital region.” Jonathan Sharrock, Chief Executive at Coast to Capital LEP, said: “This is a great opportunity for small and medium businesses in the region who are looking to grow their business and create jobs but are not finding it easy to source the finance required to get an extra cash boost.”

This marks the second year of the programme – in the last year £1 million was allocated across the region in 28 grants, creating 57 jobs to date with the expectation this figure will increase to 148. The fund is open to small and medium businesses, start-ups, existing businesses and social enterprises. Applications must be for additional to existing business activity. For more information and to access the expression of interest form and guidelines visit the

website at www.businesswestsussex.co.uk/businessgrowthgrants or email businessgrants@westsussex.gov.uk.

A service that blocks unsolicited marketing calls. The Telephone Preference Service took another step to preventing people receiving nuisance calls which have effects on both the elderly and vulnerable members of the community. The TPS launched its text-to-register service, so mobile phone users can send a simple message to opt out of unsolicited and marketing calls. Please visit www.tpsonline.org.uk to find out more information.

That's it for now back in September issue so have a really good summer.

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

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

CONTACTING THE MAGAZINE

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

tatsfieldmag@gmail.com

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

tatsfieldpm@gamil.com

A NOTE TO CONTRIBUTORS AND ADVERTISERS

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

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

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

PAT JOHNSON
9 August 1927 – 7 May 2016



With great sadness I report the sudden death of Pat Johnston on 7th May 2016 aged 88. Husband to Dianne, father to myself Sally and Siblings Philip and Angela, former husband to our mother Josephine, his step family Andrew, Sharon, Maddison and Luke and uncle to Nick, Peter, Sylvia, Anne and Susan.

He taught us many things: compassion respect, love and fun to name a few, what a journey we had.

Thank you all for loving him. Amongst you are supporters of his restaurant adventures both here and in Spain, his Timber Trading, Elvis renditions and last but not least the P.R.G. which gave months of fun each year with carnivals, parties, shows, Not So Young outings and the many trips abroad.

We have great memories to share with Pat's 11 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Many of you have told me how your lives have been enriched through knowing him, I know mine has. We three children are truly blessed to have had him as our father and sincerely hope he continues to have fun 'up there' when he reunites with his great pals whose company he has missed immensely over the latter years.

Thank you for being his friends.

Sally Jenkins

The photo of Pat on the right has been sent in by Peter Scarboro, previously a resident of Tatsfield and still well remembered by many of us.

It shows Pat doing his Elvis act on the occasion of Peter and Susan's ruby wedding anniversary in 2010.

Thank you, Peter.



FLORENCE PEARSON

30 December 1916 – 3 May 2016

Florrie was a very long standing resident of Tatsfield and below is the family tribute read at her funeral.



Mum was born in Erith, and although we know little of her young childhood years, we believe they were spent mainly in the Kent area.

She joined the ATS in the war years and was based in London, where she was employed as the bat woman to Mary Churchill, and one of her clearest memories of this period was that she had to go out and buy chrysanthemums for Winston each week. The great man must have had a love of flowers as well as his cigars, she thought.

During this period her social life revolved around going to dance halls, where she enjoyed all the dance styles of the time, and throughout her long life, any opportunity to enjoy music and to dance was always taken.

It was also during her time in London that she met a young man from Tatsfield (William Frederick Pearson) who was serving in the army as a gunner and stationed near Battersea Power Station.

Mum said that as they appeared to have a lot in common, they began going out, and so her association with Tatsfield began. They came back to Tatsfield around 1944 as a couple and were married we believe in the local church, St Mary's. They initially lived in Westmore Road, prior to moving into No 9 Whitewood Cottages where they raised their 3 children, Hilary, Burt & John.

Mum believed that a good days work wouldn't hurt anybody, and she would turn her hand to many different things, seasonal farm work such as potato and other vegetable picking from the local farms, plus domestic cleaning, which was her favourite, as she met some lovely people who so appreciated her assistance, which made her very happy.

Her favourite employer was Mrs Johnston from Paynesfield Road, who lovingly always addressed her as "angel face".

She was also a prolific knitter, jumpers, balaclavas and bed socks to keep us all warm.

In her later years Mum spent many happy hours at the Douglas Brunton centre for the older folk in Caterham, and in a card from one of her friends there, the message read, "We will always remember Florrie and her smiles, her songs and the joy she passed around."

I'm sure this is probably true as she could on occasion be seen on New Year's Eve in the Tatsfield Working Men's Club with family members having a little jig around on the dance floor as she used to call it.

Being a great lover of "Mother Nature" as she would always call it, the BBC's Spring and Autumn Watch were firm favourites.

Florrie was separated from her only brother Albert at a young age, although she never gave up hope of finding him, and through the wonderful organisation that is the Salvation Army, Albert and his family were traced to a small village in the Cotswolds. Brother and sister were re-united again, and would go on to spend some very happy times together with family and friends.

Mum was a very gracious lady, always thankful for the help we gave her in her later years, and she was so very proud of all her family.

Finally, Florrie's family would like to thank Teresa and all the staff at the Oakhurst Court nursing home, who cared for her with such love and kindness throughout her last difficult years.

Hilary, Burt and John

CHRISTIAN AID COLLECTION IN TATSFIELD

Thanks to the 21 collectors and to all many who made donations an even bigger total than last year was raised, namely £1223. Furthermore, because of the many who completed gift aid slips this will be increased by over £140 from HMRC.

Particular thanks go to Jennifer Evans for organising all of this, a significant but very worthwhile task.

Gerald South

Sunday 3 July – Come and see us at the Scout Fete!

Tatsfield Village Fairtrade Group will be supporting Tatsfield Scouts at the Scout Fete!

Come and join us, hear more about Fairtrade, see and perhaps buy some of the wide selection of fairly traded goods available.





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



A change is as good as a rest!

Never mind the weather when planning your holiday this year just grab your beach towel and head for the Tatsfield Riviera.....sunglasses optional, fun and friendship guaranteed.

This is for anyone who fancies a change of scene this summer without travelling too far!

A week of relaxing, no-pressure happenings and you can dip into any or all of them!

Everything will happen at St Mary's Millennium Hall.

For the less able there is a wheelchair on site with good access and facilities.

Cost: There will be a charge of £4.00 each day

Transport is available from the village. Please book this yourself with the Helpline by ringing Hazel Cartwright on 577749.

Outline programme

Monday 22	Afternoon Tea at the Tatsfield Ritz!
Tuesday 23	Coach (<i>flat bed level</i>) trip to Polhill Garden Centre <i>Transport included - lunch at your own expense</i>
Wednesday 24	Hot lunch then sit back and be entertained
Thursday 25	Coffee, pottering, a Ploughman's Lunch and hot pudd!

You will be given the timings for each session once you have booked in.

If oversubscribed we hold a waiting list.

We do hope to see you "holidaying at home" with us. If you or someone you know would enjoy a change and a rest please give this venture, now in its sixth year, your support, come yourself and bring someone with you!

A leaflet including more details and a booking form is available from Linda's or by phoning Sheila Cook on 01959 577443. Please book by **August 5th** at the latest.

We hope to see many of you "holidaying at home" with us again this year.

Jennie South and the Holiday at Home Team!



Westmore Village Green TATSFIELD

Procession at 1pm (Paynesfield Road Green)
Fete opens at 1.30pm



Featuring Novelty Dog Show



Stalls • Attractions •
Music • Bar • Refreshments • Crafts • Raffle

Sunday 3rd July 2016





TATSFIELD ART GROUP VISIT TO BOTLEY HILL FARMHOUSE

Local artists from Tatsfield Art Group spent an enjoyable afternoon at Botley Hill Farmhouse recently. On arrival members perused the views before deciding where to settle themselves down for an afternoon sketching and painting the historic farmhouse and glorious views. Fortunately, the weather was dry and the sun came out to warm their busy hands! Pencil, pen, watercolour and pastels were all in evidence and pictures were taken away to finish at Art Club the following Monday evening. Completed paintings will be on display and for sale at the summer exhibition in Tatsfield Village Hall during the weekend of 2nd and 3rd July.



Thank you to Botley Hill Farmhouse for hosting the group.

Tatsfield Art Group meets on Monday evenings in the Village Hall.

If you would like more information please contact Sue on 570097.





FOSTERING INFORMATION SESSION

10 am – 2 pm on Saturday, 23rd July

Tatsfield Village Hall

There are children in Surrey, Kent and South London who need foster carers in the Tatsfield and surrounding areas. These are UK children and also children arriving in the UK from abroad.

Cornerways is an established small independent fostering service with foster carers already in this locality, but more are urgently needed. Find out more about fostering and how you and your family could help. We recruit carers of all ages and backgrounds so don't assume you cannot be considered.

Tea/coffee and cakes will be available as well as opportunity to chat to experienced social workers and foster carers.

Cornerways Fostering Services: 01293 826830

www.cornerways.org email fostering@cornerways.org.

POLICE REPORT

Honourable Greetings from your local 'bobby'.

Crime- wise around here, the last month has been a case of a few minor things, with nothing major at all. At the end of May, an electric fencing energising unit was stolen from a field off Cudham Road. Being in an isolated location, there are no lines of enquiry to pursue. Also a car was damaged by deliberate scratching on Ship Hill. Again, there were no witnesses, CCTV or forensics. And finally, some fence posts were stolen from fencing at a farm on Clarks Lane, but there

is no evidence to confirm a suspect.

So currently no burglaries / assaults / ongoing crime. That's good for any area. There's hope for the summer.

Please, please remember your barbeque etiquette (if we have some nice days), by inviting your neighbours round and keeping them sweet, instead of them getting the smoke and noise without the food!

And please, keep your eyes and ears keen (like my socks) for anyone/anything that don't seem right for Tatsfield. Remember, if it's happening now, call 999, if it's already happened, call 101. Simple!

Happy holidays, home or away. See you around the village,

Rupert (PCSO 12599 KELLEY)





LOVE COFFEE?

Saturday 14 May was World Fairtrade Day and to celebrate Fairtrade International organised a World Fairtrade Coffee Challenge which took place over the weekend of 13 - 15 May. Tatsfield took part in the challenge by counting all the coffees at the 'Tea' tent on the Green on the Saturday, at St. Mary's on the Sunday and at The Bakery over the whole weekend. We registered a total of 153 Fairtrade coffees. In total more than 5.6 million cups of coffee were registered by coffee lovers in 50 countries to support farmers hit by climate change.

But how much do we actually know about the coffee that we love to drink? Have a go at this quiz and enter our competition. All correct entries will win a prize which will be available to collect from our Tea Tent on 17 September.

1. Where does coffee originally come from?
Ethiopia ☐ Columbia ☐ Brazil ☐ Costa Rica ☐
2. Which country consumes the most coffee per person?
Italy ☐ France ☐ Finland ☐ Brazil ☐
3. Which country produces the most coffee?
Ethiopia ☐ Kenya ☐ Brazil ☐ Colombia ☐
4. How many people in the world depend on coffee production for their livelihoods?
40 million ☐ 50 million ☐ 100 million ☐ 125 million ☐
5. What does Fairtrade coffee mean?
Farmers get a fair and stable price for the coffee they grow ☐
The manufacturers only make a limited profit ☐
The ingredients are healthier ☐

Entries by email to tatsfieldfairtradegroup@gmail.com or to Linda's. Please include a telephone number. Closing date 9 September. Answers in the October magazine.

Tatsfield Fairtrade Group
Tatsfieldfairtradevillage.weebly.com
Follow us on Facebook and Twitter





TATSFIELD COMMUNITY COMPOSTING

By the time you read this we will have emptied all of the 40 odd bins that we left maturing over the winter period, as the rapid transformation from the green shredded waste to black compost has taken us by surprise. But it is pleasing that as soon as we have sieved it out then the demand for it has been consistently good.

So there may be some disappointment for some of you in the future. However we will continue to sieve out the bins we started at the beginning of this year as long as the end product proves worthwhile.

We finally had the shredder returned to us after its service and this will help us keep up with the current and heavy input of green waste, especially now that we also received the long promised "Green waste Grid" that will allow a better throughput of the green rather than woody waste.

Our DoE youngsters continue to assist us in the workings of the site and continue to grow into the role of volunteering in their community, and we are thankful for this extra help.

It was said to me recently that people were taking their green waste up to the recycling centre at Bond Road as they did not think they could bring it up to the site. So, if I have given any wrong impression about us receiving your green waste can I be clear and say that we can take any quantity of grass at any time, we can take any quantity of green waste at any time on Saturdays. Neither of these two has to go through a shredder, they can go straight on the bins. We can accept woody shrubs and thin pieces of wood. All we are trying to avoid is having to receive and shred large van loads or builders bags full of waste that needs shredding. Having said this if there is any doubt do please phone me Barry or Phil and just check whether we can handle what you have. Being aware that Bond Road is closed, we do want to try and help the village at this time. Just be considerate. Thank you.

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

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



If you would like to join the THS, or join the band of volunteers to help on the composting site next season, then please contact me. Further details of the Composting Group and all other THS events can be found on the THS website: <http://tatsfieldhorticulturalsociety.weebly.com>.

Martin Allen (577201)



TATSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

A small band of villagers made the trip to Long Barn on Saturday. If you were one of that band you will have seen a beautiful English garden - that is, it was in the sunshine but the rain which restricted the visit did not inhibit the sheer beauty of the place. Please see Sue Warren's report of the visit with a bit of historical background and a couple of photos showing the opposite sides of the day.

We will be at the Scout Fete on Sunday, 3 July, sharing a tent with the Fairtrade Group, we have decided not to "sell" anything this year as Darren Everest is coming along and he will have his usual superior range of products available. Come over and say hello and let us know how the plants from the plant sale are showing. If Jon or Peter are about you may even be able to ask some questions and receive some very good advice in return.



We then take a well-earned break for the summer, but will return full of renewed vigour in preparation for receiving all of your entries for the Autumn Show which will be held on 10 September. Reminders will be sent at the start of September.

HOT OFF THE PRESS – We are pleased to advise that Rhod Jones the Head Gardener at the Titsey Estate will be our speaker at the AGM and Big Talk on 8 November.

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

Martin Allen, Chairman, Tatsfield Horticultural Society

(Tel: 577201 or Email: martin_allen@talk21.com)

Web address <http://tatsfieldhorticulturalsociety.weebly.com>.

Re-signing of the Churches Together in Oxted and District Covenant

3 July at 3.00 pm

St John's Church, Hurst Green

All welcome

TATSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



GARDEN VISIT TO LONG BARN ON 11 JUNE 2016

The society's garden visit this year was to Long Barn in The Weald near Sevenoaks. Thirty of us arrived to a simply magical garden steeped in history. Not only is Long Barn a Grade II listed property but the garden is as well! The house possibly dates back to the mid 14th century and folklore suggests it was the birthplace of William Caxton, the first English printer.



the nice part of the day

In 1915 Long Barn was acquired by Harold Nicholson, author and diplomat together with his wife, Vita Sackville-West, the famous poet, novelist, gardening writer and daughter of Lord Sackville of Knole. The couple lived here for 15 years at the beginning of their marriage, and then finally moving on to Sissinghurst. Today we could see, due to careful restoration by the current owners who open the gardens twice a year for Hospice in the Weald, an absolute treat. Harold and Vita set about creating an English garden from partially overgrown fields and a southern sloping site on heavy clay. What emerged was a number of terraces that stretched and divided the garden giving a formal and classical feel. In the three acres of garden 'rooms' they created a very romantic and personal atmosphere. We all wandered around the garden rooms and at every turn was a surprise, secret gardens with delightful planting schemes, rose arbours and classical groves, orchards, ponds and vegetable gardens with greenhouses. The planting was very effective and something of interest for everyone.



the not so good part of the day

Cups of tea and delicious homemade cakes were served from the terrace outside the picturesque Long Barn House made for a memorable afternoon. Everyone was in a euphoric state and even the black rain laden clouds did little to dampen our enthusiasm as we had luckily enjoyed wandering around the gardens in the dry.

Sue Warren

FOR SALE

Trailer – 6ft X 4ft

New body, cover, spare and tyres, tail-gate, fitted jockey wheel and lights

Phone 577585



TATSFIELD IN BLOOM 2016

By now you will have seen that the carpet of plants has been laid on the Tatol bed to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. The trays were delivered on the Friday to The White House (by kind permission of Julie Mitchell) and then the "jigsaw" was put together on the Saturday morning by Doug Massey, Marian Godfrey and other volunteers. We now wait for the full colours to develop to make the display memorable.



The wine bottle and glass on the Bakery lawn have now taken shape and the bed with the "spilt wine" planted with red *Alternanthera H* plants and we wait for these to grow to see the complete picture.

The containers and tubs have been planted with purple and gold bedding petunias, deep blue heliotrope and yellow lysimachia. The baskets and mangers have now been hung around the village centre and all of these will be watered by the volunteers over the summer months.

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

If you would like to join us, just turn up outside The Bakery at 10 am on a Saturday – you will be welcomed with open arms! No special skills are necessary, although a good sense of humour is essential, as the group always work with a smile on their faces!

Jill Hancock (Tel: 577622)



TATSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL'S MUSICAL YEAR

Music at Tatsfield continues to flourish and we have enjoyed another busy year.

At the end of January, the choir took part in the Young Voices Concert at the O2 and enjoyed the



incredible experience of singing alongside 8000 other children.

In March, the choir also performed at the Tandridge Schools' Concert at Woldingham School in which they sang two solo songs, alongside a repertoire of shared songs. It was a wonderful occasion in a beautiful venue.

The orchestra has also been busy preparing for our annual May Concert which was a great success. In addition to the orchestra and choir, many of our instrumentalists performed solos and it was a very enjoyable evening, showcasing the many talented children that we are so lucky to have at Tatsfield School.

At the end of June, the orchestra will be attending a Tandridge Schools' orchestral day at St Francis' School, Caterham, where 96 children will come together to rehearse three pieces from the 'BBC Ten Pieces' which they will perform at the end of the day.

Finally, we end the summer term with our Key Stage 2 musical, which this year is 'Splash', a modern take on 'Noah's Ark' by Craig Hawes.



Mrs Akhtar

ALAN TITCHMARSH AND THE PHILIBERTS AT KEW



Bob David made contact with us, having heard on the Tatsfield grapevine of our visit to Kew last month, and asked that we put together a few notes for the Parish Magazine. We were invited to attend a lunch of Kew Guild Members on the occasion of Alan Titchmarsh being awarded the Kew Guild Medal.

The Kew Guild Medal is presented to only a very few selected people who are considered to have made a significant contribution to horticulture and have also been an ambassador for Kew Botanic Gardens. Membership of the Kew Guild is restricted to past and present employees and students of Kew Gardens. Louis was a student at Kew Gardens from 1971 to 1974, which coincided with a couple of years when Alan was also a student there.

The lunch was at the Coach and Horses on Kew Green. Alan and wife Alison were a bit late arriving but after talking to a committee member about the event they stopped as they passed us and had quite a long chat, Alan having recognised Louis, recalling both Christian and surname without any prompting – amazing after about 40 years! We had quite a laugh with remembering things that happened all those years ago – of course we couldn't possibly tell you what made him laugh so raucously! Other people on our table thought we were especially important as a result! The picture shows the three of us together.

Louis and Sandy Philibert



SHOPPING AT LINDA'S STORES AND THE POST OFFICE IN JULY AND AUGUST



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Paul Bennett was standing in for Linda at the Post Office counter while she was away for a week last month and he mentioned a couple of points about the Post Office which readers might find of interest and practical use.

The first is about any **foreign currency** you might need if you are holidaying abroad. The Post Office can of course supply all your holiday money needs. If you require above £400's worth, it will be well worthwhile visiting the Post Office website and ordering your cash. It will arrive the following day at Tatsfield Post Office for you to collect and the rate will be much better than the rate which can be offered for over-the-counter transactions. Of course, the Post Office still has stocks of euros and dollars for your last minute purchases.



The Post Office also offers **an award-winning credit card** with no loading of foreign transaction fees and fee-free purchase of currency from the Post Office.

If you are holidaying abroad, make sure your **European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)** is still valid – they only last for 5 years. If you need to renew your EHIC, make sure you go to the gov.uk website; there is no charge for renewing but a Google search will show a number of other sites charging up to £24.99 for renewing! If the site wants to charge, don't use it – leave it, it is a scam.

There are also rogue websites, some of which are very convincing, trying to get you to re-new your passport, driving license or vehicle tax through them. Don't be tempted – always go through gov.uk page.

As for your **shopping**, you will find that Linda's will as usual be offering lots of special bargains during the summer. There are always leaflets in the shop telling you about them. At the beginning of July (until the 12th), these are some of them.

- ✿ Pringles £1.25 (price marked £1.99)
- ✿ Evian Water 75cl – 2 for £1.20
- ✿ Kenco coffee £2 (price marked £3.49)
- ✿ Bassett's Jelly Babies & Wine Gums – 2 for £1.50 (price marked £1)
- ✿ Uncle Ben's Rice £1 (price marked £1.89)

Bob David

DEER ME!



Over the last few years we have got used to seeing deer around our village, sometimes crossing roads in front of our cars and at others in the woods and fields alongside our unmade roads and footpaths. It is usually just one or two deer and the most I have ever seen together is three. They are nice to see – but most of us would have a different reaction were the animals to stray into our own garden, as they can eat many of our flowers and vegetables and damage much else!

Well, Gary Abram and his daughter, Hannah, saw more than just a few deer last month. Admittedly not in Tatsfield but very nearby, off Cudham Lane South. In a large field to the east of the road were a large group of deer, grazing quietly. Gary and Hannah estimate that there were over 60 grazing there! The photo shows the scene. Let's hope they do not want to visit any relatives they may have in Tatsfield!

Bob David

BEWARE WARM EVENING'S COMPLACENCY

This time of year often sees a spike in thefts from garden sheds, left unlocked, and opportunist burglaries, because the back door is left open.

From unlocked, and even wide open garages, lawn mowers and bikes are easy targets.

A thief will hang around and wait if an impending opportunity is seen.

Your property will then disappear the minute your back is turned.

Please don't be an easy target this summer.

Crimestoppers (0800 555 111)



The Village Hall became a cinema on two Saturdays in May and June where recently released major films were shown. In May it was "Suffragette" and "The Lady in the Van" and in June "Brooklyn" and "The Danish Girl" were the attractions. Curzon Country Cinema is taking a break in the summer months and will be returning on the third Saturday of each month - 17 September, 15 October and 19 November with afternoon and evening showings.

Think about putting the dates in your diary and look out in the magazines and in posters around the village for details of the films to be seen and the times. Tickets are £5 and can be bought at the door.

This is not mini-film viewing. Those who came to the Village Hall in May and June found a full size screen stretching across the front of the stage, with the picture clear and bright and the sound excellent. Worth giving it a try?

Bob David

DEFIBRILATOR TRAINING

Phil Clark has kindly agreed to carry out some training on the use of the defibrillators and has offered three dates, Wednesday, 6 July at 7.30pm, Wednesday, 13 July at 7.30pm and Saturday, 9 July at 10am. If you wish to come along to one of these sessions please contact the Parish Clerk, Ana Hughes, on 01959 701820.

Tatsfield Art Group Exhibition

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



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

Display from Tatsfield Primary School

ST MARY'S MATTERS

Change of usual pattern of services on 7 August

There will be no OTB service on this day, nor an 11.30 Eucharist. Instead there will be sung Eucharist at 10.00am as for the other Sundays of the month.

Open the Book

Our June service coincided with Environment Sunday. We gave thanks for the beauty and balance of creation as well as praying for the continued health of our planet. When we considered our fears and possible actions the lists below emerged:

FEARS : Loss of bees – cut down on pesticides : Rapid extinction of species e.g. West African rhino : No smoke or fumes : Too many cars : Pollution – air and water : Prolonged dry or wet weather : The amount of food wastage from field to fridge : Climate change : Changes in landmass (Bahrain) : War, armed conflict and population change : Melting of the ice caps, affecting wildlife e.g. polar bears, penguins : Pursuit of money at the expense of human environment and environmental wellbeing. : Too much packaging in goods : Not enough homes for animals and people

ACTIONS : Vegetable gardening : Recycle – we only have a limited amount of resources; use wisely and re-use whenever possible : Save electricity : Don't litter: Save water : Be eco-friendly : Buy imperfect veg/fruit : Cook everything – be creative! Do not waste: Do away with artificial pesticides: In summer save the “not too dirty” washing up water to water the garden: Recycle –renew –reuse - repair: Look after our trees and butterflies and bees: the bees are very important: Reforestation: Stop using so many cars. Car share. Walk instead: Better working together: Compost green waste: Don't burn coal: Don't harm creatures intentionally: Help others to be environmentally friendly.

Churchyard

The extraordinarily wet weather recently has made it difficult to keep to schedule with grass cutting and other tasks. However many thanks to those who have braved the elements to get the churchyard looking as good and as welcoming as it does. The churchyard is once again this summer enhanced by the beautiful hanging baskets supplied by the In -Bloom group. The churchyard will be on the judges route and we will be playing our part in promoting all that we do here when the judges visit.

St Mary's Holiday at Home

Now in its sixth year the dates this summer are Monday 22 August to Thursday 25. Further details of how to book are on page 26 - hope you can join us and please don't leave booking til the last minute.

Sunday teas from 3.00-5.00

The weather has not been in our favour and the season has got off to a slower than usual start. However those who wanted something to cheer them on a wet Sunday afternoon knew where to come! A cup of tea, delicious cake and the usual warm welcome continues to be greatly appreciated. So too is the help that we continue to receive from so many of you who volunteer to take a turn with baking and serving teas. If you could spare a few hours on a Sunday afternoon it really is something the volunteers enjoy and more help is always welcome. Please contact Madie Langford 577114 for further details.

Holiday Club

There will be a Holiday Club at St Mary's for children aged 4-9years this summer. The dates this year are July 27, 28, 29 from 10.00 am to 12 noon.

Tots on Top

We continue greet many toddlers and their parents, grandparents and carers on Monday mornings in the church hall. This is an excellent opportunity for the youngsters play with others of their own age and for the adults to enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation. Apart from Bank Holidays we are there every Monday morning from 9.30 to 11.30 am. As the warmer weather arrives we are looking forward to spending some time outside and remember we will be open throughout August!

CTOD covenant

Please see page 32 for details.

Flower rota

3 July: Sue Saunders	10 and 17 July: Wendy Maddison
24 and 31 July: Pauline Conlon	7 and 14 August: Kay Longley
21 and 28 August: Sue Warren.	

We are very grateful for all the lovely talented ladies who continue to keep the regular flower arrangements going in the church. If you would like to join our group to do an arrangement or simply contribute to our Harvest and Christmas festivals we would love to hear from you.

Tina Boys

100 Club

Results of the June draw:

29. Martin Smith £22.50	47. Ian Mitchell £13.50
74. Stuart Payne £9.00	St. Mary's Church £45.00

REGULAR EVENTS THIS MONTH

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

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

ADDITIONAL EVENTS THIS MONTH

1 Fri		Tatsfield School INSET day
2 & 3	10.00 am	Tatsfield Art Group Exhibition – TVH (to 4.00 pm)
3 Sun	10.00 am	Open the Book – StM
	11.30 am	Said Eucharist – StM
		Scout Fete
	3.00 pm	Signing of CTOD Covenant – St John’s Hurst Green
5 Tue	2.30 pm	WI Garden Party (2 Crossways, if wet in WIH)
6 Wed	7.30 pm	Defibrillator training (see p. 18)
7 Thu	1.30 pm	Hear Here – AMB (to 3.00 pm)
	2.00 pm	Scrabble - Scrumdoone, Greenway

9 Sat	10.00 am	Defibrillator training (see p. 18)
10 Sun	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist – StM
	10.30 am	Ramblers
12 Tue		NSYC Garden Party
	7.30 pm	Tatty Knitters - Bakery
13 Wed	7.30 pm	Defibrillator training (see p. 18)
17 Sun	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist – StM
22 Fri		Tatsfield School term ends
23 Sat	10.00 am	Fostering Information – VH (to 2.00pm)
	7.30 pm	Quiz of Quizzes – VH
24 Sun	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist – StM
	10.30 am	Ramblers
26 Tue	1.30 pm	Whist – WIH
31 Sun	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist – StM

ADDITIONAL EVENTS NEXT MONTH

2 Tue	2.30pm	WI: Rod Leeming “Ssh! It’s a secret” – WIH
4 Thu	1.30 pm	Hear Here – AMB (to 3.00 pm)
	2.00 pm	Scrabble - Scrumdoone, Greenway
7 Sun	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist {NO OTB TODAY, OR 11.30 EUCHARIST}
	10.45 am	Ramblers
9 Tue		NSYC Buffet Lunch
14 Sun	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist – StM
21 Sun	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist – StM
	10.30 am	Ramblers
22 – 25		Holiday at Home – StM
30 Tue	1.30 pm	Whist – WIH

FURTHER AHEAD

September

1 Thu	1.30 pm	Hear Here – AMB (to 3.00 pm)
	2.00 pm	Scrabble - Scrumdoone, Greenway
6 Tue	2.30 pm	WI: Bob Ogle – WIH
27 Tue	1.30 pm	Whist – WIH

Venues

AMB - Aileen McHugo Building • CGA - Community Games Area
 CH - Church Hall • FC - Furze Corner • SH - Scout Hut
 StM - St. Mary’s Church • TACG – Tatsfield Allotments and Community Garden
 TPS - Tatsfield Primary School • TVC - Tatsfield Village Club
 VH - Village Hall • WIH - Women’s Institute

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

FUNDRAISING VINTAGE TEA & COFFEE MORNING

I really don't know where to start with the thank you's. Absolutely everyone has played a huge part in making this event as fabulous as it was. I want to mention everyone, but I am bound to forget someone and then feel awful. So this is my **HUGE THANK YOU TO EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU**. It is down to you guys that approx £1,000 was raised on the day and will be split 50/50 with Cruse Bereavement Care & The UK Sepsis Trust.

My Mum was overwhelmed at the event and had a lovely surprise visit from her school friend of 70 years who is also David's Godmother. Bless her, she came many miles and getting out is a struggle for her.

Mum asked me to tell everyone that she wanted to say how kind everyone has been and sorry if she got confused with who was who, 'cos she's 81 you know!

This is the 'Story' that I wrote to The UK Sepsis Trust, which was posted on their Facebook site.

On the 24th May I held a Vintage Tea & Coffee Morning in aid of The UK Sepsis Trust and Cruse Bereavement Care in memory of my lovely brother David Chapman. The weather was perfect David's 'shorts and flip flop day'.



As I had broken my leg 2 weeks before, I could not get in the hall, I sat outside selling raffle tickets. All friends and stall holders worked together as a fab team who had never met before to pull off a fantastic fundraiser .

The Vintage Teas were beautiful and the cakes delicious. We offered takeaway Cream Teas and cakes too. The stalls included: graphic printing, crochet blankets, nail painting, rainbow crystals, beauty goods, pottery, clothes, bags, bling and hand made cards. Business looked brisk and donations were pouring in.

I handed out 'party bags' containing leaflets and cards about Sepsis, Cruse and all the businesses that supported the event.

The raffle included over 67 prizes all donated, ranging from meals out to driving lessons, golf days to beauty days, books to crafts, bags to cup cakes. The raffle took over an hour and a half to call.

On the day about £1,000 was raised and the total is now over £1500. I will be splitting this 50/50 between The UK Sepsis Trust & Cruse Bereavement care.

I am over the moon to say that with knowledge and awareness my friend's daughter has been saved after contracting tonsillitis and early sepsis. Knowledge is key to saving lives. I have been asked to do it all again next year. Watch this space - I could have a David's Day.

Anne and Joan Chapman

CONGRATULATIONS NIGEL



Nigel Shaw is well known to readers for his regular nature notes but he is also a librarian at Oxted Library and has recently received the Tower Award. The citation included the comments below from Lyn Ives (Library Cluster Manager) and Rose Wilson (Surrey Library Service Lead Manager):

"Nigel is one of the main reasons Oxted library is so successful. He takes the customer experience to a whole new level.

He was one of the first staff to realise how important it is to meet and greet customers with a happy demeanour and a cheerful greeting, and he is always ready to give them his undivided attention to achieve customer satisfaction.

Nigel has been instrumental in increasing school visits to the library and in outreach to schools both in this area and beyond. His ability to make all visits exciting and interesting means that schools now actively seek him out to attend their assemblies or host visits in the library.

He set up the weekly after school 'story-time club' as an opportunity for children and parents to not only read stories but have fun with jokes and rhymes too. This cannot be praised too highly as it is with clubs like these that we can encourage literacy and reading, and very often this leads to a lifelong use of the library service.

However, other age groups are not forgotten and Nigel always has a kind word for everyone and is particularly supportive of the elderly who seek him out for a chat and a discussion about what they are reading.

Nigel always goes the extra mile and beyond, whether it is volunteering to do extra work to enable a library to open, or helping with events and activities. He is a popular, reliable, inventive member of staff and there is no-one more suited to receiving a Tower Award."



W.I.

Our June meeting opened with thunder and a huge downpour of rain, but our speaker, Barbara Stevens, was equal to any weather. Her talk was the "Trials & Tribulations of a Public Speaker" and she listed quite a few of both!

She had us all laughing about getting lost on the way to one talk (wrong information), getting stuck in the snow after another engagement and even a marriage proposal. She told us how she and a group of friends have now done three calendars to raise money for charity, one of which included body painting! So far the calendars have raised £42,000, along the lines of the famous Calendar Girls. In her 60s she became a columnist for a local paper, but public speaking remains a favourite for her. She finished with several jokes that had us all laughing again.

Our next meeting in July will be our garden party held in Barbara Piggott's garden or if wet in the W.I. hall.

Pat Walsh



TATTY KNITTERS

I am writing this with my fingers crossed for a nice day on Saturday 18 June for the "World Wide Knit in Public Day". The forecast is not brilliant...

Our group had a lovely evening this month, lots of jovialities. I'm sure Andrew's other customers at The Bakery are thoroughly entertained by the group of women down in the corner.

Our next get together is 12 July, 7.30 until 9.30ish in The Bakery. Cakes supplied, buy your own drink. We will be having a rest in August so it'll be 13 September before we meet again.

Happy knitting.

Val Quick (Tel:07761571071)

NOT SO YOUNG CLUB



On Tuesday 14 June we had an afternoon of chit chat with our usual tea and coffee afterwards.

Our meeting on 12 July is our garden party and on 9 August we are having a cold buffet lunch.

UNCOLLECTED ROAD SIGNS

Here at the Works Communication Team we have been working on a new website www.removethissign.com. This website has been designed to be used by residents to alert us of any signs that have not been collected after planned Surrey works have finished.

The web address is printed on the back of our Advanced Warning Signs and gives residents the opportunity to report any equipment left behind.

Recently based on Members feedback we have expanded the use of this site to include all signs and paraphernalia left behind after any Surrey works.

Please encourage residents to use this form, the notification comes direct to the team and signs will be collected within 7 working days.

We are receiving enquires already, and hope by spreading the word residents will be better enabled to self serve.

Works Communication Team, Local Highway Services, Surrey Highways
Email: works.communication@surreycc.gov.uk

TATSFIELD VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE QUIZ OF QUIZZES

Saturday 23 July 2016 7.00 for 7.30 pm

Tables of 6 please

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

Quiz Prizes and a Raffle

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

To reserve a table contact: Roger Sawyers on 577434

or email acresroger@aol.com

All local club and individual teams welcome

Proceeds towards Hall improvements.

THE PATRON'S LUNCH

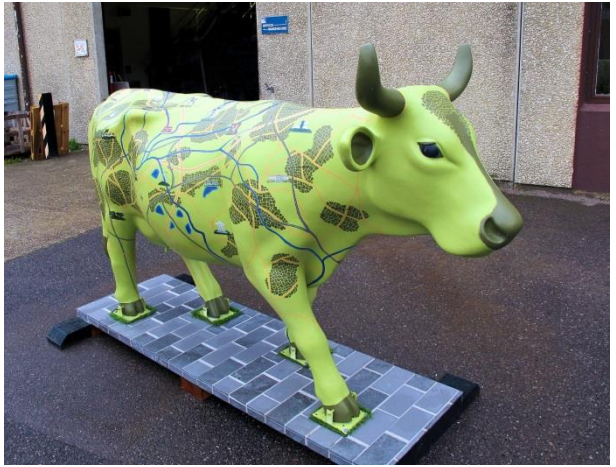
The wonderful charity THE ORPHEUS CENTRE, where I have been privileged to serve for the last fifteen years, awarded me with a special treat.

On Sunday the 12th of June
With Tricia, my volunteer pal
I made my way to London
For a picnic in the Mall.
10,000 of us were converging,
A dripping, rain-soaked bunch
Queuing to take up our places
For this very special lunch.
All swathed in plastic ponchos
Every woman and man
We could have been mistaken
For a convention of the Klu Klux Klan!
Despite the inclement weather
Our spirits had no chance to flag
For everything had been thought of
In our elegant goodie bag.
Although tubes of sun cream
Were of course extremely well-meant,
They turned out to be rather superfluous
At this particular event.
We were each given a gorgeous hamper
Courtesy of M&S
Full of delightful delicacies
All packed with great finesse.
Our seats were brilliantly placed
So everything could be seen
Right up against the barrier
For a close-up of the Queen.
We were treated then to a carnival
In a colourful parade
Featuring aspects of Queenly patronage
Representing each decade.
By the time the Royal family
Came out and made their way
The sun began to appear
And the clouds to roll away.
Just as we thought we'd experienced
Every memorable thing
We both finally found ourselves
Shaking hands with a future King!

Ann Lovelace

HERE COME THE COWS!

CowParade Surrey is the world's largest public art event, and it has arrived in Surrey! This exciting exhibition will see over 60 full-size, fibreglass cows uniquely decorated by artists and placed around Surrey for all to discover! The idea behind CowParade is that cows are sponsored by businesses, decorated by artists and auctioned off to raise lots of moooolaa for charities!!



Cows are gradually appearing throughout Surrey from June until the end of August. A specially designed app, is free to download and allows you to 'check in' to each cow as it's found. Discover lots about each cow, win rosettes, take part in quizzes and much more. Those who find the most cows will be entered into a prize draw to win a luxury Kuoni holiday for two to Mauritius!



The autumn will see the cows auctioned off for charity. Each cow sponsor gets to choose a charity of their own to benefit from half of the auction proceeds, with the other 50 per cent going to the Surrey Hills Trust Fund, established in partnership with the Community Foundation for Surrey to conserve and protect the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural

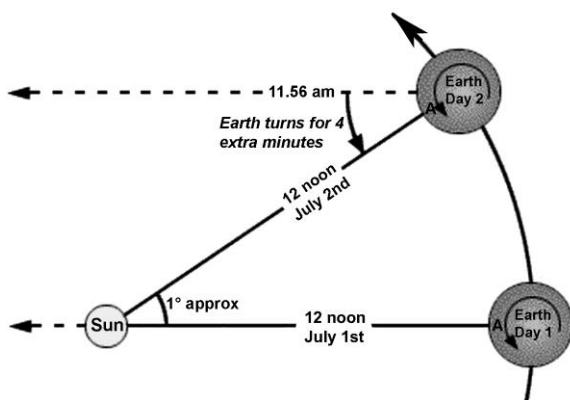
Beauty. The fund supports local community projects and enterprise schemes that benefit and enhance the Surrey Hills.

For further information on CowParade and to download the app visit www.cowparadesurreyhills.com

THE NIGHT SKY IN TATSFIELD – JULY & AUGUST 2016

I spoke last month about how our view of the night sky changes as the seasons pass and how the Sun moves through the constellations over the course of a year. To understand more about these subtle changes we need to look at the difference between a **sidereal** day and a **solar** day. Quite simply the former refers to the Earth rotating once by 360° . The latter is defined by the Earth rotating until it has returned to the same point with reference to the Sun. As we'll see the two are slightly different.

Using the diagram (which is viewing the solar system from above) imagine an observer standing at point "A" on the Earth on July 1st at noon looking towards the Sun which is due south. After approximately 23 hours 56 minutes the Earth has moved on slightly in its orbit around the Sun but has rotated 360 degrees on its axis so that it is pointing to exactly the same spot in space as it was the day before at noon. This is the definition of a **sidereal** day. To our observer though, the "day" will not be complete for another 4 minutes which is when the Sun will again be due south at point "A". This will mark the completion of a **solar** day. Of course the Earth has to rotate for an extra 4 minutes the next day to bring the Sun back to the meridian again at noon and so on *ad infinitum*.



The Earth's motion around the Sun explains firstly why we see a slightly different part of the sky each night and secondly the apparent motion of the Sun along the ecliptic against the background stars (even though we can't see them). I say apparent because, of course, the motion is entirely the Earth's and not the Sun's. If for a moment we ignore the

brightness of the Sun our observer on July 1st would see it amongst the stars of Gemini. Six months later with the Earth on the other side of its orbit our observer looking at noon would see the Sun in the constellation of Sagittarius.

Don't forget that if you want to find Saturn and Mars in July, last month's map is still valid. The two planets are roughly due south at 22.00 at the start of July, but only 18° above the horizon. Also the Perseid meteor shower is at its best on the night of August 12th (look north-eastwards) although moonlight will interfere.

Brian Mills FRAS



Supporting local
people over 50

Day Centre Open Day

Come and join us for a Cream Tea and find out more about services. Our Day Centre helps to keep people independent and can provide a break for carers

Thursday 28th July '16 at 2pm



There will be a tombola and raffle; we will also be selling cakes, books and bric a brac

Biggin Hill Community Care Association
St Mark's Centre
Church Road
Biggin Hill TN16 3LB

Call 01959 577400 for further information

www.bigginhillcommunitycare.org

THE TATSFIELD GARDENER IN JULY



Will it ever stop raining! It is the jetstream high up in the atmosphere that influences the weather patterns and right now it is preventing those lovely high pressures from sitting over us and giving us warm, dry and sunny days. As we move through July the weather should improve and I hope that we will be complaining about the heat! We did have a very wet

winter and some very heavy rainstorms through the spring but in the South and South East our rainfall is about average; in the South West it is currently a little below average but 'Up North' it is at near record levels. The good news is that our source of ground water – our chalk aquifers – are near capacity so no likelihood of hose pipe bans this year.

In anticipation of some warm dry weather this month please remember not to water plants in the heat of the day, rather early morning or even better, at dusk: a good soaking is much better than a little drop each day, and use stored water whenever you can. It is not just plants that need water so please remember to put water out for birds and our nocturnal visitors, especially hedgehogs – a wide shallow bowl is the best.

I was asked the other day what is the difference between dead heading and summer pruning roses. Dead heading is just removing the old flower heads to tidy up the plant and stop it making seed that drains the plants energy and reduces repeat flowering. When all the flowers have finished on a stem cut it back by up to 12" depending on the vigour of the plant – this is summer pruning and in a healthy plant it will promote new shoots and more flowers within weeks. At this time of the year if the plant is not growing particularly well then after summer pruning give it some rose fertiliser and some well-rotted manure or compost, that should get it back into healthy growth.



Whether you voted IN or OUT in the Referendum you may not be aware that the Brussels bureaucrats are currently considering introducing a 'ban' on weedkiller products based on glyphosate, commonly known as Roundup. These proposals are based on some inconclusive scientific evidence but is in keeping with the EU drive to reduce the use of pesticides. Good in principle but without a replacement for this very important product there are likely to be weedy streets and more expensive food products if this happens – watch this space!

Jon Allbutt

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



In last month's magazine it was recalled that despite the stalemate on the Western Front, casualties were still occurring and that a Tatsfield man, Joseph Rushen, had been badly wounded. Not long after that his family received the news that he had sadly died.

On the first of July, supported by a French attack to the south, thirteen divisions of Commonwealth forces had launched an offensive on the Somme. Despite a preliminary bombardment lasting seven days, the German defences were barely touched and the attack met unexpectedly fierce resistance. Losses were catastrophic; Joseph Rushen was among them.

The Westerham Herald account of Private Rushen's death reported that his brother, Bertram, had now also been wounded. Two other brothers were on active service as well. Another Tatsfield man, Private Alec Terry, had written to Mr Adams, the headmaster of Tatsfield School, to say a bullet had hit him in three places, but that he was recuperating in England.

The Westerham Herald also reported that Sydney Wright, described as a coal and corn merchant, farmer and contractor of 'The Stores', Tatsfield, had asked for exemption from compulsory military service. This had been introduced earlier in the year. In January he had tried to join up voluntarily but had been rejected as medically unfit. Now he was running a one-man business – with the help of a lad – involving carting coal, keeping three horses and 60 acres of land. The 'Military Act' tribunal granted his conditional exemption.

In August 1916 the death was announced at the age of 73 of Harry Streets of Church Farm. The Surrey Mirror reported that he had come to Tatsfield "48 years ago and the success which attended him was a striking example of what can be accomplished by perseverance and a good reputation". As well as running the family farm, "for some 25 years he had officiated as Parish Clerk". The Streets family were at Church Farm for almost a century and a half until it was re-developed a decade ago.

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



TATSFIELD RAMBLERS

Details of walks in the surrounding area for July and August 2016 are as follows. Everyone welcome including your dogs. The annual Tatsfield walk is on 7 August.

Sunday 10 July

Leader: Ann Kerr

Time and Venue: 10.30am off Chart Lane, Brasted. Drive up Chart lane. About 300 yards after 'Badgers', between the bends, turn left towards Chartfield Farm, right into the first entrance ('Little Cacketts') then right again into the field to park.

Map Ref: TQ471543 Postcode: TN16 1LP

Length: 5 miles. 3 hours. To Ide Hill, stopping at The Cock Inn. Uphill on the way there and downhill on the way back. Some woodland walking and some scenic views.

Sunday 24 July

Leader: Jan Shepherd

Time and Venue: 10.30am at Andrews Wood Car Park, Shacklands Road, Badgers Mount

Map Ref: TQ502616 Postcode: TN14 7BD

Length: This is a 5 mile 3 hours walk following the Sevenoaks District Council's "Orchid Walk", with a detour for refreshment to the Darenth Valley Golf Club, in Shoreham.

Sunday 7 August

Leader: Roger Sawyers and Roger Pearce

Time and Venue: 10.45am, Tatsfield Village Hall Car Park.

Map Ref: TQ413567 Postcode: TN162AG

Length: This is a 5 mile 3 hour walk to Botley Hill (where we take refreshments at Botley Hill Farmhouse) via the North Downs Way and back via Cheverells Farm. One short steep hill on the way back.

Sunday 21 August

Leader: Richard Gadd

Time and Venue: 10.30am, Farnborough High Street – outside The Woodman (park in street not pub car park please).

Map Ref: TQ442642 Postcode: BR6 7BA

Length Approximately 5½ miles 3½ hours to Downe and back. Some mild hills. Refreshments to be taken in Downe at The Teashop, The Queens Head or the George and Dragon (your choice). This walk crosses Shire Lane, a fairly busy road, where we will have to exercise care, especially those of us with dogs.

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

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



BARN THEATRE AT OXTED



Starmakerz Theatre School – The STS Summer Showcase

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

Friday 15 to Saturday 16 July at 7.30

Tickets from www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk or 01959 561811

ANYTHING GOES

Presented by the Kenley Holiday Workshop

Wednesday 10 - Saturday 13 August at 7.30

Tickets from www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk or 01883 331400

KCA - RENT

Thursday 15 – Saturday 17 September at 7.30

Tickets from www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk or 01959 561811



GOOD SAVING DAVID!

David Rudd Junior does it again with his football team Westerham Wolves Under 8s. They won the final against Warren Tigers Under 8s at Beckenham, out of 196 teams in Kent/Surrey area. David (DJ) is a goalkeeper for the team. DJ said his team mates were fantastic this season keeping the ball mostly up the other end of the pitch and were passing balls to me. Three strikers Jack Todd (Toddy), Will (Willski) and Max (Maxy) and were great at scoring goals.

Last week DJ went to the Football Presentations and was awarded a huge trophy cup for Sportsman of the Year. He is also with Arsenal Football Academy training with their goalkeeper coach. Not bad for a 7 year old Tatsfield boy. Hopefully it will help the Wolves next season. His Dad (David Senior) said his son is a very fit lad who used to go fishing with him but finds it too slow and boring. But with all the outside hobbies that he does including Cubs it keeps him off computers and TV. If it's raining he's even doing diving practice in the lounge or heading practice with his dad and the ball. Fingers crossed for the junior team next year.

Reg and David Rudd

WI HALL BOOKINGS

With effect from August, the WI Hall will be available for regular Saturday hire. Owing to space limitations the dance group is re-locating to the Primary School.

If you are interested, please contact the lettings secretary Sheila Cook on 577443.

PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to the 100 Club winners for May

1st prize:	Tom Ellis	£45.00
2nd prize:	Brian Wiggins	£30.00
3rd prize:	K. Budgen	£15.00

LINE YOUR FOOD WASTE BIN WITH PLASTIC BAGS

You can now line your food waste caddy with plastic bags or liners, which makes it easier, cleaner and cheaper to recycle your food. You can use anything from old shopping bags to bread or salad bags and you can still use newspaper or compostable liners. Please don't include black bin bags or plastic food packaging.

What can go in your caddy?

All cooked and uncooked food waste can go in, including:

- Tea bags and coffee grounds
- Fruit and vegetable peelings
- Egg shells
- Meat
- Fish bones and skin
- Mouldy bread, cakes and pastries
- Food that's passed its use by date

If you've got smelly food you don't want hanging around inside, simply tie it up in a plastic bag and put it straight in your outside food waste bin.

Weekly collection

The food waste is collected from your outside food waste bin every week on the same day as your rubbish or recycling.

To find out more about your weekly food waste collection visit

www.recycleforsurrey.org.uk or www.tandridge.gov.uk/recyclingandwaste.

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NIGEL'S NATURE NOTES

Correspondence:

This month we begin with a short, informative email from Louis and Sandy Philibert (28.05.16):

*'Taking note of your comment in the Parish Mag, we saw and heard a **Skylark** this morning (11:30) on a walk southeast of Biggin Hill, near Norheads Lane track.'*

Thanks for this Sandy and Louis. I recall hearing Skylarks along the same track many years ago. It's so good to know they are still breeding in that vicinity. In fact, your son may well remember it too since it was on one of our Cub hikes. Those were the days!

Next we find Liz (Armitage) openly admitting to a growing addiction to butterfly observation. And why not? A harmless addiction never hurt anyone (29.05.16):

*'Becoming interested in butterflies now. Saw a lovely one last week. Alan and I are arguing about it (as if we need more things to argue about!). He thinks it's an **Orange-tip**, and I guess he is right, but I remember it's markings as an orange spot - like a Spitfire (not a "tip"). Do they vary? Anyway, I've looked it up online and also another one he saw, believed to be a **Large White** (with black markings?). We might need to get a proper butterfly book...to save our marriage.'*

Yes, Liz, if it was white with some orange then it was an Orange Tip. Nice sighting. The two other white butterflies you're likely to see are the Small White and the Large White. The small one has a black spot or two on the outer wings, the large has the spots plus black on the wing tips.

In the past, of course, this intense interest would have meant the certain death of the very object of the observer's desire. But fortunately, these days the collection of butterflies is, quite rightly, frowned upon. I have noticed, however, that wondrous butterflies from exotic places are readily available through the internet as framed interior ornamentation. If these specimens are caught in the wild I would consider this practice objectionable. But if farmed, I suggest this is no worse than breeding cattle, sheep, pigs, or whatever to satisfy our base, human desires. (Yes, I realise that baring your sole is painful – your friends may think you foolish – BUT, once again you have an opportunity to express **your** thoughts and opinions!)

I do have one little query, Liz... 'an orange spot - like a Spitfire'? Are you on the gin again? I'm sure I've warned you about that before.

(03.06.16): *'Well, I was going to put Messerschmitt but I couldn't spell it. But today, I drove down White Lane, about 12.30, and a beautiful deer strolled across the road in front of me, no hurry, just took its time. And I was definitely sober!!!'*

I find myself increasingly drawn to your 'off the wall' messages, Liz. So pleased you were sober whilst driving! Pleased also that a deer was sited in that

particular spot. I've had it suggested to me before that this is a 'dead' place, devoid of wildlife. I quite often walk this lane and tend to agree. The lane itself can prove fruitful but either side is somewhat lifeless. I think this may be at least partly due to the lack of woodland management. Incidentally, if you want to see the extent to which Himalayan Balsam can spread, head up there over the next month or two. Again, when out with the Cubs, we would often cook up a few sausages with the boys in what was then a Balsam-free zone. The way this introduced species has enveloped large areas of the woodland is both amazing and exemplary of the developing problem.

'Adventurer Jim' (Yeeles) has been in touch with his first butterfly report of the year. However, I am holding this over because it is accompanied by some excellent photographs that will look wonderful in September's edition of this magazine, appearing in glorious Technicolor! What follows is the remainder of his email which, naturally, is also of interest (30.05.16):

*'We have lots of occupied nest boxes around the garden - **Blue tits**, **Great tits** and the regular **Nuthatch** (in Phyllis Lawrence's Walnut tree next door). There is much diligent parenting back and forth but, as you know, it's a tough world out there. My nest box camera shows me that of the nine Blue Tit eggs laid there are only three surviving chicks still greedily accepting food. Let's hope they make it.*

*I'm envious of Martin and Julie's 'vast quantity of **House Sparrows**' as it's been many years since we've had a breeding population in our section of Old Lane. I would love to know how to attract them back.'*

I know how you feel, Jim. We had a colony of House Sparrows regularly nesting in a dense bush close to the house. Unfortunately, the fence had to be replaced and the bush collapsed making it necessary to prune it well back. Since then, the bush has recovered, but the sparrows have not (yet) returned. We live in hope. The strange thing is that I recall, as a boy, seeing many sparrows in the garden and wishing they would clear off as they tended to gobble up everything we put out before any other birds had a chance to arrive. Nowadays it's the Magpies, Woodpigeons and Carrion Crows that arrive instantly from nowhere. I have attempted to encourage the sparrows to return by building them a large, communal nest box but all I've attracted is a family of recurrent Great Tits. Entertaining as they are, it's not quite the same as having a family or two of sparrows chirruping around the place. Perhaps I'll try re-siting the nest box later in the year?

Did you know there are around 250 bee species in Great Britain? Most of these are solitary bees and bumblebees plus, of course, the eponymous Honey-bee. Recognising only three or four, I hereby declare myself to be a bee ignoramus!

Enjoy your summer ramblings and, please, share your observations with others. Any news, views or observations? Contact: (**nigelshaw2000@hotmail.com**). Alternatively, drop a note in to 'Linda's Stores' or to 'Primrose Ridge', Greenway.

TATSFIELD MARTIAL ARTS

On Sunday 22 May the under 8 year old judo club members took part in a club grading, at Coulsdon Martial Arts.

The U8's grading is more of a progress award, the children do not compete for grades. They are required to demonstrate certain techniques and skill moves depending on the grade they are going for.

For the majority of the children this was their first grading and there were some nerves mainly because they were in an unfamiliar dojo with lots of other children and instructors they had not met before. But, as expected, the Tatsfield judokas did the club proud - demonstrating their techniques correctly and behaving appropriately.

The photo shows the children with their new belts and certificates.

TMA enjoyed yet more success at the South Coast red belt rumble, held at Worthing Sports Centre on 12 June.



Four students entered the event as a warm up for the Surrey Youth Games later in June and the club came away with four medals. All the children won fights, lost fights and most importantly gained valuable competitive judo experience.

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Adam Plinston (www.tatsfieldmartialarts.com)

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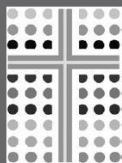
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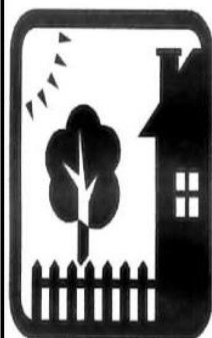
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