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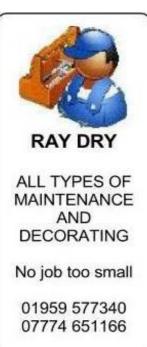
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#### EDITORIAL

Remembrance is uppermost in my mind whenever November approaches. Firstly, All Souls' or Annual Remembrance services are offered by some churches, including St Mary's, with ours being 3.30pm on 29<sup>th</sup> October, this year. This is a valuable additional opportunity to remember our lost loved ones. Then, on Remembrance Day 11<sup>th</sup> November, and Remembrance Sunday, which falls on 12<sup>th</sup> November this year, we remember those who gave their lives in two world wars and subsequent conflicts in order that we might live in peace. In between All Souls' and Remembrance Day comes an event of a very different kind, with Bonfire/Firework night on 5<sup>th</sup> November, which at its root remembers the thwarting of the "Gunpowder Plot" of that date in 1605.

Looking at the broader theme of memories and things that are important to remember, it could be said that today's actions will form tomorrow's memories. This may prompt us to reflect upon the priorities by which we live.

In the context of this magazine, we all know and remember Revd. Dr Gerald South, our previous Managing Editor, who recently moved to the Cotswolds to become Priest-in-Charge of the churches of Avening and Cherington. On 9<sup>th</sup> October a few of us made the journey to attend his licensing service at the Church of the Holy Cross, Avening. The service was led by the Bishop of Gloucester, the Right Revd. Rachel Treweek, who herself made history in 2015 by being the first female bishop in the Church of England and subsequently the first female bishop in the House of Lords. Gerald and Jennie received a warm welcome and they are settling well in their new community.

My wife, Veronica, and I travelled via friends in Cheltenham, and the visit spoke to us of the pleasure of spending time with people with whom we share memories.

The only downside of our circuitous route was that we didn't have the benefit of remembering our way back from Avening and, with the wisdom of hindsight, we might have done better to have depended on the map rather than sat nav! First of all it took us up some narrow lanes, finally offering a turning that was clearly a dead-end. When we eventually found the M4, it wasn't long before we saw signs indicating that a section had been closed. Then we took the shortest alternative route via A-roads towards the A4 but we found that route was also closed for overnight road works. When we finally turned in for the night, our day had certainly been memorable in more ways than one.

#### Vince Short

#### FIREWORKS

Fireworks night is coming up soon, and we hope you enjoy a beautiful display. Please do bear in mind that in the village we have lots of animals that are easily scared by fireworks, and set them off responsibly. Better still, why not go to a professional display, and get much more for your money, without all the clear up! Tatsfield Primary School has a display on our doorsteps, on 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Further information on the events pages of this magazine.

#### From the Magazine Committee

This month, we have produced your magazine from scratch without the guidance of Gerald South. There are some small changes, but in the main we hope you find it as you know and love. We currently have two volunteers helping to edit the magazine, but as has been mentioned before, further help and expertise is needed. Are there any budding journalists out there? This may be a great way for some of our younger residents looking at a future career in media to gain some valuable work experience.

#### LETTERS

Dear Editor,

My Great Grandfather Augustus Hitchcock and his son, built Tatsfield Village Hall. Great Granddad Augustus was once made Council Leader, on the condition that he kept his front hedge cut because it was a traffic hazard! He lived at the junction of Old Lane and Ship Hill. The "newish" bungalow was his builder's yard.

Could some kind soul e-mail me a photograph of the builder's plaque on the front wall of the hall? Not the opening day one. It will be sent on to a lady in Australia who shares Augustus as a Great Grandfather.

Thank you

Philip Mayes (speakeasy@btinternet.com)

Dear Editor,

I was delighted to receive a generous food parcel box from this year's Harvest Festival, and I would like to offer a big thank-you to all concerned from St. Mary's Church and Tatsfield School.

As my friends from church are aware, I have been suffering from a bad back in recent months, which has limited my mobility and my church attendance. It was a pleasant surprise to know I was still in your thoughts.

Once again, thank you so much.

Jean Tadd, Paynesfield Road

Dear Editor,

Tatsfield's first open air Remembrance Service will be held in the village centre on Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup>, starting at 10.40am.

It all started way back when two local ex-servicemen, Ted Bonwick and his best pal, Dennis Tapsell, told me Tatsfield was the only place in Surrey, Sussex and Kent that didn't have its own village centre war memorial. I had covered the story in my weekly pieces in the Surrey Mirror about a mysterious wreath layer who for some years (very early in the morning) had placed a wreath on the horse/cattle trough on the island outside the Old Ship pub. The culprits (if that is the word) turned out to be the two chaps named above. What they really wanted was a proper memorial stone in its proper place to remember the "Fallen of Tatsfield".

So I decided that the action to take was to make the first-ever Tatsfield village centre remembrance service on Saturday November 11<sup>th</sup> a "proper" event. I asked the band leader of the group of professional musicians that have attended the many annual

Christmas Carol Singalongs at the same venue if they were free to play for this new event from 10.30 am till around 11.20 am, that day. To my delight, Mr Leslie Lake's answer was to the affirmative. I asked him if he knew of a solo trumpet player who could play the Last Post and Reveille. He said he had in mind one player who appeared regularly in concerts at the Royal Albert Hall and he gave me his telephone number. I contacted him immediately and he was also free and so I booked him on the spot.



To my delight, this special date will certainly be remembered and it will be a huge landmark for Tatsfield's village history. Not only has the parish council kindly offered to pay for the band to play on that day, but has also given a lot of its time to have a brand new remembrance memorial stone built by local builder Mr Brian Ling.

So far, the total number of wreath-layers from local organisations who feel honoured to have been asked to attend the November 11<sup>th</sup> event has reached 24.

Funds for the remembrance memorial stone have been raised by local people and associations. Thanks to the parish council's negotiations, Brian Ling is going to build this new structure without charging for labour - an amazing feat. The actual builder is Brian's son Peter and grateful thanks must go to the Ling family. One generous and anonymous donor told me "this is for my Dad".

So with a whole list of local people who will be attending and laying wreaths (whatever the weather) at the first ever remembrance service to be held in Tatsfield village centre and conducted by the Revd. Vince Short, you are welcome to come along and join in with the singing of two well know hymns, *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* and *Abide With Me* - and of course, the National Anthem.

I have arranged that a sealed phial containing the full details and pictures of this wonderful happening from start to finish will be built into the top of the finished remembrance stone, with instructions for it to be opened for inspection in 20 years' time.

Hope to see you all there because this particular event is history in the making.

#### Dave Bishop.



#### THE BRIGITTE TRUST

The Brigitte Trust offers a free volunteer service of emotional support and practical help in the home when there has been a diagnosis of a life-threatening illness. When a family is faced with serious illness it can be devastating, and practical issues like driving, shopping and getting to hospital for treatment can sometimes be hard to manage.

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carer offering company and time to listen without judgement.

Taster sessions for potential volunteers are running on 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> November with the follow-on free training course in January 2018. We are particularly keen to reach out to the Tatsfield community to recruit volunteers.

# Contact Ingrid in the office on 01306 881816 or find out more on www.brigittetrust.org

#### TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Fortunately we have had some unseasonably warm weather, which apart from one short sharp shower, made our autumn job of carrying out the regular risk assessment around the village far more pleasant! Twice a year we are formally required to survey the entire village and in particular parish council land, and to look for areas that might require attention or repair. We are pleased to report that we found only a few minor problems and hopefully that means that the mechanisms we have in place for reporting issues is working well throughout the year.

In light of anticipated budget cuts from Surrey and Tandridge that may impact the maintenance schedule we also took the opportunity to prioritise the general maintenance tasks that are carried out each year by them.

Unusually, no planning applications were received in time for our main October meeting but this does follow a high number received over the summer. You may be aware that Westerham Town Council has held another public meeting concerning the proposals made by the Squerryes Estate to develop land around Westerham. We are making sure that we attend these meetings and are aware and can comment on proposals, as Westerham is such a close neighbour of ours, and some of the proposed works could cross into our parish.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank Cllr Martin Allen for his success in getting the fly tipping removed from a site on Clarks Lane. He has fought this battle for a number of years and the pile of rubbish including over one hundred tyres has now been cleared. We will now be working with the relevant authorities to find a way to stop fly tipping in this area. One consideration could be more extensive use of CCTV around the village, which we know has had successful outcomes in other parts of the district.

We were pleased to hear from Bob David that Tatsfield in Bloom had won Gold and second place at this year's South and Southeast in Bloom competition. Congratulations to all those who put in so much work to achieve such a good result!

We have decided to support the 'Silent Soldier Campaign' launched in Surrey by the Royal British Legion. The idea is for near life-size silhouettes of a First World War 'Tommy' to be erected across the county. The Silent Soldier will act as a reminder of the sacrifices made by men and women of the armed forces during the First World War. We plan to place one prominently in the centre of the village

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be held at the Aileen McHugo Building at 8.00 pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November and then on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017 - also at 8.00 pm. As always, the agendas will be made available on village notice boards and at: www.surreycommunity.info/tatsfield/

Althea Davies, Vice-Chairman (Tel: 541060; Email: altheadavies@tatsfieldparishcouncil.org.uk)

#### TANDRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL

**Council tax single person discount review:** Tandridge is reviewing council tax discounts, as part of an initiative being carried out by Surrey



County Council and the county's districts and boroughs to update records for those claiming a Single Person Discount (SPD). This can be claimed when an adult is the sole adult occupant of a property. More than 10,000 Tandridge taxpayers living alone claim a 25% reduction on their Council Tax. Nationally, up to 5% of such claims are fraudulent or not valid.

Most claims are legitimate, but a minority are not. This happens when a resident does not report a change in circumstances and receives the discount when no longer entitled to it. This review aims to find such claims. All residents who get SPD are being sent a letter asking them to explain their current circumstances. This will keep their records up to date and give them the chance to notify the Council about any change of circumstances. If there are cases where discounts have been claimed fraudulently or a change of circumstances has not been notified to the Council, further action may be taken.

Any residents who think they may no longer be entitled to a SPD, or who think they should be getting a discount, should contact the Council Tax Team on 01883 722000, e-mail customerservices@tandridge.gov.uk.

Gryllus, the Council's property investment company, has bought its first property for £3.25m. The property is in Maidstone's primary shopping area and has been let to Marks & Spencer for the past 30 years. It will generate a net income of £226,000 a year. Earlier this year, as part of its strategy to become financially self-sufficient, the Council set up a £50m Property Investment Fund to generate additional income to ensure services can continue to be provided despite reduced government grants.

The fund is being financed by using available capital reserves and borrowing at low interest rates. The aim is to acquire a balanced, mixed property portfolio, to minimise risk and provide a good return through rental income and interest charges. While the council itself can buy properties within Tandridge, any properties outside can be bought only through a council-owned company. A separate £20m Development Fund is being used to invest in projects inside the district.

This is an important first step in creating a new revenue stream which puts the council firmly on the road to financially self-sufficiency. We are taking every opportunity to

secure income to help achieve our ambitions and sustain services, taking a path many councils are already using. This is all about making sure we put ourselves in the best position to continue to provide excellent services for our residents and businesses.

**Recycling more bathroom items:** The council is asking residents to think about the bathroom rubbish they throw away and recycle more items such as empty deodorants and fragrances. In the UK, almost 90% of kitchen-related packaging is recycled, while just over half of us (52%) recycle bathroom items. New research from Recycle Now found that nearly half (49%) of the UK population admits to not always recycling aerosols including deodorant and hairspray. Over a third (38%) of the UK population doesn't always recycle glass items such as aftershave and perfume bottles. Empty aerosols such as deodorants and hair sprays, fragrance bottles, face cream tubs, toilet roll tubes and shower gel or shampoo bottles, can all be recycled in the blue-lidded mixed recycling wheelie bin or clear sacks. Research suggests we are not as good at separating our rubbish in other areas of our homes. Every piece of waste we recycle makes a difference and our combined efforts really help us protect our environment. Recycling just a few more items from around the house will make a real difference.

More information about your local recycling service, including details of what can and be recycled from around the house can be found at:

#### www.tandridge.gov.uk/recyclingandrubbish or www.recyclenow.com.

**New Parking regime in Oxted:** With this month's introduction of ticketless parking at Ellice Road car park in Oxted, TDC is able to offer Blue Badge holders the opportunity to register one vehicle to give ticketless access to the car park. Once registered, the Automated Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) system will then allow the driver to enter and exit the car park with no need to visit a pay station.

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**Park Wood Golf Club:** TPC Chairman Nichola Stokoe and I have again met KJ at Park Wood Golf Club. He tells us people are still walking across the golf course instead of using the public footpaths, although much less than previously. Please use the public footpaths and not the private areas of the course. Just when we thought that things were improving came an email from KJ with a picture of an arrow that had landed on the course. Nobody was hurt thankfully. Have any close neighbours found similar arrows in their gardens or grounds? I sincerely hope this is just a stray practice arrow. The incident has been reported to the police in case someone is going around shooting these arrows into other people's property as it could be very dangerous.

**The Grasshopper at Moorhouse:** You may recall from my previous reports that by a slim majority the Planning Committee refused the recent planning application for the Grasshopper. I have had a follow-up meeting with the owners and am pleased to say that an amended application has been submitted and the frontage has been amended to be "in keeping" with the local environment. I will work with councillors on the committee and the Leader of the Council to get this application permitted this time.

**Community Recycling Centres:** There were 13,637 responses to Surrey County Council's consultation - one of the largest it has received. As a result, Surrey is no longer proposing to close four sites permanently (Bagshot, Cranleigh, Dorking and Warlingham). But it still needs to make savings so when the Surrey Cabinet met on 26<sup>th</sup> September, the following changes were recommended and endorsed:

- Ending the free daily allowance of chargeable waste such as rubble, plasterboard and soil.
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- Restricting users of vans, trailers and pick-ups to larger CRC sites only.
- Ensuring CRCs are only used by Surrey residents.

These proposed changes will enable the county to achieve best public value, while still maintaining a comprehensive network of CRCs for Surrey residents.

**Policing:** Burglary has significantly declined locally, helped by Surrey residents protecting themselves by securing their properties, ensuring that doors are locked and lights are left on. But we still want Surrey to be a no go area for potential burglars. Dan Gutierrez, our Safer Neighbourhood Inspector, is nevertheless concerned that the approaching darker evenings mean more opportunities for criminals. He says he would rather investigate suspicious activity than be called when it's too late.

Dan also reminds us of the need to be 'savvy' about who we deal with over the phone and/or at our front door, and the need never to drop our guard. Most people exercise shrewdness and are able to demonstrate an ability to make good judgements in such a situation. Nevertheless, we all have neighbours who are elderly and also some who are more vulnerable than others. The advice from Trading Standards is always to:

- Ask for identification and use a security door slot or chain if you have one
- Only invite visitors into your home if you have arranged the visit
- Turn people away from your door if you're not comfortable
- Arrange another date and time when a relative can be with you
- Never keep large amounts of money at home
- Never give any personal information
- Never use any number given by the caller, instead look it up online

One Tandridge resident alerted police to a nuisance unsolicited caller at the front door, who they were able to deal with robustly. Regardless of that though, the police were still informed because the caller knew that there were less able neighbours in the immediate vicinity who might not have been so resilient.

**Annual Community Safety Review - Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November:** The district council is inviting businesses and residents to the annual review of community safety in the district being held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November at the Council Offices, Oxted at 7pm. The meeting is an opportunity for people to have their say about the issues affecting them and discuss how these can be solved by working together.

Surrey's Police and Crime Commissioner, David Munro, the Council's Chief Executive, Louise Round and senior officers from Surrey Police will discuss community safety work in the district.

To register for this free event, e-mail <u>customerservices@tandridge.gov.uk</u> or call 01883 722000. While registration is not required for the event, it will help with planning. To find out more, e-mail Community Safety Manager, Hilary New, hnew@tandridge.gov.uk.

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)

#### SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

**Fair Funding:** Tatsfield residents should be aware that I am continuing to promote the County Council's *Fair Funding* campaign with the county's eleven MPs. With the leader of



Tandridge District Council, Martin Fisher, I attended a meeting at the House of Commons on 19<sup>th</sup> September chaired by the Chancellor, Philip Hammond, to which all Surrey MPs had been invited.

There are real issues getting the government to accept that Surrey County Council has the highest caseload of adults with learning disabilities in UK. The government's (Department of Health) own figures state that Surrey should receive an annual funding grant support of £70m to help with the sheer high cost of looking after these adults. Responsibility for 900 people was transferred from the Department of Health to Surrey in 2011. The big issue is that the Department for Communities and Local Government is deducting £36m from Surrey this year, £39m next year and a further cut of £46m in 2019/20. This is very unfair on Surrey residents who have to pick up these additional costs.

In addition, Surrey County Council is currently £17m short of public health funding each year (set against the national benchmark), which is another burden on Surrey residents.

The county also has the third highest number of unaccompanied children and young people who are asylum seekers - and we currently have a funding shortfall of £4m a year. I have asked the government (on a number of occasions) for these costs to be funded from the overseas aid budget, since if these children and young people were being looked after in a camp overseas the government itself would fund their care. I believe this is a reasonable request. The government has clearly ruled this option out and told me so. Once again Surrey residents are picking up the costs.

That's just three simple reasons why we are cutting services. I could give you a longer list! I know that many residents are upset about the cuts to date. So am I. I can assure every resident of Tatsfield that not a single Conservative county councillor wants to support any cuts but we have a legal duty to ensure that the our budget is balanced at  $31^{st}$  March every year.

And please be aware that when the county cuts services this also has a knock-on impact on Tandridge District Council services.

**Local Highways Funding:** One of the hardest hit areas is local highways funding and I know that our Local Committee Chairman and Vice Chairman, Lesley Steed and Rose Thorn, have made our case for fairer funding for local highways work to our MP, Sam Gyimah.

**Street Lighting:** I am aware that our decision to turn off the street lights from midnight to 5 am has been a difficult one. I can assure you that we have listened very carefully to the police and to our own road safety teams and on their advice have turned back on more than 4,000 lights. We will always respond to requests from Surrey Police about specific areas where they advise us to turn the lights back on, based on safety and crime factors.

**Business Rate Pilot:** I am pleased to report that the twelve leaders of the county, district and borough councils in Surrey have applied for a Business Rate Pilot for 2018/19. We are united as one on this campaign and we can only wait for the Secretary of State to announce the results later this year. This will help to offset the significant reductions with which we are all faced.

And finally... **County Councillors' Allowances 2017:** At the last County Council meeting on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October the Independent Remuneration Panel submitted its 2017 report. On behalf of the Conservative group, we recognised how we had had to make regrettable decisions to cut services. I therefore led the call for reductions in cabinet members' allowances. We agreed also to forgo the allowances for all vice chairmen of committees. The total financial savings amount to over £226k every year. I strongly believe that in a time of clear difficulties for the County Council, with significant cuts from our budget imposed by the government, we Conservative county councillors should play our part on behalf of the residents we serve.

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

#### POLICE REPORT

Howdy Tatsfield parishioners. I do believe it's fireworks season, where any night sky has within it the element of surpr....BANG!! (got ya). Needless to say, please keep it safe for the little ones among you. Keep them warm enough, and closely monitor sparklers and other hand-held excitements. Attention kids: don't pick it up if it's no longer lit up, and don't get too close (yes, fireworks.....not toys or Christmas lights).

Now for the horror section: During September, a vehicle parked off Approach Road had its wheel hub caps removed. CCTV footage shows two males committing the offence. The number plate was confirmed, but a search did not provide enough information to pursue enquiries. Then a private garage was broken into in Ninehams Road. Several items were stolen (car battery/acid batteries/chainsaw). Despite strong suspicions that a disgruntled delivery driver was responsible, there was not enough evidence to support this. Next, in October, an unattended and insecure vehicle was entered on Church Hill outside the church. A rucksack was stolen. There are no lines of enquiry, as nobody was scene at the seen (!?). Also, some used cooking oil in containers was stolen from the rear yard at The Old Ship. Fuzzy CCTV stills show a dark coloured Ford Transit van, but sadly no number plates or offenders who can be clearly identified.

Finally, a post box at a property on Ricketts Hill Road had items of post stolen. A black male was seen trying to take some more, and gave a likely story about delivering instead. He then left quickly when challenged. The victim then later received post containing new credit cards in their name (not asked for). Both we and the victim believe this was being done in order to commit fraud. Can I ask anyone with a remote box (no, not playstation) to consider moving it, or make it really tamperproof, in order to avoid the same. Please report any sus sightings immediately.

Well.....it's all over. My police surgery stints at Linda's will (for the time being) have to end, as there will be no more Linda (or anyone) at the village core. But Linda, Louise and Chris will always be there in the hearts and minds of Tatsfielders (is that a word?).....and mine too. The debt that is owed to them for their service and caring cannot be calculated. What are we going to do? (don't panic everyone).

With this in mind, it seems an apt time to remind you that if you have anything to report to Surrey Police, please call 101 (Surrey), or 999 in an emergency. If you require me to come and have a chat in person about something sensitive or suspicious, please call 101 and ask for me (I'm on Extension 30822). Next time you hear from me, it will be even darker. So please keep everything you hold dear under (pad)lock and key, and don't give Mr Billy Burglar and Terry Thief any excuse to do their thing...... That's all for now folks.......see you around the village,

#### Rupert - PCSO 12599 KELLEY - Surrey Police, Caterham

#### LINDA AND LINDA'S STORES



As you all know, Linda's Stores and the Post Office is due to close on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> October. The sale of the shop is progressing and the new owners will be looking to keep Linda's Stores as a local convenience store and post office. Their post office application has been submitted and is under review. They will look to re-open in the New Year once the sale has completed and the store has been given a fresh look!

We have arranged for many of us to say our final goodbyes at a farewell do at The Bakery on 28<sup>th</sup> October from 5.30 to 6.30 pm, when the proceeds of Lorraine Maddison's Just Giving crowd-funding page and the boxes at the Bakery and the Village Club are being presented to Linda. The response has been so great that Linda will be able to buy the super kiln she wants and also, daughter

Louise, who is also leaving us, will be able to receive a substantial leaving present. Donations continue right up to 28<sup>th</sup> October.

We all know what a huge debt the village owes Linda. There will be more next month when we will be able to report on the farewell do. Meanwhile, Linda has written the following message for the magazine:

#### **"TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS**

After 40 years it has come to the time on 28<sup>th</sup> October that I am closing up shop. It now needs more money, time and energy spent on it than I have. Most of you will know that for several years my husband Brian has been suffering from Progressive Supranuclear Palsy. I am struggling to run both the shop and care for him even with the help of a great team of carers. I now need to devote all of my time and energy on caring for him. We have found a bungalow on the south coast (lots of room for a wheelchair which we don't have at the moment) and if all goes to plan we will be moving there shortly. The shop is sold, subject to negotiations, and the buyers are applying for the Post Office. It will open as soon as possible after a refurb.

All my love, Linda"

#### **Bob David**

#### TATSFIELD BEER FESTIVAL

On Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September Westmore Green came alive with the sights and sounds of the 5<sup>th</sup> Tatsfield Beer Festival, held in aid of Tatsfield Primary School PTA. We were fortunate to be blessed with sunshine and good temperatures for both set-up on the Friday, and on the day itself.



We declared the bar open at 1pm and served our first eager customers. With over 40 beers and 11 ciders and lager on offer there was plenty of choice and many customers referred to our informative programme to help them decide what to try. Despite having more barrels available than ever before we experienced a huge increase in attendees and by 7.30pm had collected more barrels to meet the demand! Our BBQ and tuck shop were ever popular, as were the pizza oven and cake stall.

This is planned as an event for the whole family, so we were delighted to see so many children with their families and friends enjoying the rides – zorbing,

bouncy castles, trampolines, tea-cups – as well as the play park. Throughout the event everyone was treated to a range of fantastic live music, headlined by local duo Mad Dog and Moonshine (formerly known as Idol Hands). By the end of the evening the field was packed with people dancing, soaking up the atmosphere and enjoying their last drinks before the bar closed at 9pm.



Of course an event of this scale cannot go ahead without the hard work of those who organised it. On behalf of the PTA – and I'm sure everyone who came along – thank you for another fantastic and memorable day!

The PTA and organisers of the festival would also like to thank everyone who gave their time to help at this event. Whether setting up or clearing away, working on the entrance, the bar, the tuck shop or the BBQ, we could not do it without you. Thank you also to all our generous sponsors who make this event possible, and to all who came along and enjoyed the day.

The final figure raised is yet to be confirmed, but we will update you all as soon as it is available.

Please do consider getting involved in the organisation of this event in the future. Most of the current team have run this for five years now and in order to secure the future of the beer festival would really appreciate new volunteers. From personal experience, being a part of such an amazing event

and knowing the huge benefit it brings to the school really is very rewarding. If you would like to get involved please drop me a line at the email address below.

Thank you all,

Nina Denny (ninakayedenny@yahoo.co.uk)

PTA Chair / Tatsfield Beer Festival



#### THE 13<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGALONG

This year this event will be held outside the Ship pub on Friday December 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 7pm. There will be the band as usual playing the 15 carols and Father Christmas and his Elves will be coming to say hullo to all of the children and give them each a present. Also available will be the usual warmed up mince pies and hot mulled wine. All we want is you lovely people to come complete with warm hats and gloves and we'll be ready to really get into the Christmas spirit!



**Dave Bishop** 

#### **QUIZ OF QUIZZES**

65 quiz minded people gathered in the Village Hall to take part in this event on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Tables of six were drawn from the surrounding area with tables from the Singers (2), Westerham Ramblers, Tatsfield Food and Wine, Tatsfield Parish Council (2), Westerham WI and Bridge and three other individual teams. Terry Cartwright was again question master and set eight rounds on varying subjects with an additional table quiz. Hazel Cartwright and I did the scoring. There was a break halfway through the evening for a wonderful upmarket ploughman's and a tasty pudding with cream masterminded by Carol Jordan with assistance on the night from Tina Rhoda, Bob David and Lloyd Gulley. Jackie and Julie from Little Acorns ran the bar. There was a raffle masterminded by Helena Garcia-MacLeod with prizes provided by The Bakery and The Old Ship as well as committee members. Competition was intense and the final outcome was not decided till the last table quiz round. Third place went to the Crokers/Singers with 153.5 points, second were Aces High with 156 points, but victorious were In Last Place with 171. The event raised over £650 for Village Hall improvement funds. Thanks to everyone who helped with the set-up and on the night with a special thank you to our jovial question master. See you all next year.

Roger Sawyers Tatsfield Village Hall Management Committee

#### SKITTLES EVENING

20 members of the Food and Wine Society gathered in the Royal British Legion Club in Limpsfield to take part in this event on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Teams of two competed with each player having two attempts at the 9 pins. There were eight rounds either side of the meal (sausage, ham and chips followed by cheese and biscuits). Competition was intense and the final outcome was not decided till the last round where there were double points. We felt as organisers we could not win so the Warrens who finished second were awarded the first prize. Thanks to everyone who helped with the replacement of the pins on the night. See you all next time.

#### **Roger and Angela Sawyers**

#### TATSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL



#### TATTY KNITTERS



Hi Everyone

I can't believe it's November already. Where did this year go? It's full steam ahead making things for Christmas and the up-coming craft fair. We've also been preparing our wreath for the ceremony planned for November 11<sup>th</sup> in the village.

We've also been planning our Christmas meal. This year it's on 5<sup>th</sup> December in the Bakery from 7.30 - £25 per head plus drinks.

Our November meeting is on 14<sup>th</sup> in the Bakery from 7.30 until 9.30ish, cakes provided; buy your own drink.

Remember all crafters and beginners are welcome.

Val Quick (07761 571071)

#### **1**<sup>ST</sup> TATSFIELD SCOUT GROUP

#### **BEAVERS**

It's been a very busy few weeks since the Beavers have returned from the summer break. We have been ballooning, with the kind help of Mark Stokoe and his team of helpers. The kids really enjoyed the experience of going up on a tethered rope. One Beaver reported saying that next time she is going up to the clouds.





Week two we headed off to High Elms to do some pond dipping, with the help of the Education Centre. It was amazing to see how many insects live in the ponds even at this time of year. The staff at the Education Centre talked about who used to live at High

Elms and what happened to the house that stood on the grounds.

The third week was another trip out for the Beavers, this time to Downe Activity Centre for Grass Sledging. The weather was perfect and all the Beavers enjoyed the thrill of sledging down the slopes. The hardest job was for the parent helpers, plus Karen and myself, pulling the sledges back up the hill!

The rest of this term we are learning how to deal with burns, cuts and what to do in an emergency with the assistance of St John Ambulance, Guy building and apple bobbing for Guy Fawkes night, a visit from Tatsfield Dementia Team and a visit to Tatsfield Church as part of their Faith Badge.



Beavers run on a Tuesday night, term time, 5.45-6.45. Beaver Leader is Jenny Snelling with Assistant Leader Karen Vowles.

#### DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARDS

Just before the composting site was due to shut down for the year the Duke of Edinburgh Award volunteers organized a barbeque for themselves and the composting group. The weather was fine, the food was plentiful and the atmosphere was jolly and as can be seen no one was camera shy! They have been working and composting every week for the whole of the season and

thanks are due to:

Adam Dennis, Gold Award Josh Dennis, Silver Award Cecily Bateman, Gold Award Harry Boys, Silver Award Nathaniel Bateman, Silver Award



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#### THURSDAY 9th NOVEMBER 10 a.m. - 12 noon

CAKES - COLLECTABLES - GIFTS - RAFFLE JEWELLERY - BOOKS - FANCY GOODS TEA AND COFFEE

2017

#### TATSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

8pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November

At Tatsfield Village Hall



A TALK BY TIM PARKER, GARDENS AND COUNTRYSIDE MANAGER, CHARTWELL

on

#### MY JOURNEY AS A GARDENER AND MY LOVE OF CHARTWELL GARDEN

Entrance £5 including light refreshments

Tickets from any committee member or Linda's Stores

Preceded by the Society's AGM at 7.30pm

This half term...

LITTLE ACORNS PRESCHOOL

Last half term we looked at 'all about me' where we've made family tree paintings, shared photos of our families and talked about the pets that we have at home, including a visit from some pet rabbits! We've

also celebrated Diwali by making colourful firework pictures, and explored autumn by looking at different types of leaves.

When we return from the half term holidays we'll be looking at 'Celebrations' including

Guy Fawkes Night, Hanukkah and Christmas, including a Pantomime performance for the children to watch and preparations for our Christmas show!

#### **Beer Festival Cake Stall**

Thank you to all of our keen bakers who provided us with some amazing cake creations and to those who gave up their time to run the stall on the day; we had lots of fun and made a brilliant £200 for the preschoola big thank you also to all of our customers who visited us on the day!

#### **Crazy Crafty Christmas!**

In the lead up to Christmas we are excited to be holding our ever-popular 'Crazy Crafty Christmas' event on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 10am-12pm at Tatsfield Village Hall. With ten Christmas crafts to make and take home, food and hot drinks on sale and at just £7 per child's ticket, it's going to be a great morning to get everyone into the festive spirit! Limited tickets are available in advance from the preschool or by emailing chair@littleacornstatsfield.co.uk so don't miss out on this great fundraising event for your local preschool!

#### **Little Acorns Committee**

As a registered charity, our preschool is managed by a dedicated team of volunteers in our committee who make key decisions and organise fundraising events for the preschool. The committee would welcome new members; this can be parents and carers of preschool children but also people from our local community. If you'd like to be involved in supporting your local preschool please get in touch with our committee chairperson, Jenny Bradshaw, via email on chair@littleacornstatsfield.co.uk Thank you for reading!

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





#### **COMPOSTER'S CHRONICLE**

Firstly, after being fairly active in the composting scheme over the last few years, I have now taken over full responsibility from Martin Allen for the running and administration of the scheme. This is in order to give our hard-working District Councillor a bit more time to concentrate on his many other responsibilities. I'd like to take this opportunity to extend a huge vote of thanks to Martin for all his efforts in making the composting scheme the success it has become. As far as I know, Martin intends to continue as a volunteer at the site and his experience will be a great help to me.

The site is now closed for the winter and volunteers have spent the last month shredding the remaining green waste, tidying the site and making repairs. We will be open again on the first Saturday in April next year.

Now back to those numbers. 21,590 is the good news because that is how many litres of compost left the site on their way to allotments and gardens in the village. This is a new record number for us and is very good news because the donations we receive for this compost fund the day to day running of the site. Zero is the bad news because this is how many people (at the time of writing –  $16^{th}$  Oct.) have responded to my request for extra help at the site in last month's magazine. Disappointing.

However, we have had one addition to the team recently. Peter Maynard took pity on us when he saw us battling a huge pile of material during an extra mid-week catch-up session and has offered to help for the three Saturdays a month when he is not involved in tidying the churchyard. Thanks very much for that, Peter.

I am optimistic that the scheme will continue (probably in the traditional British fashion of just-on-the-edge-of-crisis) but it would help to have more volunteers. So, once again, if you could volunteer to do just one Saturday a month, even if it is only for one hour, please get in touch with me at the email address below. Notice I say "volunteer" and not "commit". Even with our core team, turning up at the site always takes second place to family commitments and holidays, etc.

Over the winter there will be nothing to report from the site so I will take the opportunity to write about what we do up there - the jobs and processes that go on in order to produce our treasured compost.

#### Philip Brett - hollygrove6-philip@yahoo.co.uk



Friday 24<sup>тн</sup> November 3.15 - 5.30рм

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SANTA'S GROTTO

#### CHILDREN'S SECRET GIFT

#### Store

- CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE
- FUN GAMES FOR THE

#### **ST MARY'S MATTERS**

The October  $1^{st}$  OTB took place amidst the beautifully decorated church for Harvest. Looking ahead, at our next OTB on November  $5^{th}$  we'll take a look at The Beatitudes –



various promises of blessing given by Jesus. Then, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, as we begin the countdown to Christmas!

#### Diaries

The 2018 St Mary's Church diaries are now available free of charge to any who would like one. They are very compact and easily fit in a pocket. Copies can be collected from the Narthex (area at the back of the church).

### Remembrance Weekend – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November



In addition to the special event at 10.30am on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November in the village centre, which we look forward to, there will be a 10am Remembrance Service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November at St Mary's Church, including Holy Communion, and the observance of the two minute silence

at 11am. The service should conclude by approximately 11.10am and will be followed by refreshments in the church hall. The children's group will be running in the hall during the first part of the service.

#### Teas

I am pleased to say that despite a slightly later start and not very good summer weather we have had a very successful teas season, the final total takings being  $\pm 3,400$ . A huge thank you to all helpers and customers.

I am very grateful for all the hard work that everyone puts in, be it serving, operating the dishwasher, taking the money or making the cakes. I know that our visitors really appreciate their afternoons in our lovely village and of course come back time and time again

We have decided again to the start Teas Season in 2018 at the early May Bank Holiday, so the first Sunday will be  $6^{th}$  May and we'll end on Sunday  $30^{th}$  September.

Many thanks again, Madie Langford

#### Harvest at St Mary's – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October

A big thank you to those who decorated the church so beautifully for harvest and to all who have contributed to the harvest gifts, including parents of Tatsfield Primary School pupils. Some of the flowers were delivered to villagers who have recently been bereaved or unwell. The more perishable items of food were delivered locally to those who may appreciate them and other items went to support a local foodbank and the work of Christ Church, Brixton, who will be giving them to people in great need.

#### Flower Arrangers – Harvest Festival and Planning for Christmas

The Church was decorated for the Harvest Festival on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September and our sincere thanks go to Mr. Guy Innes from Titsey Place and his wonderful gardening team, headed by Mr Rhod Jones, for providing us with such a wonderful array of flowers and vegetables. Many thanks also go to Rita Mackay, Pauline Conlon, Pam Draper and Lorna Tory, Brenda Fairclough, Sylvia Hyett, Kay Longley, Sue Saunders, Christine Rosenbaum, Kay Roberts, Pat Walsh and Veronica Short, (who kept us going with coffee and delicious cake as well), who helped arrange these, together with the harvest gifts from Tatsfield School. We were fortunate to have further donations of flowers, foliage etc, which helped to create a truly colourful harvest thanksgiving display.

We will be decorating the Church for Christmas on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30a.m. We will be having a short meeting, to be held at 10.30am in the Church, on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November, to discuss what we will do and we would be delighted for anyone who is interested to join us.

#### Flower rota for November

November 5 <sup>th</sup> Anne Vatcher	12 <sup>th</sup> November	Kay Longley & Brenda Fairclough
November 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan Maynard	26 <sup>th</sup> November	Advent (No flowers in the Church)

#### 100 Club results

October. 81. R. Savery £25 36. M. Lambert £15 78. M. Lambert £10 St Mary's Church £50

#### Churchyard

Our final churchyard tidy-up was the most effective one of the year as the Tatsfield in Bloom team arrived in force to strim, mow, edge and trim and the effect was noticed by the morning's Sunday congregation. The new patch, which was very overgrown with nettles and umbellifers can now be walked over and we were able to see which hedge whips were still alive. It is planned to sow a lot of yellow rattle which should, in time, help control growth of the dominant plants. Many of the graves were untidy and we are grateful to all the members of the Tatsfield in Bloom team for working so hard to get them looking cared for again. Our thanks go also to Peter Maynard, Kay and Keith Roberts, Dickon Poole, Harry Baker and Carolyn Prendergast who are such regular participants in churchyard care, plus David Vale, Mike Lambert, David and Marion Randall and Veronica and Vince Short, all of whom come when they can. Brian Cook still looks after the compost area very effectively and James Longley has kept the main paths strimmed throughout the summer.

Tidy-ups are now finished for this year and there will be a notice in the Parish Magazine to let everyone know if we start again in March or April 2018.

Mary Smith

#### 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

	Interment of ashes of Carol Miller
	Baptism of Elissia Cunliffe
8 <sup>th</sup> October	Baptism of Bonnie Fisher
12 <sup>th</sup> October	Interment of ashes of Ann Gore
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Baptism of Bethany Dawson
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Baptism of James Whitby

#### HARVEST FESTIVAL PHOTOS

### TATSFIELD IN BLOOM

It seems a long while since the S&SEIB judges came to Tatsfield at the beginning of July for the tour of the village. Pam Bishop and Paul and Christine Stainer went to Copthorne for the S&SEIB annual awards event where, this year, we understand there were over 400 representatives of the entrants – the highest number so far!



This year, as usual, we entered the Large Village Category but also entered a new category – the **Single Site Floral Award**, for which we entered the carpet bedding display 'Tatsfield is Buzzing' in the Tatol Bed. For this we achieved a **Silver Gilt Award**. Looking at the competition in this category, this was a good result.

We achieved a **Gold Award** in the **Large Village Category** which is, of course, very pleasing, but it was still somewhat disappointing that this year we came second to Limpsfield in the best in category award. However, there is always next year!!

This year's displays have been something of an experiment and an ongoing project in line with the government's pollination initiative, while maintaining all the high impact and attractive displays all around the village.

The judges' reports gave us some helpful advice as well as reflecting their appreciation of good community participation. They mentioned the links with the villagers such as the Art Group, and their initiative in creating the artwork around the village, the school, local traders and Crossways Court residents. They also show an appreciation of the year-round involvement of so many people in the village as well as the Tatsfield in Bloom volunteers who work in the village throughout the year.

At our annual celebration on 29<sup>th</sup> September, certificates of excellence were presented to volunteers who had made a difference this year, with special mention to Carol Gaskell for her artistic input with the bee and butterfly paintings.

We are also grateful to all to the local businesses and organisations for their sponsorship as well as to all the villagers who make such generous donations to our funds.



With summer at its end, we have now removed all the floral displays in the containers and beds in the village centre – apart from the new bed of perennials on the Bakery green – and replaced them with the displays for the winter and spring. In the large cascading container we have planted mixed violas and mixed bellis, and dwarf daffodils have been planted in the other containers and beds.

#### **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 9.00 pm	Church service – StM Open Mic night, The Old Ship
Mon	9.30 am 1.30 pm 7.15 pm 7.30 pm 8.15 pm	Tots on Top – CH Bridge Club – WIH Adult Ballet - TPS Art Group – VH [Term time] Bingo – TVC
Tue	5.45pm 7.00 pm	Beavers – SH Scouts - SH
Wed	10.00 am 1.30 pm 6.00 pm 8.00 pm 8.00 pm	WI Pop In – WIH Short Mat Bowls –VH Cubs – SH Yoga – VH Quiz Night, The Old Ship
Thu	10.00 am 1.30 pm various 7.30 pm 7.30 pm 8.00 pm	Over 50s Yoga – WIH Hear Here – AMB (1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month) Tatsfield Martial Arts - SH Duplicate Bridge – WIH Tatsfield Singers - TPS Table Tennis – VH
Fri	10.00 am 10.30 am 10.30 am 11.00 am 1.30 pm 5.30 pm 8.00 pm	Pilates – WIH Forget Me Not Café - AMB Self-defence and Fitness, Tatsfield Martial Arts (SH) Pilates – WIH Short Mat Bowls –VH Badminton club for Juniors - VH Badminton Club - VH
Sat	10.00 am various 11.00 am	Composting site open (to noon) - TACG Martial Arts - SH Parish Council Café -The Bakery [to noon]

#### 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

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS – VILLAGE AND BEYOND**

Events shown in **bold** where there is more information elsewhere in the magazine

NOVEMBER		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri	6.00 pm	Tatsfield School Fireworks (Display at 7pm)
5 <sup>th</sup> Sun	10.00 am	Open the Book – StM
	11.30 am	Said Eucharist – StM
11 <sup>th</sup> Sat	10.30 am	Remembrance service, War memorial, Village Green
17 <sup>th</sup> Fri	9.00 pm	Live Music, The Fabulous Grandads, The Old Ship
18 <sup>th</sup> Sat	3.00 pm	Despicable Me 3, Curzon Country Cinema, VH
18 <sup>th</sup> Sat	7.30 pm	The Viceroy's House, Curzon Country Cinema, VH
25 <sup>th</sup> Fri	3.15 pm	Tatsfield School Christmas Fair

#### DECEMBER

1 <sup>st</sup> Fri	7.30 pm	Richard Durrant Candlelit Concert, St John's Church Hurst Green
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat	10 am – 4 pm	Oxted Christmas Festival
$5^{th} - 8^{th}$	7.30pm	Les Miserables, School Edition, Barn Theatre, Oxted
	2.30 and 7.30	Holly Jolly Barn, Barn Theatre, Oxted
10 <sup>th</sup> Sun	7.45	Kast off Kinks, Barn Theatre, Oxted
22 <sup>nd</sup> Fri	9.00 pm	Live Music, Tommy Coylecovers, The Old Ship

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



Due to health & safety regulations smoking & personal fireworks are forbidden on site

# SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER IN TATSFIELD - DEDICATING A NEW, AND AN OLD, WAR MEMORIAL FOR THE VILLAGE

You will have seen various items in our parish magazine about the village centre, and in particular the herb trough that I maintain, having featured in wreath-laying ceremonies for the village fallen over recent years. On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November, for the first time, we will all be able to remember the fallen at this site with our newly constructed war memorial being dedicated within a special Remembrance Day service. This memorial

will be a simple brick structure topped with Welsh slate and attached to trough, linking the Tatsfield's own fallen and the vast human losses suffered in conflicts past and present with the animals that have also served our country in the cause of freedom.

As we all know from news and television programmes



we are marking the Third Battle of Ypres, known as "Passchendaele", the bloody, muddy and hellish campaign that lasted from 31<sup>st</sup> July to 10<sup>th</sup> November 1917. As Ian Mitchell told us in a previous article, a number of Tatsfielders died in this battle, so it is an entirely appropriate time to have this memorial put into place. One "old Tatsfielder" who has been raising money for the memorial is Ted Bonwick, born in Tatsfield. His brother Leslie, a boy gardener, went to work in Woldingham for the Lyle family (of "Tate and Lyle" sugar fame) at the age of 16. He was called up to join the Navy when aged 19 in 1943, but in October of that year his ship HMS Limbourne was torpedoed off Guernsey. His body, along with 39 others, was never found. Ted's brother is one of so many who gave their lives, and it will be a very moving occasion to see both Ted and his great friend Dennis Tapsell, also a fund raiser for this Tatsfield war memorial, at the Commemoration Service on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

A simple horse or cattle trough placed within this war memorial area is a perfect way to remember also the extraordinary losses of so many animals in campaigns over the centuries, in particular the two World Wars. The numbers killed are mind-numbing: eight million horses, donkeys and mules perished in the First World War alone. Many were used to pull heavy cannons, and artillery up to the front line. Constant shelling and appalling conditions caused dreadful injuries and fatalities to both horses and men.

Equine losses in the Second World War have been largely disregarded. Heavy tanks took over their role partly, but they were still needed as baggage carriers and for

shuttling food along the lines in supply trains. Horses would be loaded onto ships by crane, with slings around their bellies. In Germany horses were still being used by cavalry units and for pulling heavy artillery and supplies. I was horrified to read that in just two months Germany lost 179,000 horses between December 1941 and January 1942, and it has been calculated that 2.75 million horses, donkeys and mules perished across Europe between 1939 and 1945.

But of course, not only equines served their country, and on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2004 an "Animals in War" memorial was opened by Princess Anne at Brook Gate, Hyde Park, just by Park Lane. This extraordinary memorial shows two bronze mules struggling with heavy loads and climbing a set of stairs to pass through a gap in the high, white wall. On the other side a horse and a dog run free, almost spirit-like, while one of the inscriptions on the wall captures the essence of the memorial itself: "They had no Choice". Animals engraved onto the stone memorial wall include camels, dogs and cats, cattle and oxen, pigeons, canaries, and even glow-worms! It is interesting to note that besides the Princess Royal being Patron, Vice-Presidents of the Memorial include Kate Adie, Joanna Lumley and Dame Vera Lynn. The PDSA has for many years awarded its Dickin Medal, recognised as the animals' Victoria Cross, to many birds and animals for bravery. Interestingly, many awards were given to pigeons for message- carrying while under intense fire.

So as part of the wreath-laying ceremony taking place at the war memorial and herb trough on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November, when many wreaths will be placed around the two structures, I will be laying a wreath in memory of all animals killed in conflicts past and present. I have planted out the trough with a mixture of red, white and blue pansies and pretty violas especially for the occasion. The viola was known in the Middle Ages as "Herba Trinitas" with its three colours having deep meaning; purple for memories, white for loving thoughts, and yellow for souvenirs. Its name then was "pensée" – for "thought" – and the modern pansy is a near cousin of this original, old herb. Both are

perfect, colourful plants to commemorate the fallen at the village centre. I am sure that everyone connected with this project really looks forward to seeing as many Tatsfield villagers as possible at the crossing point in front of the Ship on the day, for a remembrance service that promises to be a very special, memorable moving and event.



#### DONATE OLD JEWELLERY

If you have jewellery that is either broken or no longer wanted, Alzheimer's Society can put it to worthy use by recycling it to raise funds in our Old Jewellery Appeal.

The Old Jewellery Appeal welcomes jewellery of any kind - whether it's an odd cufflink or earring, or a bracelet or necklace that you no longer wear. Every single item is gratefully received, and the money raised will be used to fund projects to continue our work in changing the landscape of dementia forever.



Please drop off any unwanted jewellery to the Forget-me-not café on any Friday morning in the Eileen McHugo building- just follow the signs!

## Make a Difference to Cancer Care

The Chartwell Cancer Trust is seeking volunteers to help in Bromley on.....

Saturday 28th OCTOBER .... Halloween - Day of the Dead

NOVEMBER Christmas Lights Switch-On Sunday 19th

Bag Packing at Marks & Spencer Thursday 23rd & Thursday 30th DECEMBER Christmas Gift

Wrapping Saturday 16th, Sunday 17th & Thursday 21st

The Chartwell Cancer Trust is also looking for ...... CAROL SINGERS AND CHOIRS

to perform in The Glades in December & volunteers to shake buckets.

What we do..... Support the Chartwell Cancer & Leukaemia Unit, The Princess Royal University Hospital. We also support local Childhood Cancer Support Groups in the Bromley Borough and surrounding areas. Contact us..... Call 01959 570322 Email: info@chartwellcancertrust.co.uk





The Chartwell Cancer Trust, Room I, Aileen McHugo Building Westmore Green, Taisfield, Kend, TN16 2A.G. Www.chartwelloancertrus

## A huge thank you from John White



Thank you to all those who came to my talk in the WI Hall back in September.

As you know, I rode The Tour Divide from Canada to Mexico to raise funds for Team Unlimbited, and thanks to your donations on the night, together with donations received to my Just Giving page, I'm delighted to say the total amount raised was £3000.

I was honoured to meet Stephen Davies in his shed last month and was totally blown away by what he does in there.

So glad we could help with his dream to give limbs to kids and adults for free. Thank you for your generosity!

### John White and Team Unlimbited





#### TATSFIELD MARTIAL ARTS TRAIN WITH JUDO GREAT!

On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October, members of TMA were lucky enough to join a judo legend on the mat. Sensei Brian Jacks 10<sup>th</sup> Dan. Some of you may well know the name, as during the 1980's Brian was pretty famous for his performances on the TV competition Superstars. In judo circles he is widely regarded as the UK greatest every judoka:

- Olympic Medallist
- World Medallist (Britain's first)
- 4x European Champion
- 16x British Champion
- Winner of the BBC British & European Superstars competition
- Form GB national team manager



When he was only 15 years old, Brian went to Japan to study judo under the old Japanese master. He lived there for two years, training under some of judo greatest ever masters, in a time much harsher than now. It is this experience, which makes him so unique in terms of his knowledge & ability. He's now 71 years old; yet still dances around the mat like a 17 year old!

I am a good friend of Brian, having been taught by him when I was a boy, and it was through this relationship that the master class session was arranged. Not just for TMA members, but for Surrey & Southern Area squad members as well.

Brian is currently in the UK conducting a 100-day tour of judo clubs and promoting his

autobiography 'The Mindset of a Champion'.

Adam Plinston Head Coach, Tatsfield Martial Arts



#### HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

### THS GARDEN CLUB Tuesday October 10<sup>th</sup> - a talk by Nick Hagon

Nick Hagon, the Chairman of Biggin Hill Horticultural Society, came to the WI Hall and gave us a talk on Tilgate Park, Autumn Colour and planting tubs and pots for Autumn.

Nick began the evening by giving us a talk on the history of Tilgate Park. It was originally part of Worth Forest and is situated just south Crawley. The land was originally used for ironworks and furnaces.



Tilgate Estate was purchased by Capt. C.W Nix who, with his wife Sarah Ashburner, built the mansion in 1860. Money was no object and over the years the owners, like many others at this time, became obsessed with sending out plant hunters to bring back cuttings and seeds for growing on at special nurseries, as in those days they liked to show off. Visitors today can now enjoy some very rare and unusual trees and

shrubs, some of which Nick brought in for us to identify. Needless to say we didn't get many correct, but were privileged to view them. During the Second World War the Tilgate Estate was used by the Canadian Army as a base. Nick told us a few tales of the items they left behind and a few times the bomb squad were called...I will leave that to your imagination, so grubbing out of old rhododendron bushes is now taken with great care. The mansion was demolished in the mid1960's when Crawley Urban District Council bought the Park and work started on the overgrown estate.

Tilgate Park has three large lakes, the main lake was used by Sir Malcolm Campbell of Bluebird fame for recreation purposes.

Walking around the Park you can enjoy the Pinetum, landscaped gardens, the New World Garden which has originated from the various continents, the Walled Garden and a small zoo where you can arrange to sit amongst the Meercats. When you need a rest there is a welcome café.

Nick then gave us ideas on planting up some pots for the autumn, giving us ideas for colour and form and also choosing the right plant selection to match your containers.

The evening concluded with teas and coffees, plus some warm apple cakes, chocolate Bonfire brownies and oat fruit cookies.

Thank you Nick for sharing your great knowledge and enthusiasm. You missed a treat!

#### Sue Warren



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Our last meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> October was our Harvest lunch. This has now become an annual event in our programme and is popular with members, most of whom attend. We enjoyed a pre-lunch elderflower cordial before delicious vegetable quiche and salad

followed by fruit crumble and cream. Much chat and laughter followed. Our normal business was kept to a minimum on this occasion.

Our next meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> November will be a speaker who is passionate about bees, her talk being entitled "Around the Beehive". One not to miss!



Tatsfield WI has 25 members and we meet each first Tuesday of the month at 2.30pm for a couple of hours; we are really friendly and would love your company. If you are tempted to find out about our programme of monthly meetings, speakers and other district events please give me a call.

#### Angela Sawyers (Tel: 577434)



#### NOT SO YOUNG

Firstly, an apology for not sending September's report, the problem being a new computer which I have still not come to terms with.

I would like to mention the September meeting when Mike Lambert entertained us. We enjoyed the Shanty songs etc. Many thanks Mike.

Last month, October, we arranged a meal of fish and chips for everyone. Unfortunately, one of our members was unwell and an ambulance was called. However, I understand all is well now.

At out next meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> November, we have a speaker who is said to be rather humorous. Members please be there at the usual time of 2pm.

Babs Heffernon (Tel: 540602)

#### Friday Mornings 10.30 until Noon The Meeting Room, Aileen McHugo Building, Tatsfield



The Forget-me-not Café continues to

meet regularly and we are thrilled to report that those who have been with us since the beginning continue to enjoy meeting and more friends are joining us each week.

There seem to be highlights each week. We've had a wonderful morning in the community garden at the allotments. In the gentle warm sunshine surrounded by the beautiful changing colours of autumn, we all enjoyed a time planting bulbs and plants in the raised beds. Once the work was done hot drinks and homemade cakes topped off a perfect morning.

We spent time sewing and embroidering a large tablecloth. Many of us trying to remember the sewing skills that haven't been used for many years... the table cloth is a work in progress, who knows when we will finish it but it was great sitting around together chatting and sewing at the same time.

We also had a fabulous morning of flower arranging. We may not all have felt we had the requisite skills but with encouragement we created some really lovely arrangements that we all felt proud to take home. They were full of colour and happy memories of a morning of fun.



We are so grateful for the creative and generous people of the village who join us and share their skills with us, thank you. Below is the programme of what we will be doing up until Christmas so please do pop in if you fancy joining us for some companionship over a cuppa! Refreshments and games available every week.

Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> Creativity Art

Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Creativity Art

Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Making Christmas Cards

Nov 24<sup>th</sup> Scrapbook

Dec 1<sup>st</sup> Making Pomanders

- Dec 8<sup>th</sup> Tatsfield Primary School Children singing Christmas songs
- Dec 15<sup>th</sup> Christmas table flower decoration

#### **Steering Committee**

If you want any further information please call Sandra on: 01959 557338 or email: dementiafriendlytatsfield@yahoo.co.uk.



#### ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

At the start of the winter of 1917, Tatsfield was able to reflect that nine of its sons had been killed in action during that year, but there was to be some relief from such news for several months to come.

At the beginning of November there was some better news. The Surrey Mirror reported that Jack Oliver Brown, who had emigrated to Canada before the outbreak of war, was back as one of the first to return to England in Canadian army uniform. Now as a Sergeant Major and having recovered from serious combat wounds, he was reunited with his parents who were living at Kylemore in Paynesfield Road. The occasion was his wedding to Annie Venetia Forbes, of Clontievy in Grove Road.

With winter close by, the Surrey Mirror reported on what was a growing crisis - how to ensure coal supplies? The only coal merchant in Tatsfield had gone into the army and many residents were unable to obtain supplies. At a public meeting in the Village Hall the parish council set up a committee to run a scheme to distribute coal from a central point in the village. Distributing the coal within the village was only one task. 200 tons of coal had been ordered for delivery by rail at Warlingham. Such was the national shortage of fuel that only 50 tons would be available. However, that was only part of the problem. The next issue was how to get the coal from the station to Tatsfield in the absence of the local fuel merchant and his vehicle.

Meanwhile, what might be described as normal life went on. Police were called to deal with burglaries at Lusted Hall Farm and at the Working Men's Club - then located at No. 2, The Parade.

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



#### TATSFIELD FAIRTRADE GROUP - FAIRTRADE CHOCO-NUTTY BROWNIES

These delicious brownies were our taster at our Tea Tent in September. They disappeared so quickly we thought you might like the recipe.

They are made using Divine Chocolate and Liberation Nuts. We love Divine Chocolate because they are the only chocolate company in the world which is 100% Fairtrade and owned by the cocoa farmers. The farmers not only receive a better deal for their cocoa and additional income to invest in their community, they also have a share of Divine's profits and a stronger voice in the cocoa industry. Liberation Foods is the UK's only Fair Trade, farmer-owned nut company. The small-scale grower and farmer co-operatives own a 44% share of the company.

#### **Barbara Hester**

#### Ingredients

125g butter, plus extra for greasing
125g Divine 70% Dark Chocolate Baking
Bar
3 large eggs
300g Fairtrade soft, light brown sugar
2tsp Fairtrade vanilla extract
150g self-raising flour
25g Divine cocoa powder
125g 'Give me Strength' Liberation Nuts
(unsalted) roughly chopped
Prep: 10 minutes. Cook: 25-30 minutes.
Makes around 32 squares.



#### Method

Preheat oven to 180c/160c fan/350F/gas mark 4. Grease and line with baking parchment a 16cm x 26cm baking tin.

Melt butter and chocolate in heatproof bowl in the microwave. Stir together and set aside to cool.

Whisk eggs, sugar and vanilla extract together in a bowl until thick. When you lift the whisk out it should leave a ribbon like trail.

Sift flour and cocoa over the mousse mixture, pour the chocolate mixture around it. Add the chopped nuts. Using a large metal spoon fold everything together.

Pour into prepared tin and bake for 25-30 minutes for a very fudgy brownie and 30 minutes if you prefer them a bit more solid. Cool in the tin. Lift out and cut into squares. Suitable for freezing.



#### TATSFIELD PFA

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

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize:	Alan Thorpe	£46.50
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize:	David Parker	£31.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize:	Mary Wiggins	£15.50

Thank you for supporting sport in Tatsfield.

#### Les Eames







# Crazy Crafty Christmas



## **Tatsfield Village Hall**

## 10.00- 12.00





10 Christmas Crafts to make and take home

Christmas Games and Raffle

Mince Pies, Cakes and Hot Drinks on sale

£7 per Child ticket,

adults go free

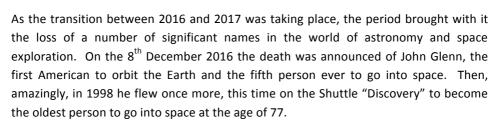
Tickets available in advance from the preschool or email Chair@littleacornstatsfield.co.uk

#### THE NIGHT SKY IN TATSFIELD – NOVEMBER 2017

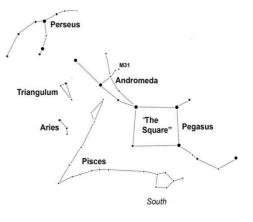
If you look south in the early part of a November evening the constellation of Pegasus (the winged horse) is crossing the meridian at its maximum altitude. The mythological animal is invariably drawn upside down and in most depictions only the body and front legs are shown. However, it is the body that provides us with one of the best-known asterisms, that of the "Square of Pegasus". This in itself is something of a misnomer because the top east (left) star actually belongs to the neighbouring constellation of Andromeda. Incidentally, the word asterism refers to a number of stars that make up an easily recognised shape, like the Plough in Ursa Major for example or the "W" of Cassiopeia. Having found the Square it can be used as a signpost to a number of other constellations. The map shows a number of groups that are close by that can be easily

identified from a reasonably dark site and also indicates the position of M31 otherwise known as the Great Andromeda Galaxy. I mentioned this in the articles about Henrietta Leavitt and discussed the part M31 played in calculating stellar distances. This galaxy is the most distant object that can be seen with the unaided eye, though it only appears as a tiny fuzzy patch. If you look for it, remember to allow five to ten minutes for your eyes to adapt to the dark.

#### Women in Astronomy – Vera Rubin (Part 1)



Less than a month later on 16<sup>th</sup> January this year Eugene Cernan, the eleventh and last man to set foot on the surface of the Moon passed away. He flew once on the Gemini and twice in the Apollo missions and is the man credited with holding the land speed record of 11.2 MPH on the Moon.



Between these two sad events was another that poignantly occurred on Christmas Day 2016. This was the death of Vera Rubin, an American astronomer, who fought against the male domination of science in general and astronomy in particular. She was to become the first woman ever to be allowed to use the world's largest telescope, the giant two hundred inch instrument on Mount Palomar in California. In coming articles we'll look at her life in more detail.

Brian Mills FRAS



#### **Nigel's Nature Notes**

#### **Correspondence:**

It's now mid-October and to my joy I'm still seeing **red admirals** in flight and feeding on the ivy flowers. Nevertheless, by the time you read this, the end of the butterfly season will be upon us. With this in mind, I thought I'd get in touch with Robert Kilby at Skid Hill Farmhouse (who previously has sent a detailed listing of species seen on the estate), to see if he has an updated sightings list. Unfortunately, he hasn't been very active observing butterflies this year so he doesn't think his input would present an accurate picture. 'Adventurer Jim' (Yeeles), on the other hand, sent us a splendid report back in July (in response to Steve Gaskell's notes), accompanied by some great photos (16.07.17):

'I last saw a local **white admiral** in my garden a few years ago, in early June, but since that encounter, not a sausage. I've often thought that Park Wood has the right ingredients for this species, honeysuckle in dappled shade and a bit of bramble, but have always struck a blank when it should be flying. I recall Steve reporting a purple



emperor in the same location a while ago, so it is good to know that they are still around. I must confess that I'm a tad jealous as I've yet to be granted an audience with His Imperial Majesty, or his missus, for that matter, but I remain hopeful. I gather they emerged earlier this year and their season is nearing its end, so I will probably have to wait until next year. I managed to get a photo of an obliging **clouded yellow** (see left) over at Hill Park the other day. Unusually, it

didn't involve a frantic scramble all around the hillside before it posed nicely for me. A recent highlight for me has been discovering a lovely bit of chalk downland below Nore Hill, when walking part of the Vanguard Way near Woldingham. From the footpath I could see **lady's bedstraw**, wild marjoram, dwarf thistle, viper's bugloss, quaking grass, carpets of wild thyme and more salad burnet and spikes of yellow-wort than I've



ever seen anywhere else. At one point the sun came out and around 30 to 40 **chalk-hill blues** (see left) arose as one body and surrounded me. Magic! I've since discovered that it is open access land so will be returning for a better look around.'

Well, there we are – an 'adventurer' indeed. And richly rewarded. Thanks for this, Jim.

Laura (Hancock) also sent us an action packed, summer report (29.06.17):

'I am so happy to say that such is the popularity of the "fly through" in my garden (comprising seven feeding stations) that I need air traffic control of some sort! I have witnessed several mid-air, near-misses, mainly concerning the 'tit' marque of flying machine, although several bigger are also involved - my friends the **magpies**! A coconut shell fat-feeder was rendered invisible by a swarm of long tails [**long-tailed tits**]. Yes, the collective noun 'swarm' is appropriate in this case as there were 15+. On another cheerful note of country life, I was attracted to my plant pots in the living room window by a rapid jostling. Thinking our cat had left me a mouse I approached without fear, only to find I needed to yell to my son once again, "Help, Help, Help"! Not a grass snake this time, but a **lesser spotted woodpecker** that had somehow made his way in. He was very welcome, handsome as he was, but fearful for his safety my son adeptly lifted him in a tea towel and released him, unharmed, straight away. Snakes... 'peckers... one wonders what I shall tell you next month. I am sure my son wonders what I'll be squealing for help with too!

Seven feeding stations! No wonder some people experience a shortage of bird visitors - they're all over at your place! I've got a feeling your lesser spotted woodpecker may have been an immature great spotted woodpecker. They look very similar. Greaters are definitely around whereas a lesser would be a considerable rarity. But I wasn't there, so it's your shout. Incidentally, your son did the right thing with the woodpecker - simply put it outside to recover and fly off. As you say, Laura; what's next?

#### How one man brought back a rare butterfly species (a story from America):

The pipevine swallowtail butterfly has thrived in the San Francisco area for centuries, but recent development has caused the butterfly species to slowly begin to disappear. Enter 28-year-old Tim Wong who raises butterflies in his backyard as a hobby and who is bringing the butterfly species back. Read more to learn about Tim's incredible story and his reminder that we can all contribute to conservation and regeneration, even from our own back gardens:

www.vox.com/2016/7/6/12098122/california-pipevine-swallowtail-butterfly-population

#### And finally:

This is a great time to head out fungi spotting. And you may not need to go far. The ones pictured here moved in to Martin (Allen) and Julie's garden while they were away one week in September!

Any news, views or observations? Please send them to

nigelshaw2000@hotmail.com. Alternatively, drop a note in to 'Primrose Ridge', Greenway.

#### THE TATSFIELD GARDENER IN NOVEMBER

While sitting outside with a cuppa in the lovely autumn sunshine a shiny beetle landed on the table beside me. It was familiar to me but never before have I seen it in Tatsfield – it was an adult rosemary beetle – not good news! This little chap has an appetite – both adult and larvae – for our rosemary bushes and it is also known to eat lavender and the shrubby sages (Salvias). Its development follows the usual pattern of the adult laying eggs on the host plant whilst munching away at the foliage, the eggs hatch out into tiny caterpillars that join in the feast growing bigger all the time. The adults are a shiny metallic purple with green stripes and can be up to 6mm long and slow moving; the caterpillars will reach 8mm before leaving the host plant and pupating in the soil. Adults appear in early summer and the caterpillars will feed through the summer until autumn as long as there is a food source and reasonable weather; they can also continue feeding if the winter is very mild.

These little chaps join with box moth, viburnum beetle and the various processionary moth caterpillars to feed on our ornamental shrubs and trees. They should not be ignored as they can cause severe damage and even death to our plants – but how can we stop them? It is possible to buy insecticides in the garden centres that will kill the caterpillars but it is almost impossible to avoid killing a lot of beneficial insects too – also unless the spray is a drench it is bound to miss a good percentage of the caterpillars so please think carefully before deciding to go down this route. If you have the time to check your infected plants daily then picking the caterpillars off the plants can be effective but it won't work as a one-off exercise! In recent years the natural control of caterpillars has become available to amateurs, it has been in commercial use for a long time and can be very effective. It is called bacillus thuringensis and is available in garden centres under various brand names e.g. Resolva Bug Killer; however, there is as yet no detailed advice on the effectiveness of this spray against these specific pests.

I was asked whether dahlias can be safely left in the ground over winter, my answer was no, this is the standard advice. After the frost has blackened the foliage dig them up, let them dry out and store them in a cool, dark but frost free place until early March when they can be brought out and encouraged to start growing. I know of many gardeners who will say that they have left them in for years without a problem and as our climate changes it is likely that our winters will be milder. But, if there is a series of heavy frosts on our wet clay soil the tubers can be badly damaged and die. There is also the question of how to protect them in the soil from those little dark slugs that love those tubers full of stored food and can eat their way through the lot over the winter months!

#### Jon Allbutt

#### FILMS IN TATSFIELD IN NOVEMBER

This month Curzon Country Cinema is bringing to the Village Hall on Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup>, two films which have been very successful with cinema audiences in the first half of 2017. You may already have read the reviews. There is more about them below and details of times, etc. are elsewhere in the magazine. Tickets are just £5 and you can pay at the door.

The afternoon film is Despicable Me 3, a computer–animated film which is suitable for children and adults and is the third in the series. In the film, Gru teams up with his long-lost twin brother Dru in order to defeat a new enemy named Balthazar Bratt, a 1980s child actor who grows up to become a villain. The film is the fifth highest money earner of animated films of all time.



The British occupation of India has been the subject of many great films and Viceroy's House is yet another, even though some historians have quibbled at how accurately it tells the story. It is 1947 and Lord Mountbatten and his strong-willed wife Edwina arrive at the Viceroy's House in Delhi as the last Viceroy of India. He is charged with



overseeing the establishment of an independent Indian nation. But there is disagreement between the Hindu leaders, Nehru and Gandhi, who want one nation and Jinnah, the Muslim leader, who wanted a separate Muslim state of Pakistan.

It is a gripping story of political intrigue, especially amongst the British. The film has two leading actors of our TV screens playing the Mountbattens – Hugh Bonneville and Gillian Anderson – with a host of other excellent actors in supporting roles, including Michael Gambon and Simon Callow. Don't miss it!

#### **Bob David**

#### TATSFIELD RAMBLERS



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

Everyone welcome including your dogs.

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Leader:	Richard Gadd	
Start Point:	10.15am Tatsfield Village Hall car park	
Map Ref:	TQ413567	Postcode: TN16 2AG
Description:	at The Aperfield Inn.	ne North Downs Way. We will stop for refreshment Returning by a more direct route. Undulating with nd three smaller hills. Total distance approx. 6½

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – 70's Saunter

Leader:	Richard Gadd	
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Map Ref:	TQ420590	Postcode: TN16 3LB
Description:	0	iggin Hill recreation ground round the back of FOAL where we will take refreshments. Direct route back.

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Leader:	Mary Hayward
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Start Point:10.30am Penshurst Village (we meet by the Leicester Arms – parking is<br/>available on Penshurst Road just before you reach the village)

Map Ref: TQ526438 Postcode: TN11 8BT

Description: To Fordecombe via Swaylands. Route is largely flat, and partly by the river. We will stop for refreshment at The Chafford Arms in Fordcombe before returning to Penshurst via a different route. Total distance approx. 6½ miles 4 hours.

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

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Alterations and suggestions for sat nav companies can be made on

https://mapcreator.here.com and https://www.tomtom.com/mapshare/tools/

If residents of the other unmade roads in Tatsfield are also having problems, or have solutions, we would be interested to hear from you on info@johnsroadra.org.uk

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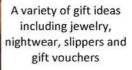
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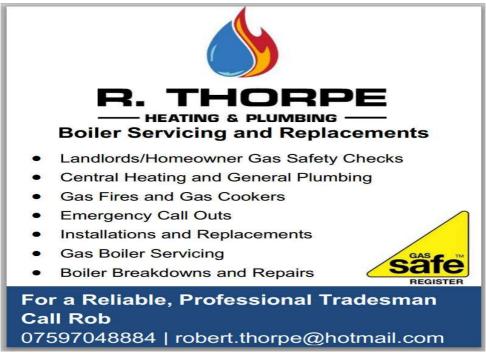
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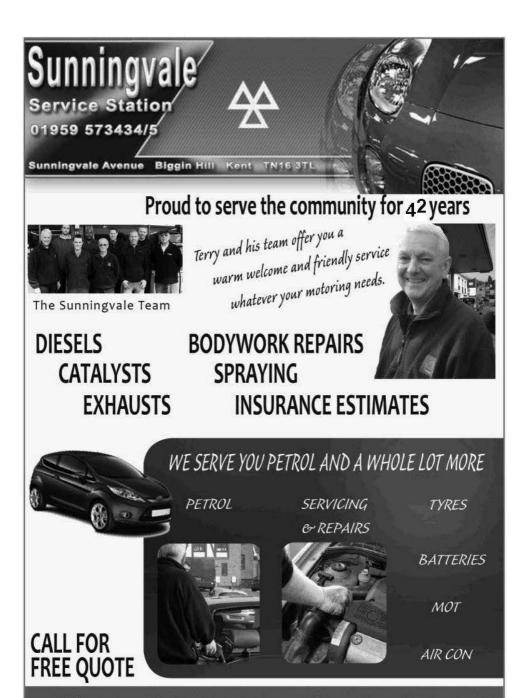
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