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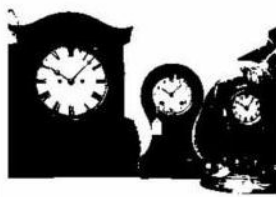
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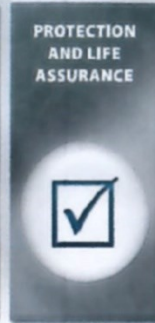
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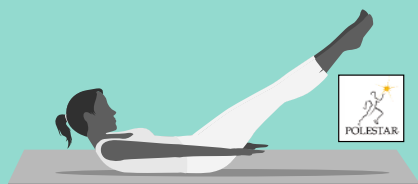
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EDITORIAL

After arriving here in 1980 I mentioned to one of my work colleagues in Croydon that we had moved into Tatsfield to which his response was: "... some call it Tattty Tatsfield". At that time there may have been a small element of truth in this unflattering description – but not now. Thanks to the combined efforts of many and the motivation of the 'in Bloom' competitions this village is now very well maintained. More importantly this has also generated a marvellous community spirit of helpfulness and cheerfulness. This is also a village where people look out for others and are prepared help and support in many ways.

That makes it a hard place to leave but that is what Jennie and I are about to do. We will take with us so many memories of people, events and places. It has been a great privilege to be a part of this community, to be involved in its activities and to have made so many friends.

We leave a village which is thriving in so many ways through its many organisations, clubs and activities, not least the buoyant role of St Mary's church as it continues the 900+ year tradition of witnessing to the Christian faith which is able to give shape and meaning to all the other areas of human life.

Many, perhaps most, Tatsfielders continue to see this magazine as playing a significant part in promoting village identity, even in these days of websites and social media. Although there is a very good support team for producing it there is now a need for others to act as overseeing editors = please see the advert below. I do hope that there are those in the village who will now respond to this in order to ensure that the magazine continues to serve our residents.

Gerald South

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LETTERS

Dear Editor,

Dave Richardson

I would like to thank everyone who sent me, Robert and Delia cards and letters at our sad loss.

Yours sincerely

Jean Richardson

Dear Editor,

What a nice surprise it was when the Tatsfield villagers witnessed many huge discs all painted with colourful bees and butterflies all attached to many walls of the buildings under the Tatsfield in Bloom theme of "Tatsfield Is Buzzing".

Recently Kevin Edwards was walking his two children on their way to Tatsfield School when they were surprised and delighted seeing the different discs mounted on these walls. It was later found that the talented Carol Gaskell had a whole team of people who had painted these discs at the Aileen McHugo Building. They were later attached to different places all over the village by Ian Longley and Bob David.



Dave Bishop

Dear Editor,

Westmore Green Adult Exercise Equipment

The joint community, Parish and District Council project to refurbish the Westmore Green play area included some adult play equipment. After some initial interest by some 'Tatsfield Oldies' it is now used only by youngsters. Recently I was asked if it would be possible for a group of adults to receive some instruction on how to use this equipment effectively and safely: the answer was yes of course!

I am asking the Parish and District Councils how they could help with funding a trainer and I know I am going to be asked 'How many folk are interested in such a project?'

So Tatsfielders, are you interested in receiving some instruction on how to use this equipment and then continue to use it either in a group or on your own at times to suit yourself?

I am happy to do the initial collation of enquiries and to see if I can obtain some financial assistance to fund a trainer, but this will not happen unless I have a group.

You might be reading this and thinking there is no way I could do that, I am too old, too fat, too unfit, I have had heart surgery or got a new hip/knee etc etc. Well, all the experts say that you are exactly the person who can benefit from some gentle exercise so how about it?

You might also be a person who used to be fit but work, family and maybe injury got in the way: maybe now is the time to get back into shape?

You might also be a local fitness instructor who fancies having some 'fun' working out with a small group on Westmore Green?

Come on Tatsfield let's give it a go!

Jon Allbutt (jon@jonallbutt.co.uk, 577100)

Dear Editor,

This year our community 'vineyard' outside The Bakery is producing a nice crop of grapes; my own vine also looks like it is getting ready to deliver a large crop (about 20Kg last year). I bet there are others in the village who also have vines heavy with



developing bunches of young grapes?

Is there someone who would be able to coordinate a village 'vendage' and perhaps make some 'Chateau Tatsfield'?

Does anyone know a keen wine maker in the village who might be able to help?

Jon Allbutt (jon@jonallbutt.co.uk)

TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council tends to rest in August so there is little to report, but we have become aware of an increase in litter in the village centre and I wonder if everyone could speak to members of their household and remind them that any rubbish is to be placed in bins. We do have many rubbish bins dotted around so hopefully it's not too onerous a chore.

You will have no doubt heard that Surrey County Council is considering closing the Bond Road Community Recycling Centre in Warlingham. We have objected to this vehemently and suggested that if Surrey simply cannot keep it open then reduced days or hours should be offered in the first instance.

Unfortunately, funding from the County Council for the Scout Hut path is no longer available and rather than shelve this project we are looking at ways in which we may be able to fund it. The Parish Council receives part of the Community Infrastructure Levy which is imposed on certain developments and we could use the money we have in the kitty towards the path. We are speaking to the County Council about this possibility and will hopefully have an update shortly.

We've been consulted about a number of planning proposals in the parish over the past couple of months, but only one is likely to need detailed consideration when it comes to a full application. This is for the restoration of Covers Sandpit - just across our border with Westerham on the A25 - and its infilling with *'imported suitable engineering material to restore the site to agriculture, landscape planting and biodiversity'*. The site is part of the Squerryes Estate and an important question will be the choice of access route for the vehicles importing the material and how this will affect Tatsfield. The Squerryes Estate prefers a new temporary link from the Beggars Lane roundabout on the A233 and across the Croydon Road (B2024) just south of the M25 on the way from Tatsfield to Westerham. We await a full planning application.

Lastly, but by no means least, we have been thinking about Christmas and have decided to put lights on an additional two trees on the island outside the Old Ship. This work should be carried out in the next few months - well in time for December. Meanwhile, we hope you have had an enjoyable summer.

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be held at the Aileen McHugo Building at 8.00 pm on Monday 11th September and then on Monday 25th September 2017 - also at 8.00 pm. As always, the agendas will be made available on village notice boards and at: www.surreycommunity.info/tatsfield/

Nichola Stokoe, Chairman (Tel: 576443; Email: nicholastokoe@tatsfieldparishcouncil.org.uk)

TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Progress Update with your Tatsfield Neighbourhood Plan (NP): We have continued to make good, solid progress over the summer as we start to develop the shape and content of Tatsfield's Neighbourhood Plan.

Having created our draft vision and set out our draft objectives (please go to the Tatsfield [Neighbourhood Plan](#) website for full details) we have now divided our teams into six topic research areas to research the main elements we are looking to address in your plan.

This is a pretty key stage and we would welcome as much participation, discussion and engagement from parishioners to highlight and help shape the direction, opportunities and challenges for the parish. One important caveat - we are generating an aspirational list for what we want to address and achieve – we will then have to assess, debate and survey the full parish to confirm the feasibility for each of the various options before we can consider taking them forward into the Tatsfield NP.

Have a look the topic group areas below and see which you would like to get involved with. Once you have decided, you can then send an email to our Parish Clerk, Sam Head: clerk@tatsfieldparishcouncil.org.uk, who will pass your details over to the topic chairs and let you get involved from there. The commitment won't be too onerous. We are looking to engage and consult as wide a cross-section of parishioners as we possibly can and set up a few discussion forums. Contributing your views will greatly help the process and enable your views to be considered in the proposals.

Topic Groups - Our topic groups cover

- **Environment/open spaces** (Chaired by James Barker) looking at how we protect and enhance the environment, woodlands, meadows, landscapes, open views (our part of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty), bio diversity and wildlife and how we preserve the historic heritage and environment of the village.
- **Built Environment** – (Chaired by Paul Jackson) looking at the planning system to achieve high-quality design and sustainability, consistent with the established character of the village and landscaped in a way that is consistent with our rural aspect.
- **Housing and Planning** – (Chaired by Mark Watts) looking at the location and range of housing we need to plan for to meet the needs of the current and future community. The team will look at areas such as the mix of housing to meet the needs of older residents for downsizing, younger residents looking for their first home, affordable houses for lower income earners and invite land owners in the parish to offer potential plots they would like to be considered for development.

- **Travel and Infrastructure** (e.g. travel and transport - roads, parking, digital economy, information and communication) – (Chaired by Sue Smale) looking at how we improve the local infrastructure, roads, public transport, utilities, drainage, digital connectivity, improvements to the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and other traffic. Sue and her team will also look at how we improve the availability of village parking as well as facilities for people with disabilities.
- **Local Economy** (local businesses, shops and services) – (Chaired by Sue Smale) looking at how we support local business and promote opportunities for local employment.
- **Community Facilities** (sports, recreational, school, police, church, Village Hall, clubs, village amenities etc) – (Chaired by Natalie Ruggins) looking at how we maintain and enhance the recreational, cultural, religious and charitable activities. The team will also look at protecting and expanding the acquisition of community assets such as woodlands, meadows, sports grounds etc, supporting community energy projects and the provision of a vibrant local sporting facility.

We are looking to complete this process by the end of the year when we will arrange a series of detailed updates and briefings for residents and present the findings from our topic groups before we arrange a detailed survey for everyone in the parish.

We continue to remain keen to hear from you with any comments and suggestions on the draft vision and objectives for the village. Natalie Ruggins has recently worked closely with Little Acorns pre-school and the head and team at Tatsfield School and we have asked each of the families to comment on the draft vision and objectives. We look forward to their feedback. All of these comments will help guide and steer the direction for each of the topic groups. Please send any comments to Samantha Head our Parish Clerk at clerk@tatsfieldparishcouncil.org.uk, come along to our monthly meetings in the Meeting Room at the Aileen McHugo Building (third Monday of every month at 8pm), pop into the parish surgery every Saturday morning at 11am in the Bakery or alternatively you can write and leave your comments at Linda's shop.

The Tandridge District Local Plan continues to progress. The local newspapers have provided details of the garden village consultation process for circa 4,000 houses that continues to October. We have also recently met the TDC Planning team to ensure our Tatsfield NP and the Local Plan elements are aligned.

Finally don't forget we have created a dedicated website:

<http://www.surreycommunity.info/tatsfieldneighbourhoodplan/>

or you can access the details from our [Parish Council website](#). It contains all the materials and planning documents we are using.

Mike Pendleton, Cllr and Chair Tatsfield NP

TANDRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL/CONCILLOR REPORTS



Dan Gutierrez - our Tandridge Safer Neighbourhood Inspector: On the 3rd August Nichola Stokoe, your Parish Council Chairman, and I met our local Police Inspector, Dan Gutierrez. After the normal press call organised by Dave Bishop we got down to discussing policing in

Tandridge and more particularly in Tatsfield over a well-received cup of coffee made by yours truly. Although crime figures were up recently, on a rolling three years average the current increase follows a period where Tandridge was the only Borough / District in Surrey to have seen a reduction in total crime.

The most recent operation "Trump" concentrated on rural crime that had been showing an increase and as a result 55 vehicles were seized for having no tax, MOT or insurance and 16 people were arrested for a number of offences. Domestic daytime burglary was highlighted and we should all take care not to leave ourselves exposed. Burglary does not happen only at night. Here it seems Tandridge has cross border burglars coming up from Kent and even Essex, resulting in two Chilean burglars being caught and convicted, another man from London recalled and awaiting charge for a number of crimes in Surrey and Kent and three teenagers from Lambeth recently arrested in Warlingham following a spate of car and garage break-ins.

On this point Dan stressed to us that a close community along with CCTV and a good Neighbourhood Watch scheme are good deterrents. On the question of whether the current lack of street lighting was fuelling crime there appears to be no perceptible difference here, nevertheless the usual caution should be taken. Another suggestion was made that a tool safe could be fitted within vans or additional external locks would deter offenders if people had no option to safely store tools at home. Dan is working like all public servants with a smaller budget and fewer PCSOs available, but we do have the Local Area Policing Team covering Tandridge and that does make response times better than in the past. All in all, things are quite crime-free around the Tatsfield/Titsey area with only one burglary in the past six months and there have been only four non residential burglaries this year in the local area - a reduction of six.

We talked about anti-social behaviour at the MUGA, asked for more patrols along Water Lane Titsey and Chestnut Avenue Tatsfield, discussed CCTV for the village centre and the possibility of "hiring" additional police time. If you think that we should follow this route then please discuss this with the Parish Council.

Meantime we were asked to keep passing information to Surrey Police on the 101 number or on the website but always remembering for emergencies to use the 999 number. We have seen the current trend of a marked reduction in domestic burglary

which you and I are very glad to see. I am also pleased to see an increase of reports from the community on a range of matters from suspicious behaviour to reporting crime. Communication is vital to improve confidence which can make a real difference in the quality of life. If you have not signed up or you do not look at the police social media streaming I would ask that you take a look.

In The Know: www.InTheKnow.Community

Facebook: www.facebook.com/TandridgePolice

Twitter: @TandridgeBeat

Tandridge District Council Services survey: Almost 2,500 households have been randomly selected to take part in a survey about Tandridge District Council services. The *Have your say about council services* questionnaire will help the Council find out what residents think about the services the council provides, the area they live in and how well the Council communicates with them to see where improvements could be made. If you did receive this I hope you completed and returned it.

Grasshopper Inn at Moorhouse: Those of you who know and have visited and eaten at the Grasshopper Inn will know what a superb establishment this has become under the ownership of Faucet Inn Limited and its MD, Steven Cox. There is now multi-function use of restaurant, pub, rooms and function rooms. Because of this they offer jobs within the district and their future plans will offer more hotel space for wedding functions. So it is a great disappointment that I was advised that their recent planning application to knock down and improve these facilities was refused by a majority of the Conservative Councillors on the District Council's Planning Committee. Having had the plan accepted by the usually tough AONB Planning Adviser who stated that the form and design of the replacement wing are in character with the main hotel/restaurant and would not detract from the character of this part of Surrey the councillors then went on to disagree with this statement as part of their objections.

The government has asserted through the National Planning Policy Framework that it is committed to securing economic growth in order to create jobs and prosperity and further states that it is committed to ensuring that the planning system does everything it can to support sustainable economic growth. Planning is supposed to operate to encourage and not act as an impediment to growth. Significant weight should be placed on the need to support economic growth through the planning system. Yet despite all of the above this planning application was surprisingly refused by the short-sighted actions of some of the committee. I have since had a meeting with the Leader of the Council and asked him to review the events behind this refusal, having heard from him and his fellow Conservative councillors many times about the need for action to ensure Tandridge does not wither and die. There is a lack of hotel accommodation in this general area and the application should have been supported and it is beyond me why these councillors who profess to be working for the good of Tandridge made this

decision. I will continue to work with the applicant to get this planning application resubmitted and passed and in doing this I would like to thank the Conservative, Liberal and Independent councillors who clearly understood better the needs for this application to be permitted.

Tandridge Magazine Summer issue 2017: Did you get your copy? if not please advise me and I will get one sent off. Important information within: **Bulky rubbish collection 16th September and 2nd December for Tatsfield.**

Local Plan: Garden Villages Consultation: This consultation, which runs until Monday 9th October, is an opportunity for all Tandridge residents to have their say on the location of a garden village development which forms part of the preferred strategy the Council is pursuing in preparing the Local Plan.

Fly-tipping Guidance: Are you having work done on your home this summer? Did you know your construction waste is your responsibility, even if you pay a company to take it away for you? You could be prosecuted if your waste is found somewhere it shouldn't be, so it's vital you make sure the company you employ does not fly tip it. Fly-tipping costs councils money to clear up and damages the environment, so it's important we all do what we can to help stamp it out.

- Make sure your tradespeople will dispose of waste responsibly before employing them, visit www.recycleforsurrey.org.uk to find out how to check they're a registered waste carrier.
- Be wary of traders you find online or who knock on your front door.

Flytippers face an unlimited fine, their vehicle being crushed, community service, or even a prison sentence.

Old Ship's recycling facilities: An update on the Old Ship's recycling facilities, as unfortunately we now have to remove the remaining textile bank due to persistent fly tipping in the area. They will probably have been removed by the time you read this. The usage of the recycling bank had decreased since it was moved to the back of the car park and therefore hopefully not too many of you will be inconvenienced. You can still recycle plastic carrier bags full of textiles, clothes and paired shoes from your homes every week using the collection service.

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

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

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Saturday 30th September 2017

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at 3pm on
SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER
in
THE VILLAGE HALL

Entry Forms to be sent in by **7 SEPTEMBER**
to any Committee member or enter
on the website tatsfieldhorticulturalsociety.weebly.com



SHOPPING AT LINDA'S STORES IN SEPTEMBER

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Linda says that she is often asked at the Post Office counter about the restrictions on what can be sent in the post. It is in fact a complicated subject and you can pick up a Royal Mail/Parcel Force leaflet, "Prohibited and restricted items", which is a guide to what you can and cannot send in the mail.



There are differences between mail sent within the UK and that sent abroad. There are also special packaging requirements for some items. And any products which bear the following consumer warning symbols are dangerous goods and are prohibited (unless there is a specific permission):



If you have any doubts, ask at the counter.

As for the shop, you will as usual find a selection of special bargains, details of which are in leaflets in the shop.

Bob David



HARVEST FESTIVAL

An invitation to come and celebrate harvest
at St Mary's
on Sunday October 1st

10.00am All Age Service followed by refreshments

11.30am Said Holy Communion (no hymns)

You are invited to bring harvest gifts – for further details see St Mary's Matters

POLICE REPORT

Hello Tatsfield residents.....

Long time no type!! Apologies for missing the deadline on the July/August issue - no excuses.

Through a mixture of operational work commitments and times off sick, I haven't been around the village quite so much recently. That didn't stop a few crimes happening during the period between mid-June and mid-August.

Firstly, a slightly sickening incident, a car was broken into by smashing a window, and two handbags stolen. This happened in June outside St. Mary's Church, Church Hill, whilst the victims were attending a funeral. That should be considered amongst the lowest form of crimes. Sadly, there are no positive lines of enquiry to identify the offender.

Next, one of the CCTV cameras was stolen from outside Linda's Stores, Westmore Green. The other camera shows two hooded males, but no identities could be determined from the footage.

A quad bike was stolen in Parkwood Road, plus a horsebox broken into. A neighbour's CCTV sadly did not pick up anything and there were no other lines of enquiry. A national marker was put on the bike, but so far has not been found. Really not having any luck with the follow up enquiries on these crimes, which is rather frustrating.

But wait..... a property was broken into on Ricketts Hill Road during the daytime and various items stolen. The victims had CCTV cameras and through circulating the images of the male offender, he was identified by Surrey and Kent Police as a prolific burglar. Now remanded in custody, he has been charged with six burglaries (three Surrey, three Kent) and will be sentenced soon. Result. That's better.....

That was all in June. Nothing for July, but lastly in August a van was entered on a driveway in Westmore Road. A lawnmower and strimmer were stolen, along with cans of petrol but various tools were left. There was no CCTV coverage, no witnesses and no forensics, so the offenders will sadly not be found.

Reading this last one should induce you to think of protectively marking your valuables. That's where I can help. Firstly, I would direct you to the website 'Immobilise.com.' You can list all your items precious to you, especially those with a make, model and serial number. Even jewellery can be photographed and downloaded onto the website. It's run by the NCA (National Crime Agency) who send back an email, confirming your registration. So if anything gets nicked, and recovered by any UK Police force it will get traced back to you at your address. Also, I can visit you with a Smartwater DNA Kit, the forensic version of marking property. Call me if you need one on 101 (ask for Surrey Police) Extension 30822. These two actions (both free) will make you as safe as you can get.

Lastly, by the time you read these words, I should have moved house to East Sussex, so then should be the best time to see me in Linda's as I'll be the least grumpy version of myself.

Enjoy the rest of the summer and kids, the fun is now over. Get back to school, it's good for you. I promise you it will be an education!

Take care.....see you around the village,

Rupert (PCSO 12599) Kelley

THANK YOU FOR THE MUSIC

By the end of the hottest week since 1976, the weather had cooled and the air was damp, spirits were lowering....that is until Saturday evening 24th June. Tatsfield Singers presented 'Thank you for the music', a tribute to many great performers and composers many of whom are no longer with us but whose music lives on.

The evening got off to an excellent start with a 'welcome' glass of Pimms. Tatsfield Singers, competently led by Sarah Coop and brilliantly accompanied by Robert Randall on piano instantly uplifted our hearts with their various renditions of popular song from Mozart, Louis Armstrong, Leonard Cohen, Henry Mancini, Frank Sinatra, Karen Carpenter, Buddy Holly, Lennon-McCartney, Queen including Freddie Mercury, and David Bowie.



Interspersed with the choir were contributions from some of Tatsfield's younger residents. A delightful 'Maria Wiegenlied' by Connie Budgen; a moving rendition of 'Don't Look Back' on saxophone by Madeleine Budgen; an enchanting 'I Dreamed a Dream' by Lucy Coop and a charming 'Can't Help Falling in Love' by Amy Coop. 'Ben' was a shared performance by the Barry/Budgen/Coop ensemble.

Rupert Eales-White treated us to 'The Long and Winding Road' followed by Jane Holmes lovely voice with 'Annie's Song'. A couple of numbers were competently accompanied by guitar. Tom Ashmore with 'Cry', and the Rev'd Vince Short stepping in at short notice with his version of 'Songbird'. 'He'll Have to Go' was wonderfully sung by the silky voiced John Moore.

All in all a fabulous evening of uplifting music and song, enhanced by all those who contributed to the sound and hospitality for the occasion. Thank you one and all for sharing your gifts and talents with us.

Veronica Short

Forget-me-not Café

 *Companionship over a cuppa* 

FRIDAY MORNINGS 10.30 until noon

**We look forward to welcoming you after the summer break
starting on Friday 1st September
in our new venue
The Meeting Room, Aileen McHugo Building
behind the Village Hall**

Do come and join us for a cuppa and cake, in our new venue. If in addition you would also like a little something to do, your ideas would be welcome. We are planning to offer a variety of different activities, games, quizzes, crossword if you fancy joining in and some 'specials' in the coming months including a chance to visit the community garden.

No need to book just pop in. **We would love to see you and would welcome your input and ideas, whether you are affected directly or indirectly as a relative, friend or carer.** The idea is to provide further opportunities to promote community understanding of living with memory issues and dementia. It may be that you would like just to have a bit more information or you might be interested in volunteering to help us in some way.

If you belong to a village club or group and would like to learn more about the whole issue of memory problems we can arrange a friendly, informal awareness session. Some family groups or carers might also find this helpful.

For further information please call Sandra on 01959 573338
email info.dementiafriendlytatsfield@yahoo.co.uk or just pop in and see us one Friday.

Note from Dementia Friendly Tatsfield Steering Group: We would like to record our thanks to John and his team at the Old Ship for their hospitality in recent months as we launched this new venture.

LITTLE ACORNS PRESCHOOL

This half term...

Welcome back to all of our children returning from the summer holidays! We have lots of new faces starting with us this half term and we can't wait to get to know them all! To get to know each other we'll be starting this term with our topic 'all about me'. Over the summer holidays our children have been collecting items from different activities they have undertaken and keeping them in their preschool treasure boxes. We'll be using some of these items to make a giant 'postcard' of what the children have been up to during the summer! After this we'll look at who we live with, our extended families including pets and where we live.



Fundraising Race Night

Before the end of our last term we held a fundraising Race Night in the Village Hall which was a fantastic evening and raised over an amazing £1500 for our preschool! We would like to say a very big 'thank you' to everyone who came along to support us on the evening and to our brilliant committee who worked extremely hard to make it such a successful evening!



Leaver's Graduation

To end our academic year we had our end of term party and leavers' graduation. It was a very emotional day as we said goodbye to our older children moving up to 'big school' but it was lovely to see them all looking so grown up with their graduation hats, leavers' t-shirts, Little Acorns bears and certificates.- We wish you all luck in your next adventure! All of the children put on a brilliant show with special songs that they had worked very hard learning and had a great party together with party food, music and games!

New Committee

As a registered charity we rely heavily on our committee and team of volunteers to help us to manage and make decisions for the preschool, as well as organise our fundraising events during the year which allows us to continue to provide excellent equipment and resources for the preschool. Every September we hold our AGM where new committee members can be elected. If you are interested in joining our committee our AGM will be held on Tuesday 12th September at 8pm in the Aileen McHugo building behind the Village Hall; we'd love to see you there!

New Children

From September we have spaces for new children to start with us at Little Acorns Preschool. If you would like some more information or to register your interest please call 01959 540775 or email office@littleacornstatsfield.co.uk to arrange a visit. We also have lots of information about the preschool on our website www.littleacornstatsfield.co.uk

Breakfast Club

For both younger children and older children starting at Tatsfield School this September, please remember that we offer our breakfast club service from the Village Hall every term-time morning from 7.15am, which includes a healthy breakfast and walking children to Tatsfield School. Please contact us for more information where we'll be happy to help.

Thank you for reading!

Mareka Newberry, Office Manager at Little Acorns Preschool
(office@littleacornstatsfield.co.uk)

Saturday 16th September - 9.30am

Fairtrade Tea Tent outside the shops



Tatsfield Fairtrade Group will be offering free cups of Fairtrade tea and coffee together with delicious 'tasters' made from Fairtrade ingredients. Come and join us, hear more about Fairtrade, see and perhaps buy some of the wide selection of fairly traded goods available.



EVENING GARDEN VISIT TO TITSEY PLACE GARDENS

On Wednesday 28th June the Society hosted an evening social garden visit to Titsey Place. It was a warm and balmy evening and we were met by Rhod Jones, the Head Gardener at Titsey (for those of you who came to our AGM you would have been introduced to him there) and received a very warm welcome.

We were given an introductory talk about the history of Titsey, dating back to Roman Times. The Estate follows the London to Lewes Roman Road. The Romans left their mark at Titsey, and there are two Roman sites in the Titsey Park. There are many fresh water springs in the south facing hillside and as we all know water is a necessary source for survival. Titsey is also mentioned in the Domesday Book in 1086 which I was very fortunate to see a few days later inside Lincoln Castle.



Fast forwarding on to the present day, the Innes family now reside at Titsey and they are the first family to live in the big house with children for over 100 years!

Huge improvements have been undertaken in the last few years and Rhod was very keen to show us the new layout of the walled garden. The south facing position of the protected garden made for some very healthy and early vegetables. The courgettes, marrows and pumpkins were looking marvellous, as were the beetroots, onions, parsnips, potatoes and leeks to name but a few. Companion planting encouraged bee and insect pollination and there were roses, sunflowers, dahlias, gladioli and sweet peas in abundance.



The restored glass houses were full of interest especially the bananas which Rhod had left for us to see as they were ready for picking but sadly not enough for us all to sample. The tomatoes were red and they had been picking them for over a month. Mine are never ready until the end of July.

Rhod also explained that every year is different in the garden. This year, following a warm and dry winter and spring, everything was 3-4 weeks earlier than usual. Of course there is a down side to this, and maybe autumn will be upon us earlier than normal.

Rhod then took us out into the grounds, where the vistas were amazing. Fine Sussex cattle adorned the landscape and for a short while we were transformed in to a magical environment. The rose garden was full of scent and the bushes were under planted in lavender. The herbaceous beds were full of interest and colour, and the newly constructed rock garden was a work in progress. Rhod gave us an interesting insight into various facts about pests and diseases, composting, planting timings and pruning.

Our evening concluded with refreshments including a glass of wine and picnic nibbles of sandwiches, savoury and ginger biscuits, fruit cakes and of course Victoria sponge.



A very happy group of Tatsfielders returned to Tatsfield, full of enthusiasm and inspiring ideas for their gardens. We did have some 'first timers' to Titsey and I know they will be returning with friends and family again very soon. For those of you who have never visited, please do put it on your 'Wish' list. Details are on the inside cover of this magazine.

Finally huge thanks must go to Rhod for his garden knowledge and kindness and to the Innes family for allowing us to visit their beautiful historic grounds and gardens.

Sue Warren



COMMUNITY COMPOSTING



The site continues to work apace as witnessed by some of the committee and volunteers. There does appear to be a greater incoming and, even worse, a lot of it during the week, causing us some problems with what should and should not be in certain bins. And the sheer quantity that should be delivered to Bond Road during the week is causing us some angst without the additional manpower to cope with it. We have plenty of stock of Black Gold as we have managed to sieve bins weekly as we must be able to refill them. Some repair work has been undertaken even whilst we are doing all of the above. We are grateful for the volunteers who have come along and helped us.

We are fortunate that we have a steady group of volunteers to deal with the amounts of green waste and grass coming into the site ON SATURDAY and the Black Gold leaving the site.

Please remember the operation runs on the goodwill of the volunteers so please do not abuse their goodwill. Help us by bringing waste up ONLY ON SATURDAYS. Thank You.

We would particularly welcome people to do our meet and greet at the site. This role is to welcome the users, enrol them into the THS if they are not members and to direct them to the correct bins for the waste that they are bringing up to the site. This role is very helpful to us as it can save us much time having directed the waste direct to the filling bin rather than the holding bin so if you want a couple of hours in the fresh air meeting the villagers please contact me to offer your dates.

The Duke of Edinburgh volunteers (four young men and one young woman) have done extremely well this year and have worked capably in all areas of the site. They have worked well together and when working alongside one of the regular volunteers.

Please be considerate and not dump any material whilst we are closed and separate the waste you bring to the site for ease of transport to the correct bins. See the new signs on the bins for guidance.

Details of what and when you can bring waste to the site can be found in the 2017 THS Year Book on Page 40. September is the last month that we are open to receive green waste but there will be Black Gold available through October so do please come along and collect the Black Gold for laying on your gardens or allotments over winter.

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

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

Our thanks go to Peter Maynard, our Secretary, who set this scheme up with Suttons.

Martin Allen, Vice Chairman Horticultural Society

FAIRTRADE OPPORTUNITIES



Tatsfield has been a Fairtrade Village since 2009 thanks to the vision, commitment and leadership of Jennie South. After years of dedication to the cause, Jennie is moving away from Tatsfield. Her quiet but effective approach has ensured that Tatsfield villagers are aware of Fairtrade and have regular opportunities to make purchases of goods that ensure fair and decent working conditions for the people in less developed countries who grow our food. We are so grateful for all her work with us for over ten years.

Tatsfield Fairtrade Group therefore has a vacancy and we would welcome anyone in our community who would like to support our work. We meet about four times a year to plan our activities. These include Tea Tents on the Village Green, a presence at the Scout Fete and Church Teas as well as a Fairtrade Fortnight event. If you would like to join the committee please do get in touch with our Co-ordinator, Barbara Hester. She would also welcome anyone who would simply like to help support one of the events.

You may have noticed that Fairtrade has been in the news a lot in the last few months. Sainsbury's has decided to withdraw from the Fairtrade Foundation's standards for its own label tea. Instead it has set up its own scheme, which most people agree will not ensure such high standards in terms of welfare for the people who grow and pick our tea. The Fairtrade premium allows communities to vote on projects to enhance their own prospects. These vary from clean water pipes, to schools as well as shared tractors or tea bagging facilities to add value to their final product. The good news, however, is that both Waitrose and the Co-op have increased their commitment and are extending their own brand ranges of tea and chocolate.

Rupert Thomas, Commercial Director at Waitrose, said:
"We've found that our customers are extremely loyal towards Fairtrade products and appreciate our long-standing and continued commitment - it highlights the investment in and support for the people, communities and businesses that produce our food."



So please think Fairtrade every time you shop whether locally at Linda's or in a supermarket. Show your support by opting for Fairtrade whenever possible – tea, coffee, sugar, chocolate, bananas, lemons, honey and more. If you would like to do more to promote the Fairtrade ideals in Tatsfield then do get in touch with Barbara Hester either by email Barbara.hester08@gmail.com or telephone 439439.

Tatsfield Fairtrade Group

TATSFIELD SINGERS

In 2009, part-inspired by Gareth Malone's TV Choir series and partly to try and lift everyone's spirits at a time of financial and political doom and gloom, the idea of starting a community choir was suggested. After discussions with all the interested parties, and with funding from the County Council, **Tatsfield Singers** was born. Since then the choir has been going from strength to strength. We are self-funding and perform informal concerts at Christmas time and in the summer, and are usually able to make donations to causes in the village (e.g. the school) or local charities.

The Singers are incredibly lucky to have Sarah Coop as Director of Music and also Alex Deterding who stands in for Sarah from time to time. Through their infinite patience, dedication and perseverance they inspire us to sing, lift our spirits and generally enjoy ourselves!

Even if you sing in the bath, with the kids or even on the football terraces singing can be fun and singing in a choir is more than fun. It's a way to meet people and it's good for you too.

It's been clinically proven that singing gets oxygen into your blood and increases the flow of "feel good" hormones which help to improve your mental health and well being.

WHY NOT GIVE IT A TRY

COME & JOIN US ON

THURSDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER @ 7:45pm

TATSFIELD SCHOOL HALL

Whether you sing High, Low or Somewhere In Between

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We don't sing because we're happy, we're happy BECAUSE we sing.



"TATSFIELD IS BUZZING" 2017



The above picture is of the "Tatsfield is Buzzing" display in the Tatol bed on the corner of Westmore Green. It was taken for us by Nick Banks who lives in the village. Using his drone, he has given us the best view of the intricate nature of the display.

Judging Day took place on Thursday 6th July when I hope you will agree the village looked absolutely beautiful! Thank you to the many volunteers who turned out on that morning to make sure that the village showed itself off at its best. The judges seemed to be impressed, particularly by the community involvement but we will have to wait until 20th September when the awards are presented.

We will then be celebrating our efforts on Friday 29th September at 7.30pm in the WI Hall. Anybody who has helped at all during the year is very welcome to come and join us.

Since the judging day the volunteers have been busy looking after all the displays, deadheading the flowers, weeding and watering as necessary and this will continue throughout the summer. If you would like to join us, just turn up outside The Bakery at 10am on a Saturday. No special skills are necessary, although a good sense of humour is essential especially in this indifferent summer weather!

Jill Hancock (Tel: 577622)

NDS TO SICILY (a few of us anyway!)

Music can take you to some interesting places, and in July it took us to play a concert in an amphitheatre at the Museo della Pietra (stone museum), Sampieri in the south east of Sicily. Billed as the South London Sinfonietta, the orchestra was made up of a mixture of musicians, some from South London where organiser Peter Fender conducts, some local Sicilians, and included four members of Tatsfield's own North Downs Sinfonia.

We all made our own travel arrangements to Sicily, and Val and I decided to spend 10 days doing a 'Portillo', travelling down by train. Luckily for us cellists we were able to borrow instruments from a local music school otherwise this would have been difficult! These days of course there is plenty information on the net, www.seat61.com being particularly useful for planning European train travel. Starting with the Eurostar to Paris for a day, we then took the TGV through the Alps to Milan, then the very fast Frecciarossa (Red Arrow 186mph!) to Rome for a few days, on to Catania via Naples and the train ferry (yes they divide the train in two and actually put it on the ferry from Villa San Giovanni to Messina). From Catania we found a bus to Syracuse, then after a few days the train to Scicli.



For the week before the concert we were based in Scicli, a beautiful historic town and UNESCO World Heritage Site. Our accommodation was dotted around the old town, so we'd meet up for breakfast at a cafe in the town square, then have a quick rehearsal in the morning conducted in English and Italian (in true NDS style we had minimal rehearsing!) leaving plenty of time for the important things - drinking, eating, drinking and site seeing.

There were visits to local farms, and Donnafugata Castle used for the filming of 'Inspector Montalbano', as well as the beach, being aware as we were enjoying the sea with the locals that not so far away many people were desperately trying to survive crossing it.

The concert itself (outdoors under flood lights, which seemed to be a work in progress) was due to start at 9.30 when it would be cooler, but as my fellow Sicilian cellist pointed out, locally time keeping wasn't so important - in Milan where he taught yes, but here no. As it got dark the audience of around 400 gradually filled the stone seats. With the impresario introducing us, and every piece, we eventually started at about 10pm and finished around 11.30 without an interval. The programme was made up of light classical pieces; Mozart, Bizet, Rossini, Bellini, Borrometi and some film themes. We were joined by the local concert band for some of these. By the end unusually

damp air had blown in from the sea, curling the music (at least the clothes pegs had kept it in place) and covering the instruments in condensation. There followed speeches by local dignitaries and an encore for the enthusiastic audience.

On the journey back we reflected on the many interesting people we had met, both through the music and by travelling in this way, how much we had enjoyed each other's company and exchanging our stories and ideas. Returning to Britain the idea of 'Brexit' seems more irrelevant than ever.

Stuart Payne.

Tour Divide 2017



Due to the amount of interest following my mountain bike race from Canada to Mexico in the summer, I've arranged an evening to tell you about the pains and pleasures of riding 2731 miles along The Continental Divide, on Friday 15th September at 7.30pm in the WI Hall.

You never know, you may be inspired to do it yourself!

As you know, I did the ride to raise funds for Team Unlimbited, which you'll find out more about on the evening. All I ask is for a minimum donation of £2 per person.

Refreshments and nibbles will also be available on the night. Please let me know if you're coming along on 570097 or fab@waitrose.com



HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY AUTUMN SHOW Saturday, 9th September 3–4.30 pm



Where can I start with regards to the assortment of vegetables...runner beans, beetroots, onions, courgettes and tomatoes which should now be all in good supply? There are helpful tips on presentation on Pages 11 and 12 of the Year Book.

Do tend to roses, dahlias, chrysanthemums, gladioli, asters, marigolds and sweet peas - to name but a few - by dead heading and keeping the plants clean and free from weeds. There are Knights Garden Centre Vouchers for 'A Vase of Mixed Garden Flowers' picked from your garden. Max 10 stems.

Remember there are also pot plant classes, especially cactus and succulents, and you can also show off your beautiful fuchsias and geraniums as well. I bought half a dozen left over from the plant sale, which nobody wanted and they are looking stunning so worth looking out for next year if you don't have any.



Are there any fruit trees in your garden? Apples are always strongly contested. Also soft fruits of raspberries, blackberries and currents are always welcome.

Have you been away anywhere exciting on your holidays this year? One of the classes in the flower arranging is 'Summer Holiday'. There is also an unusual container class, plus the usual harvest and table arrangements. In the Novice Section a silver rose bowl will be presented on the production of an arrangement in a tea cup, called 'Tea Time'. Sadly this beautiful trophy has not been won for three years now, so do have a go to save it being stored in a cardboard box somewhere for another year!

There is a variety of Crafts in this section: covered cushions, cross stitch, a box of delights and a children's toy. Come on you crafty WI ladies.

Hopefully the Bake Off or Master Chef programmes have inspired you to get busy in your kitchens? Apart from the usual jams and jellies, we have tasty recipes for an Apple Cake and for the Men Only section, five pieces of Chocolate Bonfire Tray Bake from Mary Berry's Foolproof Cooking - so worth a try.

Maybe the art exhibition in the Village Hall has inspired you throughout the summer months to get your brushes busy, with subjects such as Precious Object, Colour Run, Summer Extravaganza and a Study in Pen & Ink.



The juniors need not be bored over the summer holidays. Do take a look at the schedule and get busy with entries. Also keep watering the sunflowers, to ensure they have a chance to win the tallest sunflower or widest sunflower head. If you have a contender please contact Jon Allbutt.

Finally there are three subjects in the Photography section, which you may well have experienced on holiday as well: Through an Archway, Harvest Time and My Best friend.

Please take a look at your Year Book and then get cracking on preparing your exhibits for the Show, to avoid any last minute panic which always happens anyway! This is our biggest show of the year. Many people put in numerous hours to prepare the Sections, to set up the Hall, VIP to reward the worthy exhibitors, donated raffle prizes and delicious homemade cakes and to make sure the day runs as smoothly as possible.

Please do come along and support the Society wherever possible.

WE NEED YOU ALL!

Sue Warren

TATSFIELD PLAYING FIELD 100 CLUB

Congratulations to the winners of the Tatsfield PFA 100 Club for June 2017:

1st Prize:	Stuart Hendry	£45.00
2nd Prize:	Keith Woolfrey	£30.00
3rd Prize:	Gary Weaver	£15.00

and to the winners of the Tatsfield PFA 100 Club for July 2017:

1st Prize:	Mary Wiggins	£45.00
2nd Prize:	Bob David	£30.00
3rd Prize:	Tom Ellis	£15.00

Thank you for supporting sport in Tatsfield.

Les Eames

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY DISCOUNTS



As many of you know, if you are a member of Tatsfield Horticultural Society – only £5 per year for a family, or a ‘small donation’ for a senior citizen family – you will get a 10% discount at **Knights Garden Centres** at Chelsham and Woldingham on items such as compost, chemicals, plants and light gardening tools. **Suttons Seeds** are also offering a 50% discount on seeds, and 15% on all other catalogue items, except gift vouchers. This applies to all

orders, whether online, by phone or by post. So you will probably save more than your subscription on your first order! Someone will be coming round in the New Year with the THS yearbook (this comes with membership) so if you spend anything on gardening – and who in Tatsfield doesn’t – don’t hesitate, it will be well worthwhile.

Peter Maynard



The July OTB (All Age service) had a sporting theme, with the title: “God’s Games”. In August, we looked at the question “Who is Jesus?” On September 3rd, we hope to think about “new opportunities for the new term” and after that we will be looking forward to the celebration of Harvest Festival at 10am on Sunday 1st October (details below).

Harvest Festival All Age Service 10am 1st October (there will also be an 11.30am said Holy Communion)

Harvest is an opportunity to thank God for His good gifts and provision for our daily needs. Harvest gifts collected at the school and at our service in church will be delivered to local people and to the local foodbank and also to our link church, Christchurch, Brixton Road. Children and adults are invited to bring harvest gifts to the service. It would be really good to have some small (shoebox size) boxes of goodies that would suit an elderly person living on their own. We would also be pleased to receive the names of anyone you know who you think would like to receive one of these as a gift.

Christchurch 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 are also welcome as are cans of tomatoes and canned vegetables such as carrots and peas and canned fruit and fruit salad, packets of custard, jars of jam.

Flower rota for September

3 rd September	Sue Warren	10 th September	Wedding
17 th September	Wendy Maddison	24 th September	Jan Maynard

Looking ahead....to Remembrance weekend



In addition to the special event at 10.30am on Saturday 11th November in the village centre, which we look forward to, our Sunday 12th November service at St Mary's will be slightly different this year: We invite you to join us at 10am for a Remembrance service including Holy Communion, with the observation of the 2 minute silence at 11am. The service should conclude by 11.10am and will be followed by refreshments in the church hall. The children’s group will be running during the first part of the service.

Harvest Festival Flowers

We will be decorating the Church for Harvest on Saturday 30th September at 9.30 am. There will be a short meeting in the Church on Monday 11th September at 10.30 am to discuss the planning for this. We would be delighted if you could join us.

Churchyard

The churchyard tidy-up crew managed to put in a very productive couple of hours at the beginning of August and got away just before the heavens opened. There is still a good deal of tidying up to do and we are always grateful to the regular volunteers and also those who come on an ad hoc basis. The next session is on September 2nd 10 -12 and the last one of the year will be on October 7th.

Gerald South has been the main player in the maintenance and development of the churchyard for many years and has done so much to help make it the beautiful place it is. We shall certainly miss him after he leaves to take up his role in Gloucestershire and wish him well in his new sphere.

Mary Smith

100 Club results

July.	93. G Shaw £25	61. Paul Menham £15.	62. M.Lambert £10.
St, Mary’s Church	£50		
August.	24. R. Veale £25	23. M.Grover. £15	57. S.Waters. £10

Westminster Abbey Parish Pass

The parish has a pass enabling free access for up to four adults or young people up to the age of 18yrs to Westminster Abbey - a total saving for two adults and two children would be £45. Children up to age five are admitted free to the Abbey if accompanied by an adult. A free audio guide is available. If you would like to borrow this pass please phone The Rectory on 577289

An Invitation

St Mary’s Church is open to all. We welcome visitors to our services, groups and events, as well as enquiries from Tatsfield residents concerning matters of faith, baptism, confirmation, weddings, funerals, burials, interment of ashes. Please do contact us via the Church Office (01959 577289), if we might be able to help.

Records

26 th June	Funeral of John Bullen (RC service taken by Father Simon Hall)
23 rd July	Baptism of Max Musselwhite
30 th July	Thanksgiving for Marriage of David and Lexy Parker
4 th August	Marriage of Blair Carson and Rebecca Laugharne
6 th August	Baptism of Louis Baldock

REGULAR TATSFIELD EVENTS

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
Mon	9.30 am	Tots on Top – CH
	10.00 am	WI Exercises - WIH
	1.30 pm	Bridge Club – WIH
	6.00 pm	Beavers – SH
	7.15 pm	Adult Ballet - TPS
	7.30 pm	Art Group – VH [Term time]
	8.15 pm	Bingo – TVC
Tue	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 - SH
	7.30 pm	Duplicate Bridge – WIH
	7.30 pm	Tatsfield Singers - TPS
	8.00 pm	Table Tennis – VH
Fri	10.00 am	Pilates – WIH
	11.15 am	Pilates – WIH
	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 site open (to noon) - TACG
		Martial Arts - SH
	11.00 am	Parish Council Café -The Bakery [to noon]

ADDITIONAL EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

1 Fri	10.30 am	Forget Me Not Café - AMB
2 Sat	10.00 am	Churchyard tidy-up
3 Sun	10.00 am	Open the Book – StM
	10.30 am	Ramblers
	11.30 am	Said Eucharist – StM
	3.00pm	Sunday Teas at St Mary's (to 5.00pm)
5 Tue	2.30 pm	WI – WIH
7 Thu	1.00 pm	Scrabble – Scrumdoone, Greenway
	1.30 pm	Hear Here – AMB

8 Fri	10.30 am	Forget Me Not Café - AMB
10 Sun	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist – StM;
	3.00pm	Sunday Teas at St Mary's (to 5.00pm)
11 Mon	8.00 pm	Parish Council Meeting – AMB
		Art Group AGM
12 Tue	2.00 pm	Not So Young Club – WIH
	7.30 pm	Tatty Knitters – Bakery
	8.00 pm	Little Acorns AGM - AMB
15 Fri	10.30 am	Forget Me Not Café – AMB
	7.30 pm	Tour Divide 2017 - WIH
16 Sat	7.30 am	Bulky rubbish collection – VH car park (to 9.45 am)
	9.30 am	Fairtrade Tea Tent – opposite Linda's Stores
	3.15, 7.30 pm	Curzon films - VH
17 Sun	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist – StM
	10.30 am	Ramblers
	3.00pm	Sunday Teas StM (to 5.00pm)
21 Thu	7.45 pm	Tatsfield Singers recommence - THS
22 Fri	10.30 am	Forget Me Not Café – AMB
23	1.00 pm	Beer Festival – Westmore Green (to 9.00 pm)
24 Sun	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist – StM
	11.00 am	Ramblers
	3.00pm	Sunday Teas at St Mary's (to 5.00pm) LAST OF THE SEASON
25 Mon	8.00 pm	Parish Council Meeting – AMB
26 Tue	1.30 pm	Whist – WIH
29 Fri	10.30 am	Forget Me Not Café – AMB
30 Sat	7.30 pm	Quiz of Quizzes - VH

OCTOBER

1 Sun	10.00 am	Harvest Festival – StM;
	11.30 am	Said Eucharist – StM
5 Thu	1.00 pm	Scrabble – Scrumdoone, Greenway
	1.30 pm	Hear Here – AMB
6 Fri	10.30 am	Forget-Me-Not – The Ship
7 Sat	10.00 am	Churchyard tidy-up
8 Sun	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist – StM

Venues

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

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



WI

The Fourth of July, American Independence Day, was celebrated at our Garden Party with food and entertainment with an American theme. The weather stayed fine and sunny for us and we shared a great afternoon once again.

Our speaker for August, Keith Simmons, wore this lapel badge as a member of the



Grand Order of Water Rats, a charitable society for those in the World of Entertainment which started in 1889. Keith became a member in 1987 and in the last 30 years he has been King Rat twice. His 50 years in the world of entertainment meant that he had an inexhaustible supply of humorous stories about a star-studded list of celebrities. He produced a pack of cards

and we all selected one from the deck. Each one bore the name of a well-known name from Frank Ifield to HRH Prince Philip via Eartha Kitt, Bernard Bresslaw, Cilla Black, Barry Manilow, and over a dozen more, all of whom he had met and worked alongside. Each name (20 or so with half the pack still to be chosen) evoked a story about the star. What a fascinating life he leads.

Our next meeting will be on 5th September and we will hear about the Ups and Downs in the life and work of a Wedding Photographer.

Sue Smale (Tel: 577660)

NOT SO YOUNG CLUB



The Garden Party was held at the July meeting and as there were so few members attending, we decided to leave the celebrations until the following month.

We did judge the number of sweets in the jar and the weight of the cake and George provided us with some more jokes - good old

George!

On the 8th August, we provided a salad lunch and as we had a full house, Pam and Miriam did the Pimms for us, for which all thanks go to Pam and her mother Amy. The lunch was very successful and I think was enjoyed by all.

On the 12th September, we will be entertained by Mike Lambert and I feel sure he will help us join in a good old singsong!

Babs Heffernon (540602)

NORTH DOWNS COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA AND ENSEMBLES



Summer news catch-up and plans for the coming year.

Since holding its successful First Birthday Concert at the end of March, the North Downs Community Orchestra has been enjoying a lively summer of music.

With lovely warm evenings in May and June, some rehearsals were held outside the Endeavour Scout Headquarters on Godstone Green rather than inside. Following on from the Birthday Concert programme, a few more toe-tapping pieces were practised to add length and an even more varied programme for their Caterham Festival Concert, held at the Caterham United Reformed Church on Make Music Day UK. In just over one year this young orchestra has gained considerable experience and now has stamina to perform longer concerts as well.

Make Music Day UK is to become a regular fixture on the Summer Solstice, as it is already in many countries around the world. The aim is to involve as many people as possible with making music on one day. Before the evening concert, members of the Orchestra and its Musical Director, Shona Fenion, had arranged to meet with interested members of the public at Church Walk Shopping Centre, Caterham. People could have a listen, a chat or a try - an assortment of orchestral instruments were available. What hadn't been bargained for was the sweltering 34 degrees on 21st June this year!

This Orchestra always includes a few pieces in its programme where the audience may participate informally. The favourite piece has generally been 'Land of Hope and Glory'. The best audience 'performance' was that of the attendees of Caterham's Douglas Brunton Centre's AGM. The Orchestra had been requested to entertain Centre members after the AGM; however, because this was a weekday afternoon, numbers of available instrumentalists were much smaller than for a normal concert. So, an

‘Ensemble’ of the NDCO was formed and a group performance took place. It was a perfect location with a perfect audience – the musicians would like to say to DBC members, “Thank you for having us, well done for your percussion talents but especially for the singing! Yes, the sheet music for ‘Jerusalem’ has been ordered as requested.”

At the time of writing, the Orchestra is waiting to perform another first – an hour of music for the Godstone Fete and Donkey Derby on August Bank Holiday Monday. It is hoped that Nick Drewe’s piece, ‘Something’s Stirring on Godstone Green’, will be performed to an audience actually on Godstone Green.



From Wednesday, 13th September the normal fun rehearsal schedule will re-start. Rehearsals are in Godstone on the 2nd, 4th (and 5th) Wednesdays of the month from 7:30 – 9:30 pm. Work/play will commence on a new repertoire which is planned to be varied and interesting; it is always aimed to source parts for every orchestral instrument at a suitable range of ability levels. September and October would be a particularly good time for potential new members, who play an orchestral instrument, to join us. There are neither auditions nor grade requirements but there is generally a short introductory period. Rehearsal subs are £5 on a ‘pay as you play’ basis – the first rehearsal is free. More details and a contact form will be found at www.thefunorchestra.co.uk alternatively please email ndcomembership@gmail.com

What’s on

Wednesday, 13th September. Godstone, 7:30 – 9:30 pm. Join the North Downs Community Orchestra for the start of their autumn term fun rehearsals. New music, new season, new players - you? – We welcome all players of orchestral instruments. Please don’t hesitate, **especially if you’re a violinist, viola player or orchestral percussionist**, the more the merrier. Our normal rehearsal schedule continues on the 2nd, 4th (and 5th) Wednesdays of the month. For more information please see www.thefunorchestra.co.uk or alternatively please email ndcomembership@gmail.com

Wednesday, 27th September. Godstone, 7:30 – 9:30 pm. The fun orchestra will be rehearsing every 2nd, 4th (and 5th) Wednesday this term. ‘Pay as you play’, subs are £5 per rehearsal but your first rehearsal is free. (See further details for 13th September). For more information please see www.thefunorchestra.co.uk or alternatively please email ndcomembership@gmail.com

Pam Deverill

JAZZ AT THE VILLAGE CLUB

Things were going with a swing on Sunday 23rd July at Tatsfield Village Club. The Napier Hotshots took to the stage to deliver their repertoire of smooth silk like jazz. There was a lively crowd of mixed ages foot tapping their way through the different tunes from Chinatown to Blue Skies to name just two. Tatsfield resident and band member Mike Duckworth (trombone) is to be thanked for organising their appearance at the Club. Definitely not an afternoon to be missed and one hopefully to be repeated. So, watch this space – and make sure you have a gap in your diary for their next performance!



Left to right:

Mick Scrivens (String Bass and Bass Saxophone) Pat Glover (Clarinet), Lynn Sanders (Banjo), Mike Jackson (Trumpet), Bill Traxler (Drums), Mike Duckworth (Trombone)

Ailsa Harmer

TATTY KNITTERS

For a change in August we went out, Kim welcomed us into her house and fed us scones, cream and jam. I got to take the leftovers home!!!

Back to normal in September, Andrew will welcome us into the Bakery on the 12th, from 7.30pm until 9.30 ish. Cake supplied, buy your own drink.

Remember all crafters and beginners are welcome.

Val Quick (07761571071)

TATSFIELD'S LOCAL BUS SERVICES, from May/June 2017

A leaflet with the information below has been produced on behalf of the Tatsfield Parish Magazine Committee and is available at Linda's Stores. Whilst every care has been taken to ensure its accuracy, the Parish Magazine cannot be held responsible for any inaccuracies.

It is advisable to check with the timetables displayed at bus stops.

464 Service

('Hail and Ride' within Tatsfield)

Tatsfield Ship to New Addington Parkway for Tramlink

Leaves Tatsfield Ship at the following times and is due at New Addington Parkway between 17 and 23 minutes later.

Monday to Friday:

0610, 0640 then at 10 and 40 minutes past the hour until 1940 and then at 10 mins past hour until 0010.

Saturday:

0610, 0640, then at 10 and 40 minutes past the hour until 1910 and then at 10 mins past hour until 0010.

Sundays:

0810 and 0910 then 10 minutes past each hour until 0010.

New Addington Parkway (Tramlink) to Tatsfield Ship

Leaves New Addington Parkway at the following times and is due at Tatsfield Ship between 19 and 24 minutes later.

Monday to Saturday:

0640, 0710 then at 8 and 38 minutes past the hour until 1940 and then at 40 minutes past the hour until 0040.

Sundays and other Public Holidays:

0840 then at 40 minutes past the hour until 0040

ROAD CLOSURE

On Sunday 8th October, White Lane will be closed between 0800 and 1800 for the Bec Cycling Club Hill Climb.

595 Service

Westerham – Tatsfield – Oxted – Chalkpit Wood

HR=Hartley Road; KA=Kings Arms

Monday to Friday (brackets indicate school days only – service 695)

Westerham HR	(0740)	1200	1400	1915
Westerham KA	....	1203	1403	1918
Tatsfield Ship	(0812)	1212	1412	1927
Oxted Station	(0823)	1223	1423	1938
Chalkpit Wood	....	1230	1430	
St Mary's Sch.	....	1232	1432	
Oxted School	(0825)			

Saturday

Westerham HR	0930	1200	1400	1630
Westerham KA	0933	1203	1403	1633
Tatsfield Ship	0943	1213	1413	1643
Oxted Station	0953	1223	1423	1653
Chalkpit Wood	1000	1230	1430	1700
St Mary's School	1002	1232	1432	1702

Chalkpit Wood - Oxted - Tatsfield – Westerham

Monday to Friday

Oxted School	.....	.....	.....	(1530)	.....
Chalkpit Wood	0930	1130	1330	.....	1745
Oxted Station	0937	1137	1337	(1537)	1753
Tatsfield Ship	0947	1147	1347	(1547)	1803
Westerham KA	0956	1156	1356	.....	1812
Westerham HR	0958	1158	1358	(1620)	1814

Saturday

Chalkpit Wood	0900	1130	1330	1530
Oxted Station	0907	1137	1337	1537
Tatsfield Ship	0917	1147	1347	1547
Westerham KA	0926	1156	1356	1556
Westerham HR	0928	1158	1358	1558

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO THIS MONTH



September 1917 was the worst month of the First World War in terms of the village's casualties. Four Tatsfield men were killed in action that month.

Harold Mudd, a corporal in the London Regiment, was killed in Flanders on 16th September. His name is commemorated at the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial - one of four memorials to servicemen missing in Flanders in

the Ypres salient. The third battle of Ypres took place in the summer and autumn of 1917 in deteriorating weather ending in November with the capture by British forces of Passchendaele. Born in 1895, Cpl Mudd was the son of Walter John and Bertha Roye Mudd of Leehirst, Maesmaur Road. His father was a builder in Tatsfield in the 1920s and 30s.

Four days later, Private Bertram Rushen of the Royal West Surrey Regiment died and his name appears on the Tyne Cot Passchendaele Memorial - another of four memorials to the missing in the Ypres Salient. Born in Tatsfield in 1898, Pte Rushen was the son of William Henry and Sophia Rushen (née Holman) of Manor Cottages, Tatsfield, also known as Goddards Cottage. His sister, Louisa, had died in January 1916 after being hit by a car while working as a bus conductress near Lewisham Town Hall. His twin brother, Stanley, and another brother, Joseph, were also killed in the First World War and all three names appear on the memorial plaque in St Mary's Church.

Then on the 20th September, Lance Corporal Archibald Lock of the London Regiment was killed. His name is also commemorated on the Menin Gate. He was the son of Arthur Henry Lock & Ruth Lock (née Underwood) of Meadowsweet, Ricketts Hill Road, and had been employed as an outfitting assistant. His brother, Francis, was also a First World War casualty and was killed in 1919. He is buried in Tatsfield churchyard.

On 26th September, Gunner Edwin Larkin of the Royal Garrison Artillery was killed in the Ypres salient. He was married to Anne Maud Larkin (née Willis) of Emily Road, (now Westmore Road) Tatsfield where they ran Larkin's Stores – a drapers and general outfitters shop. His name appears on the memorial plaque in St Mary's Church.

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

THE INSTITUTE, BOROUGH ROAD



There is very little reference in Tatsfield's archives to the building known as The Institute which stood in Borough Road for much of the last century. Until this summer, all we had was this poor-quality image of the building.

The derelict building was demolished in the late 1960s and a bungalow - Anglecroft - built on the site by the

Ling family of builders. A couple of months ago, Brian Ling re-discovered this 19th century matchbox recovered from the site at that time and has kindly donated it to the History Project. He also remembers a similar artefact left behind by a night-watchman at the site being found at the time.



The 'E. Crane' whose name appears on the fragment of wood found in the matchbox is Edward Crane, who was aged 42 in the year mentioned - 1884 - when the Institute was being built. He and his twin brother, Joseph, were carpenters and almost certainly lived at Crane Cottage at the southern end of Westmore Green where their sister, Susan, ran a grocery shop. Their father, Stephen, was a thatcher, born in 1803.

The brothers' names continued to appear in local directories until 1916 but after that only Joseph appeared - until 1924 when he was still described as a carpenter and would have then been in his 80s.

Doris Geary, in her 1987 'Tales of Tatsfield', noted that the Institute was known locally as The Tin Hut. Dances were held there with piano music by a Mr. Adams and she added: "I am told by the older residents that the Tatsfield Brass Band practised there."

Mr Adams was the secretary/treasurer of the Institute. An organist, he was also headmaster of Tatsfield School from 1898 until 1921.

Doris Geary's nephew, Tony Watson, remembers a flint house next to the old building. This was also known as Anglecroft, occupied in the 1930s and 40s by the Tilley family and in the 1950s by Charles and Violet Kilgour.

If you too have information about the Institute - or indeed any other artefacts or papers giving insights into the history of Tatsfield - the History Project would be delighted to see them with a view to photographing or making copies of them to include in the archive of the parish. Old deeds, maps and plans are of particular interest and copies of the proceedings of village organisations from the past help build up our picture of Tatsfield's history.

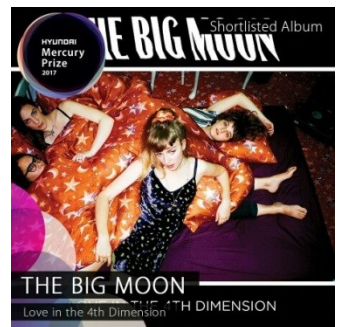
There are also opportunities to work on the several thousand items already in the archive or to contribute in other, practical ways. I've already had help from villagers in cataloguing local newspaper cuttings and will soon again be asking them to process more material. If you would like to help with this activity, please get in touch.

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

UPDATE ON TATSFIELD GIRL JULIETTE JACKSON

Her group, The Big Moon has been nominated for the Hyundai Mercury Prize! Their album Love in the 4th Dimension has been nominated along with 11 others, including Ed Sheeran, Stormzy and The XX. The awards ceremony for the best British Album 2017 is televised on 14th September.

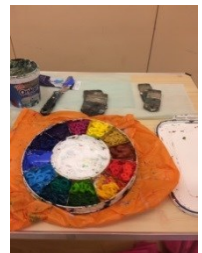
Paul and Chris Jackson



TATSFIELD ART GROUP

Our AGM is on 11th September. Our sessions begin on 18th. If you would like to join us please investigate our website www.tatsfield.org.uk and contact me on 07815775859

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THE NIGHT SKY IN TATSFIELD – SEPTEMBER 2017

If you're lucky you might just catch a final glimpse of Jupiter low down in the west immediately after sunset at the beginning of September. Saturn is still on view a little to the west (right) of south although it moves progressively west as the month continues. The crescent Moon is just four degrees north-west of Saturn on the 26th. If you rise early then Venus is a brilliant object around twenty degrees in altitude due east at 6am.

Women in Astronomy – Henrietta Leavitt – Part 5

Following Henrietta's death, the debate continued to rage about whether the Milky Way was, in effect, the whole universe containing everything we could see with the eye and telescope, or whether it was a common enough galaxy amongst a myriad of similar stellar conglomerations.

Harlow Shapley, having calculated the size of the Milky Way (our galaxy) was sure that due to its great size, it must be all there was. Edwin Hubble though took the opposite view and continued to search for Miss Leavitt's variable stars, known as Cepheids, in distant star clusters. He wrote to Shapley on a number of occasions with fresh evidence but Shapley would not yield his viewpoint.

Hubble, using the 100-inch telescope on Mount Wilson, continued his work and found Cepheid variables in Messier 31 (then known as the Andromeda nebula) and its neighbour Messier 33 as well as amongst the star clouds of Sagittarius. Measurements of them, when applied to the principles set out by Henrietta, showed these bodies lay at distances of more than one million light years. The argument about "island universes" was over and Hubble was the victor. It was realised at last that these tiny fuzzy patches were huge star systems at vast distances (Messier 31 is 2.5 million light years away) and that our Milky Way was nothing special at all. Had Shapley been less blinkered it is entirely possible that today we would be admiring images taken from beyond the Earth with the *Shapley* Space Telescope.

What then of Henrietta's place in the hierarchy of astronomical history? True, she has a crater on the Moon named after her and also an asteroid (5383 Leavitt) but sadly the greatest accolade that a fellow scientist wanted bestowed on her simply could not be.

In 1925 the Swedish mathematician Gösta Mittag-Leffler wrote to Henrietta praising her work and telling her that he wanted to nominate her for the 1926 Nobel Prize for physics. He was unaware that she had died almost 4 years earlier, so the letter was passed to Harlow Shapley. His reply does him little credit as he hints broadly in it that he (Shapley) was the one who interpreted Henrietta's data so by implication perhaps it is he who should receive the award; though fortunately this never came to pass. Henrietta couldn't receive it either because the Nobel Prize cannot be awarded posthumously so instead that year it went to the French scientist Jean Baptiste Perrin.

Had she lived for longer, then we can only hope that she would have received the recognition that she so richly deserved for being the woman who made it possible to not only measure the size of the galaxy but also that of the universe.

Brian Mills FRAS

THE TATSFIELD GARDENER IN SEPTEMBER

I remember speculating on the chances of having a very dry summer after such a dry start only to have near record rainfall in August! If we are confused and disappointed about the weather in the main holiday period just imagine how it is confusing plants as they struggle to produce flower and fruit? We are having super crops of bush and top fruit with some record vegetable crops but what about the flowering plants? Our displays in the village got off to a superb start with many glowing comments, sadly by August the rain and dull cool weather had almost completely stopped the display. With light levels now falling this month, they will struggle to regain their former glory. I also noticed record amounts of damaging powdery mildew on plants that would not normally suffer from this fungus disease; in our perennial pollinating border on the Bakery Lawn the Bergamot (Monarda) was defoliated and we had to replace the dwarf tobacco plants (Nicotiana). If I now say we are going to have a glorious 'Indian Summer' I bet it will be the opposite so no predictions!



In late June, I was asked to have a look at a collection of bush roses that were looking pretty sad after an initial flush of lovely flower. The keen gardener explained how all the plants were regularly dead headed, watered and given a feed. The plants had lots of long stems neatly trimmed at the ends, but not much flower. When your plants have finished their first flush of flower they need a summer prune; that is to remove about 12" (30cm) of the old stems down to a leaf bud or emerging shoot. This will stimulate new growth that will produce a new flush of blooms that could keep on flowering right up to the end of the year – weather permitting. A lot of folk are shocked to see me removing so much growth but on returning three or four week later I can see they have seen the benefits of such 'drastic' action!

Gardener's Tip - If you are intending to move a shrub or fruit tree this winter you can help it 'get ready' to be moved by cutting a circle around the plant to stimulate new root growth within the ball of soil you will be digging up. Use a sharp spade pushing it into the ground vertically, us old gardeners call this process 'wrenching'. If the ground is very dry make sure to thoroughly water the area first and remember to watch out for flints – the Tatsfield Diamonds!

Hedges are very much in the news these days – the right type – the right size and shape – when to cut for best growth and to reduce disturbance to nesting and roosting birds; watch out for my October notes when this will be the subject.

Jon Allbutt

NIGEL'S NATURE NOTES

Correspondence:

You may remember that in the July issue I cheekily suggested that the old house opposite us ('Charmwood' in Greenway) may be home to bats and other forms of wildlife. Well as it turns out, it is, as John (Andrews) explains (06.07.17):

*'This old house has been home to a family of **Pipistrelle Bats** for a number of years. On a warm summer's evening at dusk they can be seen ducking and diving across the lawn looking for insects. These little chaps, only a couple of inches long and making no sound in flight, look like large moths. They seem to live under the tiles at the back of the house. At the front, we also have a colony of **black bees** in the loft which seem pretty busy. We have **Blue Tits** and **Wrens** nesting regularly each year in various small gaps in the weather boarding. So, this old house is home to much more than just the Andrew's family!'*

Another village nature reserve! Thanks for the report, John. Great to know that bats and bees are made welcome at 'The Andrew's House'. I wonder if one of our local apiarists can shed light on the 'black bees'? I haven't come across these before.

Steve (Gaskell), one of our village naturalists, has kindly sent a report of some recent butterfly sightings – exciting ones, I'm sure you'll agree (11.07.17):

*'Top butterfly spots this weekend (8th - 9th July) – A **White Admiral** in the garden both days. It settled on Carol's knee! Sunday 9th (10 am) – male **Purple Emperor** at the top of Beddlestead Lane, near the gas installation. Even the cyclists I was with were impressed! We went the next day, at the same time, with binoculars and a camera, but had no luck. Maybe worth a second go? No luck with **Glanvilles** [Fritillaries] at Hutchinson's [Bank] this year, but we did spot a **Dark Green Fritillary**.'*

Great sightings, Steve. I guess you just have to be in the right place at the right time. As previously mentioned, we had a White Admiral in our garden a few years back but have seen none since. If yours is able to breed I guess there's a small chance of developing a small local colony. Let's see what next year brings. In the meantime, let's all plant Honeysuckle – the necessary native plant for White Admiral caterpillars to feed on.

And now, news and an exciting proposal from 'Adventurer Jim' (Yeeles) (16.06.17)

*'For the second year running I've seen **Swifts** prospecting for accommodation up at the old school. I don't think they were successful last year, but may have missed it. Do you know if they used to breed at this site in the past? What do you think of the chances of 'Monkey Puzzle' allowing me to put up a Swift nesting box ready for next year?'*

*After a slow start, the butterfly season is starting to get back on track with the return of warm weather. The numerous **Meadow Browns** have been joined by the odd **Ringlet**, **Marbled White** and the 'golden' **Skippers**. Happy Days!'*

I'm not sure whether Swifts nested at the old school site, Jim. Unfortunately, when my family arrived here there was no room for me so I had to go over to Hamsey Green for my schooling. Hopefully, one of the previous inmates will remember and message us. The photos you supplied certainly demonstrate the birds' interest. With community action in mind, I feel certain 'Monkey Puzzle' will be willing to assist, provided they don't have to get up the ladder! Perhaps the Parish Council could be approached for funding? As former members of the Green Spaces Committee I recall it being stated that our input would be welcomed by the Council. I'm happy to join an action team, if it helps. Now, what about a title? 'Adventurer Jim's Conservation Corps', perhaps. Or with mass appeal, 'Adventurer Jim's Conservation Army'! I volunteer to design the sweatshirts.



I am pleased to say that we have received other reports (on hold), but as Swifts have been mentioned, and are still just about observable at this time of year, this seems an ideal time to expand upon this theme.

In case you're not sure, Swifts are those large, streamlined birds that scream as they zoom across the sky on a summer's

day, skilfully darting around as they catch insects on the wing. I have very fond memories of them from when I was living in Winchester: A warm summer's evening, nipping in to 'The Wykeham' for a pint and a hot sausage after evensong at the cathedral, wandering through the college lanes on the way back to my digs with the sound of numerous, screaming Swifts echoing around as they sped over the rooftops – heavenly times. (End of digression.) Their Latin name is *apus apus* which means 'footless'. Whilst not strictly true, their small feet are of little use which may, evolutionarily wise, be a consequence of spending so much time in flight. Conversely, their time spent flying may be a consequence of having small feet. Take your pick. Whichever the case, Swifts spend most of their lives in flight and when I say 'flight' I mean seriously long periods on the wing. After birth, the young birds have just a few weeks to prepare themselves for their first major excursion – to Africa! Thousands of miles of flying; feeding and sleeping on the wing without landing anywhere. In fact, they remain airborne for the first three years of their lives. Amazing, isn't it? When they eventually return to their birthplace to nest and reproduce, the awe they inspire is well deserved. Wouldn't it be wonderful to have a breeding destination for these summer visitors within the village? If one or two nesting boxes will help I say, 'Go for it'. Perhaps you know of other suitable sites? I would suggest the side of the (ex) Post Office (now estate agents) but in my mind, I still have that earmarked for House Martins!

Any news or views?

Contact: nigelshaw2000@hotmail.com

Alternatively, drop a note in to Linda's Stores, or to 'Primrose Ridge', Greenway.

Nigel Shaw

TATSFIELD VILLAGE SCHOOL OF DANCE

Tatsfield Village School of Dance had a particularly busy summer term as we held our bi-annual show 'Let's Dance' on Sunday 13th July. The children showcased all their hard work and talent at Hazelwood School in Limpsfield, and what a truly fantastic show it was! Full of energy and enthusiasm from start to finish, it was a fabulous and fitting end to the term. I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge WELL DONE to all the students who participated and not forgetting the parents and guardians - thank you for all your 'behind the scenes' work too!

Fast forward to the Autumn Term - we are kicking off with a spectacular Dance Open Day on Sunday 3rd September at Tatsfield Village Hall from 10.00am - 1.00pm. This is a unique opportunity for children to come along and trial all classes that we offer at the School - Ballet, Tap, Modern, Jazz, Contemporary and even our NEW Acro Dance class! There is no cost involved just a great few hours of dancing! The Open Day is open to all, past and present students, and to any other children interested in taking up or returning to dance classes. All our teachers will be on hand to take the class and answer any questions parents or children may have. We would love to see you there! Contact us for more information and to book a place for your child.

We also have something for adults too! We hold Adult Ballet classes on a Monday (term time only) at Tatsfield Primary School, 7.15-8.15pm. This is a great workout with elements of cardio, toning and stretching based around ballet technique and steps. No experience needed, just come along for the workout and we guarantee you will walk out with a smile on your face!

Adult Tap and Pilates classes are also available so please get in contact or go to our website for more information.

NOTE: All children and adult classes start on Monday 11th September.

See you in class!

Emily Hepworth, Principal (07734 543464,
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TATSFIELD MARTIAL ARTS

On Sunday 9th June, 14 junior members of TMA judo club entered the Southern Area Red and Yellow belt championship. And one of our senior members, Sam Hale, entered the adult event – for blue belts & below.



For the juniors, the competition turned out to be much harder than I expected – being a Southern Area rather than a Surrey event, more clubs were able to enter. Our kids had some tough fights, but as always did themselves and the club proud. It was nice to hear other parents were approaching our club parents and asking questions about the club; shows we are getting noticed. In terms of medals, of the 14 juniors that entered we won 9:

GOLD: Rex Elliot, u50kg boys

Oliver Buck, u24kg boys

SILVER: Kayden Plinston, u34kg boys

Tom Alexander, u27kg boys;

Alfie Brown, u38kg boys

Lia Saunders, u47kg girls

Matthew Flood, u55kg boys

BRONZE: Harry Cotterill, u30kg boys

Seb Sanchez, u34kg boys

Among the adults, Sam was having his first taste of competitive judo having only started the training in January. He had some tough fights against higher, most experienced graded players – but came away with a well-deserved bronze medal in the men u90kg group

Adam Plinston

TATSFIELD MARTIAL ARTS
NEW SELF DEFENCE & FITNESS CLASS

Starting: Friday 8th September

Time: 10am to 11am

From September, the club will be starting a new Friday morning class. This class will offer something different to our existing classes, a less 'traditional' class, focusing on self-defence & fitness:

- Effective & simple self-defence techniques
- Strike shield & target mitt work, however not just for fitness, you learn how to strike correctly & where to target
- Martial Arts based fitness drills
- No set class syllabus to follow, just proven, simple techniques – drilled regularly to ensure learning
- No gradings, no belts, no hierarchy
- No need for Gi's (martial arts suits); gym wear is fine
- No sparring / fighting
- No formal etiquette to follow (no bowing, Japanese words etc)

The class will only run during school term time, taking a break when the schools are on holiday – to avoid the logistical issues of training whilst having kids in tow!

All classes in September are completely free, to allow everyone to try before committing. From October, a monthly membership of £25 will be charged, to be paid by standing order. However, if you already have family members training at the club you will be entitled to additional family discounts.

From more info – contact Adam via tatsfieldmartialarts@gmail.com

Adam Plinston

MARROW MINDED?

This year we are all discovering courgettes, which overnight became marrows. So here is a recipe given me by Pam Pearce, no not stuffed, but MARROW PIE.

1 FULL SIZE MARROW, handful of sultanas, sugar, 2 teaspoons lemon juice. Cornflour. + Pastry. Cut marrow into slices about 1 inch to 1.5 inches wide, peel and de-seed, then cut each ring into bite size pieces, again about 1 inch.

Place in a saucepan with the sultanas and lemon juice and perhaps a tablespoon of sugar, then cover with water. Bring to the boil and simmer gently until the marrow is translucent and soft.

Strain the liquid into a jug, then tip the marrow into a basin and return the liquid to the saucepan. Mix about 1 tablespoon of water with 1 dessertspoon of cornflour and add to the juice, bring to the boil then simmer, stirring all the time, until it becomes translucent and finally return the marrow to the pan and mix well. At this point you can adjust the sugar or lemon juice if necessary.

Finally, put the mixture into a pie dish, cover with pastry and bake for 25 minutes (?) until the pastry is cooked.

The lemon juice gives a tang to the flavour and, of course, the sultanas provide sugar, so you don't need too much. People who have tried it cannot decide what the "fruit" is, but no-one guessed it was marrow!

Good luck, I will be trying this out with the next courgette/now marrow.

Anyone got a recipe for French bean soup?

Dawn Forrester

ADVICE AFTER REPORTS OF A TELEPHONE FRAUD

You are advised to be vigilant following a recent fraud which has seen offenders pose as police officers over the phone before sending couriers to collect money from their homes.

A person claiming to be from either Surrey Police or the Metropolitan Police explained that there had been fraudulent activity in their bank accounts, either with items being illegally purchased or with bank transactions being deleted from their statements.

Victims were told the bank was involved with the scam and subsequently told to withdraw a large sum of money. It was then arranged for a courier to collect the money from their address as the notes were 'counterfeit'.

These fraudsters tend to target the most vulnerable members of our society, in particular the elderly, and do come across as very plausible on the phone. They may even know some of your personal details, such as a name or an address which can be easy to obtain from a phonebook or voters register.

The Police will **NEVER** instruct you to withdraw money over the phone. If you are ever suspicious of a call, hang up immediately and wait five minutes to ensure your line is clear or use a different telephone.

You can then call 101 to report the suspicious activity, or clarify whether you had been contacted by the police.

TATSFIELD RAMBLERS



Details of walks in the surrounding area for September 2017 are as follows.

Everyone welcome including your dogs.

Sunday 3 September 2017

Leader: Annette Glazebrook and Jean Bossley

Start point: 10.30am Lay-by on A25 just east of Sundridge

Map Ref: TQ492555 Postcode: TN14 6EE

Description: Approximately 5½ miles 3½ hours. One short, steep hill plus one undulating section. Pub stop at The Woodman, Ide Hill (newly reopened in June after a long closure).

Sunday 17 September 2017

Leader: Richard Gadd

Start point: 10.30am Keston Ponds car park, on main road from Biggin Hill to Bromley Common, halfway between Heathfield Road and Fishponds Road.

Map Ref: TQ419639 Postcode: BR2 6AT

Description: 6½ miles 4 hours. To Fickleshole via the Wilberforce Oak and Leaves Green. Refreshment stop at Fickleshole, at the White Bear. Return via Furze Bottom. Some steep hills. A few stiles (all dog friendly).

Sunday 24 September 2017 – 70's Saunter

Leader: Carol Vening

Start point: 11:00am Shoreham Station (or if car park is full, in the road adjacent to the Station)

Map Ref: TQ525614 Postcode: TN14 7RT

Description: A walk from Shoreham to Lullingstone Park where we will take refreshments at the visitors' centre before retracing our steps. This is slightly longer than our other saunters at 3 miles 2 hours - but it is flat, and will be taken at an easy pace.

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Sunday 17th (7.00pm) (Tickets £17.00) available from www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk or 01959 561811)

OCTOBER

The Oxted Players – The Ghost Train *(A classic mystery thriller by Arnold Ridley set in the 1920s)*

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Pip and Paul *(Join Pip and Paul, both members of the Magic Circle for a night of Fun, Comedy and Magic)*

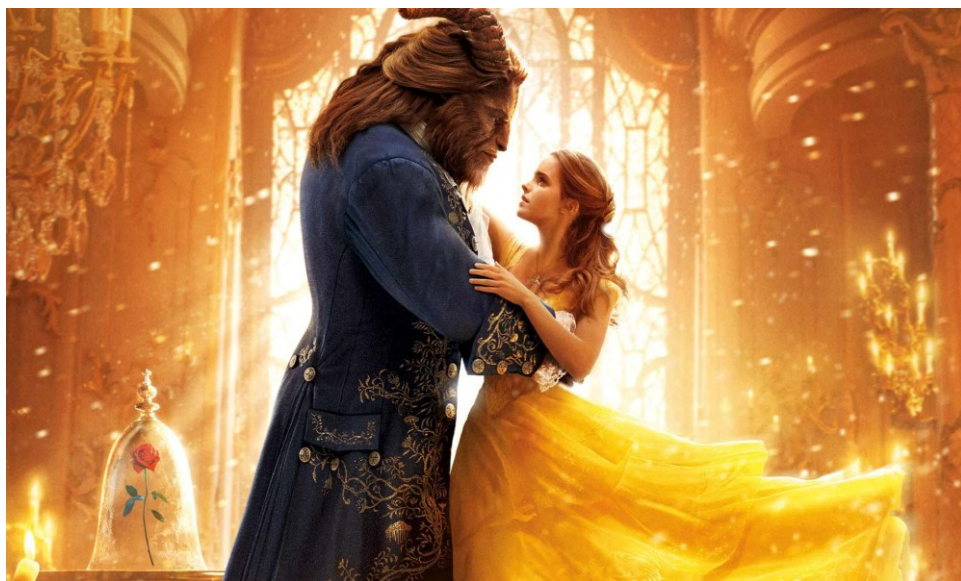
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Information pertaining to all the above shows can be obtained from:

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For the first time, Curzon Country Cinema is showing the same film in the afternoon and evening, so as to give as many people as possible the chance to see a film which has been a huge success all over the world. Released earlier this year, “Beauty and the Beast” will be showing on the big screen at the Village Hall at 3.15pm and 7.30pm on Saturday 16th September.

The film is based on an 18th century French fairy tale. A cursed prince meets a young village girl and in time they fall in love. Belle, the village girl, sees the beauty within the beast and becomes not only his friend but his only companion in his dark and lonely castle. If Belle and the beast don’t fall in love before the last petal falls off an enchanted rose given to the beast, the beast must remain a beast for ever.

“Beauty and the Beast” was filmed at Shepperton Studios in Surrey and was co-produced by Walt Disney Pictures. The two main characters are played by Emma Watson and Dan Stevens and there are a surprising number of star names in supporting roles including Kevin Kline, Ewan McGregor, Ian McKellen and Emma Thompson.

The film should be spectacular on the big screen. Tickets are just £5 and you can pay at the door.

Bob David

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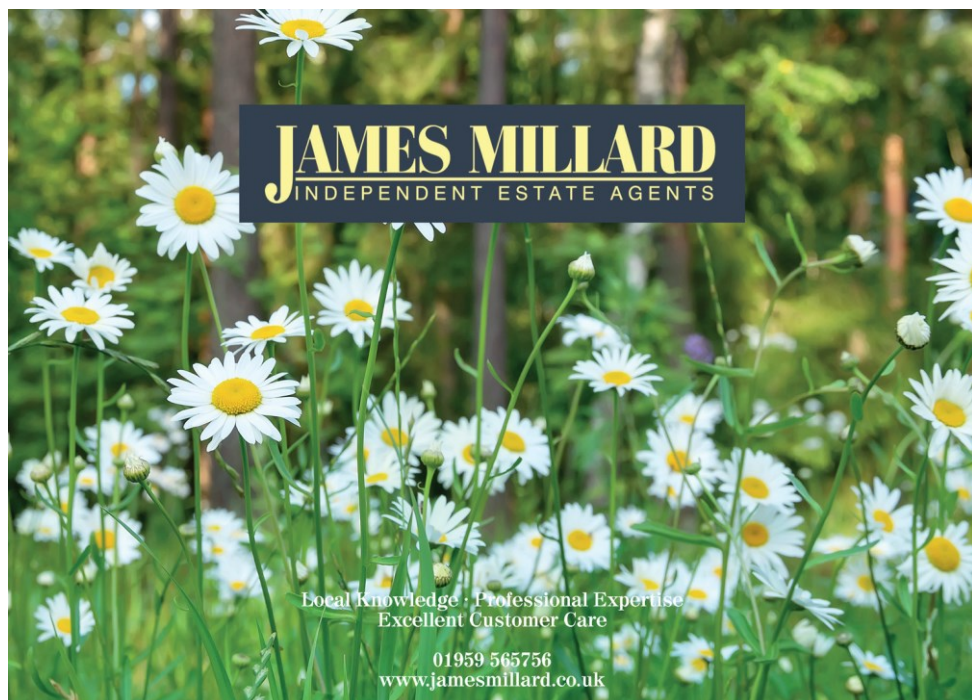
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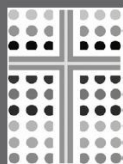
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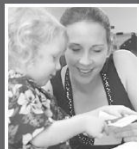


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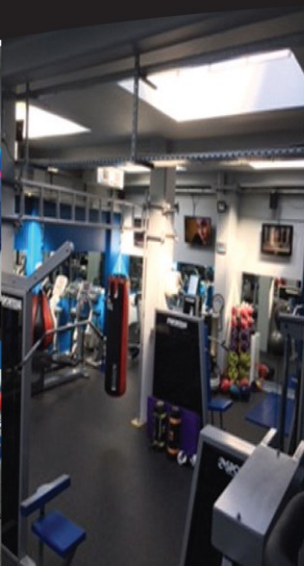


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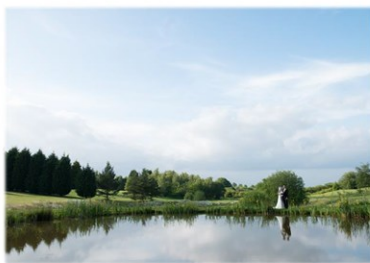


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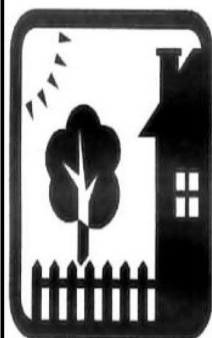


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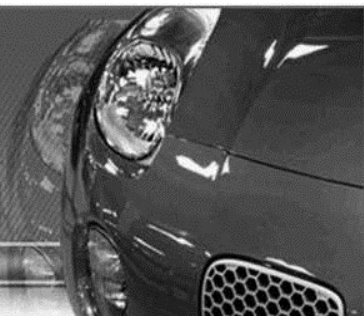
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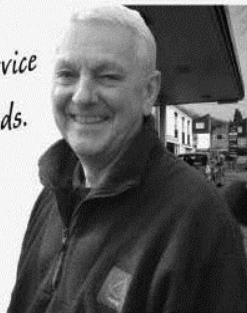


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