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EDITORIAL 2018 - NEW FACES



Happy New Year: for those who have moved here in the last few months or so, welcome to Tatsfield. We hope you are finding the village a friendly, welcoming, and interesting place to live. You aren't the only new faces. As we enter the New Year, we thought it was time we introduced ourselves! We'd like to thank readers for the support and kind comments you've shown us as we have begun to take on the editorial role for this magazine. After such sterling jobs have been done by Gerald South, and prior to that Bob David, these are not small

shoes to step in to, for a pair of village newbies (Tara twelve years, Tracey just the one)! We love the Tatsfield Parish Magazine and the service it provides the village and we hope to continue and expand on the magazine's content so that is relevant to all those who live in the parish. We hope you like the changes we've made to the cover so far, and welcome ideas and pictures from you.

Many may have chosen January as a time to start new things. We are the same here. As well as your regular pieces, highlighting events of local groups and clubs, we would like to bring you some new features. This month, on page 64 you can read about Tatsfield girl born and bred, Charlotte Limpenny. We'd love to continue this feature each month, so if you would like to appear in our 'Five minutes with...' slot in the future, please email <u>tatsfieldpm@gmail.com</u>. We'd also like to include some puzzles in future issues. If you're a budding crossword or sudoku setter, please let us know.

We'd like to include more for and from our younger villagers too. So young people of Tatsfield, do write and tell us what you're up to, whether that's at a group in Tatsfield itself, or further afield at school or play.

Finally, a plea for another new face. After many years of tirelessly running the advertising for TPM, Maureen Perrin has decided that it's time to retire from her post. She has kindly agreed to stay until the March issue and work with new and existing advertisers to agree the ads for the coming year, but after that we need a new ADVERTISING MANAGER to ensure the continued support from our local businesses that enables our magazine to be delivered to every village household free of charge. If you could spare a few hours a month, please do get in touch with the magazine team, or Maureen directly, for a no-obligation chat about what needs to be done.

Tara Barry and Tracey Syrett Magazine editors

LETTERS

Dear Editor

I would like to thank, through the magazine, the driver of the dark blue, Ford Transit pick-up, LG11 MFY, for the time and effort he put in to repairing the potholes along Greenway on Sunday 7th January. I have no idea who he is but his hard work is very much appreciated.

Nigel Shaw (Greenway resident)

Dear Editor,

Since when has Tatsfield Parish Magazine become a mouthpiece for the Conservatives? I refer to Sam Gyimah's sign-off line in the December issue. Nice one Sam, just squeezed in the party line at the last minute.

Our magazine is not the place for such political points scoring, outside of genuine balanced debate.

If I really wanted to read such crass comments, I'd read the Daily Mail.

Steve Gaskell

Thanks for your letter Steve. Apologies, this footnote was missed in editing. TPM does try to avoid party politics whenever possible – Ed.



DENIS HAYES

Readers will be aware of the recent passing of a wellrespected figure in the village, Denis Hayes. Below are two pieces, one from his daughter and one from Ian Mitchell, providing a little more detail on Denis' rich and varied life in the village.



Dad's association with Tatsfield started when he was a little boy. His sister, Sheila, eight years older than him, suffered from TB and the doctor recommended the fresh air at Tatsfield, the "poor man's Switzerland". Sheila stayed with a family in the village and Windyridge was built as a weekend cottage so that his mother and Larry, as dad was called by the family, could stay. Visits to Tatsfield continued throughout his childhood and youth; he remembered watching dog-fights in the skies above Windyridge during the Battle of Britain.

Later, when his marriage to our mother ended, Dad came back to live at Windyridge and stayed for the rest of his life. During our childhood, we came to visit every other weekend and so Tatsfield is home to many memories for us too. As an eight or nine year old, my first solo visit to the shops was to buy half a pound of butter from the shop at the end of Maesmaur Road; the first cup of tea I made for a visitor was for Dennis Reeves who had come to discuss building works at Windyridge. His family have cared for it ever since. In November 1963, it was on a train from Victoria to Oxted that Steve and I heard, from a rather drunken passenger, of the assassination of J. F. Kennedy – and less than 24 hours later, I remember watching the first episode of *Doctor Who* on the small black and white television at Windyridge.

Dad was an excellent father and I always looked forward to our weekends with him. It was clear that we mattered to him and that he wanted to spend time with us. I remember walks and games of cricket, playing Monopoly, going to the pictures, early efforts at baking (always encouraged by Dad!), trips to Brighton and, of course, to the Bluebell Railway. Steam Engines remained a passion throughout his life; in hospital, earlier in the year, when so much of his memory had deserted him, he could still tell us the gauge of the Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway. We visited two elderly ladies who seemed to me to come from another era: Mrs Hunt lived in a cottage lit by oil lamps half way up Maesmaur Road; Kathleen lived in a railway carriage at the top of the hill in Barnfield Road with scores of cats. I never thought of the significance of the names I knew them by.

Our time with Dad involved quite a lot of driving and we developed plenty of quizzes and games to while away long journeys. It was during car journeys that I most remember him talking about politics: capitalism, "from each according to their class, to each according to their station"; socialism, "from each according to their abilities, to each according to their work" and, the highest state, communism, "from each according to their abilities, to each according to their needs" – and we sang our own version of revolutionary anthems including one, to the tune of John Brown's Body which always ended "We'll have fish and chips for supper nearly every night, When the red revolution comes"!

In the village with us to buy the Sunday papers one day, Dad fell over and sprained his ankle. A kindly gentleman, whose name, sadly, I cannot remember, was very helpful, took us back to his home, strapped up the ankle and gave us a lift back to Windyridge. He was an active member of the Tatsfield Residents' Association and encouraged Dad to get involved. So began Dad's engagement in village activities which I know Ian Mitchell is writing about below.

For the family, perhaps the most important consequence came, some years later, when he met Ann Dothie, then clerk to the Parish Council, and persuaded her to marry him. This was a very good move on his part; I have always been convinced that he got the best of the deal! I understand that many in the village doubted that the marriage would last but it stood the test of time; Annie has been central to our family life for nearly 45 years, loved by us and by our children. She and Dad had many good years and travelled extensively. In the last few years, Dad had become much more dependant and the relationship had to change. It has been the loving care and support that Ann has given him that enabled Dad to die, as he would wish, in his own home with the people he loved and who loved him.

We loved our dad very much and are sad at his death, but we cannot be sorry. He lived 96 years, most of them good, and was ready to go at the end. He would have loved to be at the Memorial Tea at the Church Hall; he would have enjoyed the champagne, the smoked salmon and the scones. Most of all I think he would have been bowled over by the number of people who came – both to remember him and to support Ann. The hall was packed with family and friends, some from the Cooperative Movement but most from Tatsfield, even two from Vern d'Anjou. We are very grateful to all those who attended and helped make the occasion so memorable.

Jill Desborough

Denis was a well-established figure in Tatsfield when I came here in the 1980s. I learned quickly to appreciate his company, his sharp intellect and keenness to promote the interests of Tatsfield. He was a member of the parish council in the late 1980's and again between 1995 and 1999. Denis was chairman when we launched our Millennium project to extend and re-furbish the Village Hall and the high point was when he and

our then MP, Peter Ainsworth, presided over the formal re-opening of the hall in March 1999.

In the decades before that, he was chairman of the Residents' Association and the Pond Association as well as a member of other groups. He was also treasurer of the Village Hall Management Committee for some time. Denis was a keen supporter of our links with our twin village in France, Vern d'Anjou, and it was touching to see Vern represented at the Memorial Tea by Hervé Forveille, chairman of its Twinning Committee.

To all these roles he undertook over the years, Denis brought his sharp mind. While the rest of us on the parish council waffled on, trying to find words to match our points of view or to bring an end to a long-winded debate, Denis would draw a deep breath and interject: *"It seems to me, Chairman, that what we are trying to conclude is....."* He would then come up with a clear sentence for the Clerk to note down and sum up our views exactly.

Denis was also a meticulous record-keeper. I understand he kept a personal diary from childhood and that this continued well into this century. Another example is his photographic record of the Village Hall development - now secure in the archive.

He had a strong interest in public transport and argued with the bus companies and 'the powers that be' to ensure Tatsfield kept the viable bus service which we enjoy to this day. His detailed knowledge of the history of these matters came into its own when he was asked to write the Transport chapter of 'Tatsfield - the First 2,000 Years", the history of Tatsfield that we produced in 1999.

Denis had strong political views, and was true to them. His friendships extended across the political divide. Among those who respected him for holding on to his principles was another former parish councillor and one of the village's leading committed Conservatives. They continued to be close friends in later life despite the obviously wide separation in political views. In 1999, Denis expressed his strongly-held principles in this parish magazine: "After two hundred years of opportunity, capitalism in a still rich land sees our health service collapsing, the transport system a shambles and declining education facilities. It seems time for a change. Yet all the efforts so far to set up a better society have failed and the command version of socialism, as practised in eastern Europe, has proved a disaster".

He said he believed: "that the basic objective of socialism - production for the benefit of everyone rather than for the private gain of relatively few - has no more been rendered false by the mistakes and crimes committed in its name, than the ideas of Christianity by the corruption of the mediaeval church."

Denis felt sure there would be renewed attempts to establish a kinder and fairer world. He believed: "it will be very democratic, with checks and balances to prevent the establishment of self-perpetuating elites; and it will make use of the mechanism of the market place to meet the needs of the market. At last a market economy then?" asked Denis. He concluded: "I don't think so; historians of the future may refer to it as the era of socialism".

"Discuss" as they say in school exams. I feel sure that's just what Denis would love us to do now.

Ian Mitchell

CARLOS SALAZAR

25th September 1950 – 22nd November 2017

Carlos was born in September 1950 in Salamanca, Spain, one of nine children – four boys and five girls – and although obviously not a local, was very well known to many in Tatsfield having worked at The Crown in Westerham in the 1970s and subsequently for Pat Johnston and myself at The Bakery.



Life was difficult in Spain in the grip of Franco's post war dictatorship. Work was hard to find and being part of such a large family and living in a small three-bedded apartment, Carlos had little form of education. Leaving school at the age of eleven he sold oranges on the side of the street. He would tell me he would work from morning until night and at the end of the week what little money he was given as wages, his mother would immediately take from him, leaving him with nothing. In 1968 he followed a cousin to Switzerland, where they heard of the promise of work. He spent over four years there, working in construction and manually digging a train line.

In the 1970s after returning from Switzerland, life took him to Majorca, again in the search for work. He told me stories that when he heard a certain hotel had a job for washing up staff, he ran as fast as he could to be the first in the queue to get the job. It was there, in the holiday resort of Alcudia, he met his first wife – Janet – a holiday romance no less! He promised to follow her back to England and to her amazement he

turned up on her doorstep. His future father-in-law was not approving and banned him from staying under his roof, so Janet left home to be with him.

It was then in about 1974 that they found work together at The Crown in Westerham, working for the Tudor family. It was there that he met Joe and Margaret Boadella, Pepe and Engracia and many more. In 1978, just after The Bakery first opened, owned by local entrepreneur Pat Johnston, Carlos was persuaded to come to work in Tatsfield. He became a firm favourite and a well-known character of the village.

In 1980, Joe and Margaret took over ownership of The Copper Kettle in Seal near Sevenoaks, and it was there where I first met him – joining as a "part timer" whilst I was still at school. We enjoyed some good times working with Tony, Joaquim, Raphael, Pedro and Jose. Carlos was instrumental in my learning Spanish – teaching me the rude phrases first, but progressing to every word associated with a restaurant and then much more! He only realised I understood so much after I caught them out talking about me and realising that I had understood! We enjoyed several trips to his hometown in Spain, where he proudly introduced me to his mother, father and other family members. By that time he had married Janet and started a family, with the arrival of John in 1977, Bradley in 1979 and I was there the day Justine, whom he quickly named "Pudding", was born in 1984.

After The Bakery fire in 1983, Carlos returned to Tatsfield with me and the rest of the team in tow, to re-open The Bakery in December 1984 under Joe, Margaret and Frank Cosgrove's ownership. Again we enjoyed many fun times with the many regular customers. Carlos continued to work at The Bakery when Terry Hornet bought it in 1994 and subsequently with Carol and Ramon. Once they sold the restaurant he spent some time working in "La Bodega" at The Duke's Head in Bessels Green and then at Elizabeth's Restaurant Rochester for Manolo and Cristina, with whom he became firm friends.

In 1996 he got together with Isabel - she was affectionately known to him as "Rufi". They married and he started another family with her, and the children then just kept coming - Cassandra, Casito, Pamela, Andrew, Erica and Little Ana! He was constantly reminded of his age but he told me nothing gave him more pleasure than to have a large family. He was immensely proud of all of his children and loved them all dearly. Only ever wanting the best for them, his dying wish was for them was to get a good education, something he never had the opportunity for and to have full time employment. He was very proud when Justine gained 4 "A" grade A levels and subsequently a degree at university.

Carlos was a very funny, witty man and had nicknames for everyone. He loved to cook, not only for his family, but many time in recent years for his famous "Tapas Nights" at The Bakery, where we enjoyed his tortillas, Spanish meatballs and paellas! The other

part of him was a truly loving, loyal emotional man. He would go out of his way to help anyone and do his best at his work. He loved the simple pleasures of life - his day began religiously with a "cafe con leche". He had a passion for Spanish music, followed the horses and loved to have a bet. Latterly he enjoyed playing poker in the Village Club's Poker League!

At different times all of his older children have worked alongside him at The Bakery. He lived to work and nothing frustrated him more these last few months than not being able to work. In early August last year he was diagnosed with stage-4 lung cancer. He was cared for by his family at home, who never wanted him to go to a hospice - they wanted him at home. He certainly didn't take his diagnosis lying down and always hoped he would recover just a "little bit" to feel strong again! Sadly he went downhill quickly and lost his battle on 22nd November, surrounded by all of his children.

He leaves his wife Isabel, four of his sisters, nine children, four step-children and five grandchildren. He will be sorely missed not only by me, but also by many others too. Sleep well Carlos – adios y hasta la proxima!

Andrew Bond

MARGARET ROSE PARSONS

24th December 1930 – 25th December 2017

The family would like to announce the sad passing of Margaret Rose Parsons who died unexpectedly on Christmas Day. She will be sadly missed by her five children, nine grandchildren and seven great grand children. The funeral service was held on Thursday 18th January.

MARGARET SNELSON

31st October 1932 - 24th November 2017

Margaret was born in the family home near Waunfawr Park, Risca in the Welsh valleys. This was a complete surprise to her sister, Joan, who was nine years old and had been sent to her grandmother's house for the day. Joan suspected things weren't right and ran home to find a new baby sister there.

Two years later the sisters' lives were shattered by the sudden death of their father, Stuart Kerr. This was an event that shaped the whole of the rest of their lives which were never the same after that. Their mother, Rosalie, married again some years later and Uncle Jack looked after the family for many years in the home in Wattsville. He and Rosalie also shared the home for a while with Sid, Joan and the boys, John and Peter. Jack's granddaughter Jean was also a frequent visitor. Margaret always had a great love of children and the young people were almost the children she never had.

The annual visit to Barry Island on Jack's motorbike and sidecar was always something to anticipate with great shouts by the first one to spot the sea. Sometimes one or both of the boys got lost and ended up with Margaret retrieving them from the lost children's hut. She was usually more grateful than angry.

Margaret trained as a teacher in music and English at the College of Music and Drama in the grounds of Cardiff Castle and started her first teaching job in Sheffield. This was where she had the good fortune to meet Bryan through a shared interest in music. They married after both had moved to further their teaching careers in London. Their first home was in Crockenhill and later they moved on to Tatsfield in 1973. Their arrival at their new home was not entirely without incident as they could not gain access because of a problem with delivery of the keys, and they had to break in!

Bryan was disabled in later life due to a progressive illness and sadly passed away in 1994. Since that time Margaret has lived a very independent life which has been possible latterly only with the help of her lovely neighbours in the close community of the Mushroom Valley Farm end of Tatsfield. The last two years were particularly hard for her because of her declining physical ability but she loved her home at "Mardi" and held on until the inevitable had to be accepted. Coombe Dingle Nursing Home gave her a couple of months of the advanced loving care that she required.

Margaret was always seeking out any hint of Welshness in people she met and anyone with even a trace of the South Wales accent was closely questioned about their origins. Even people who had only visited the area were regarded as having links. One particular taxi driver was always requested and grilled mercilessly.

Margaret was a lady capable of great kindness who also had strong opinions. She will be very greatly missed by her family and the kind neighbours of Valley Mushroom Farm.

TATSFIELD'S SCHOOL BURSAR RETIRES

On 21st December 2017, Tatsfield School said thank you and goodbye to one of our longest serving members of staff, Mrs Jill Hancock.

Jill has worked at the school for an amazing 33 years, starting as a midday supervisor, then a classroom helper and eventually the School Bursar.

Over the years, Jill has taken on many challenges, not least the move to the new school building in the heart of the village almost seven years ago. Jill intends to use her newly acquired free time, looking after her grandchildren and volunteering at National Trust properties and perhaps taking up golf!

The staff, children and parents of Tatsfield Primary School would like to express their thanks for Jill's



Kevin Bellinger, Headteacher

TATSFIELD VILLAGE HALL

Because of some changes to bookings at the Village Hall, some extra slots have become available.

Please contact Helena @ <u>tatsfieldvillagehall@live.co.uk</u> if you are interested in booking any of the following times. Please include details of what for and the times you are interested in. You do not need to book a whole slot, all times are negotiable.

TIMES AVAILABLE Mon 3.45-7.15 Tues 3.30-5.45 Wed 4.30-5.45 Thurs 5.15-6.15 Fri 4.30-6pm

Helena Garcia-MacLeod



TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

On behalf of the Parish Council I'd like to wish you all a happy and healthy New Year. One of our New Year's resolutions is to get to grips with the pond, so hopefully you'll see some progress in this area shortly. In the meantime, I was delighted to see some ducks paying a visit so it looks as though they are keen for us to get it sorted too!

Christmas seems an awfully long time ago now but we were delighted to see so many residents braving the cold for the Singalong outside the Old Ship. It's always such a great event and the organisers and volunteers put so much time and effort into making it so special. Thank you to all who played a part.

You may have noticed a new fence has been erected between the Old Police House and the Village Hall. This will enable Little Acorns to have a permanent free flow play area, which will help them meet the Early Years Foundation Stage criteria, and will be fantastic for all the children attending the nursery.

May we politely ask that horses not be ridden across the footpath on the part of Tatsfield Green between Ricketts Hill Road and Rag Hill? It is causing damage. We would be most grateful if riders used the alternative, to the west of Ricketts Hill Road.

The Parish Council is putting together a database of residents with CCTV, so, if a crime is committed nearby any evidence caught on camera can be passed to the police. If you have CCTV and would be willing to be on our list then please do let me know.

I have been following the posts on the Tatsfield Talk Facebook group regarding dog fouling. It is such a shame that some people don't pick up after their dogs and I would urge everyone to do so. Tandridge Council will fine offenders if they are given details including the name and address and location of the fouling so I would encourage residents to report this antisocial behaviour. In the meantime, I have asked our District Councillor, Martin Allen, to find out from Tandridge if pavement cleaning can be carried out more frequently than every eight weeks or whether the Parish Council can be allowed to contract someone who can. I shall report further when I have more news.

Finally, please don't forget that we are one councillor down and without a Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee chair. If either of these posts appeals to you please do get in touch.

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be held at the Aileen McHugo Building on Monday 22nd January and then on Mondays 12th and 26th February - all 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)

TANDRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL



New Parking regime in Oxted: Have you used the car park yet, either paying or for the free first hour? How have you got on with it, has there been a problem with either entry or exit? If you have had a problem please let me know and I will follow up.

Wellbeing Prescription Service: What is Wellbeing Prescription? It's a free signposting service that can help you improve your health and wellbeing. Wellbeing Advisors will meet you to discuss your needs. They are able to provide expert advice and signpost you to local services that can help. They can link people with activities and services in their community that will support and benefit their physical and mental wellbeing. See the leaflet that came with this magazine.

The East Surrey Rural Transport Partnership (ESRTP) coordinates a range of travel options open to anyone who needs helping getting around the district whether that is to attend a hospital appointment, visit the shops or see friends. ESRTP offer a number of services:

- Dial a ride service in the north of the district above the A25.
- Transport to the Douglas Brunton Centre.
- Tandridge Buses 4U demand responsive bus service.
- North Tandridge Voluntary Car Scheme.

The booking office is open from 8.30am to 5.30pm weekdays. Residents can book up to 14 days in advance and must book by 5.30pm the day before. In addition, groups can charter transport for days out. For further information please call 01883 732791, or visit <u>www.eastsurreyrtp.org.uk</u>.

Tandridge Together Lottery: During December I circulated information regarding the Tandridge Together Lottery. This new online lottery will support good causes and local voluntary groups with their fundraising. Tickets will cost £1 and anyone buying a ticket will select the good cause they want to support from those registered on the website. This is an online venture to keep the costs down and leave more for the good causes. 50p of the ticket price will go directly to the selected good cause. So please do support any Tatsfield venture that applies and is accepted on the list. If any other society would like further details please contact me for the information.

Tandridge district residents are top recyclers: Residents have helped boost the district recycling rate to 62%, which includes 33% mixed recycling from blue lidded wheelie bins, 20% garden waste from brown wheelie bins and 9% food waste from green caddies. According to the latest government figures for 2016-2017, Tandridge District Council came 18th out of 227 councils which collect recycling in the UK and 5th among the 11 Surrey district and borough councils. Well done to you all for our part of it.

If you are not sure which bin to put something in or where to take it, try the Recycle for Surrey search tool or app. Visit <u>www.tandridge.gov.uk/recycling</u> and type in what you want to get rid of and it will tell you how and where.

Surrey County Council is reviewing the **Local Plan** to make sure it has enough facilities to manage Surrey's Waste. You can find out more and tell the council what you think about the draft Surrey Waste Local Plan at surreycc.gov.uk/newwasteplan. The consultation will be open until 6th February 2018. If you require a paper copy to review and return then please call 03456 009 009. The areas under review do not have a great deal of effect on Tatsfield, but nonetheless you may want to keep up with Local Plan.

Council takes tough stand against new government policy in defence of Green Belt: The Council has set out the areas it will not compromise on as it prepares the Local Plan. In response to government proposals for new housing targets, which could see the number of homes the Tandridge district should deliver increase by 40%, Councillor Fisher said the Council will stand firm in its commitment to deliver a sustainable and realistic number of new homes, supported by infrastructure, while also protecting the Green Belt and open nature of the district. Last month, all 11 Leaders from district and borough councils across Surrey made a joint response in defiance of the government's proposals. The Leaders are insisting constraints on development, like protection of the Green Belt, which accounts for 94% of the Tandridge district, are taken into account when determining the number of homes each authority is expected to plan for. This will ensure the Local Plan delivers a balanced number of new market and affordable homes, desperately needed for local people, in a sustainable way and also delivers infrastructure and prosperity for the district.

The Grasshopper Moorhouse: I am pleased to say that this application has finally been approved and I look forward to going down to there to partake of the facilities once it has been reopened sometime in the future. I wish the owners good luck with their new and improved business model.

Park Wood Golf Club: I had a catch up meeting with KJ regarding the footpaths along with our TPC Chairman Nichola Stokoe, and attended his meeting where he was happy to share his thoughts for the future with villagers regarding his application for a hotel. Views were shared both ways and you are reminded that you can have your say via the TDC planning portal website.

If you would like any clarification on any of the above I would be glad to discuss it with you. If you think I can help you with anything to do with the Tandridge District Council or anything else please do not hesitate to contact me.

Cllr Martin Allen 01959 577201 <u>cllr.martin.allen@tandridgedc.gov.uk</u> or <u>martin_allen@talk21.com</u>

POLICING

Happy New Year to all you Tatsfielders. Can you believe how quick time speeds by? (I should give it a ticket). Now that we've all got over our collective hangovers, and broken our resolutions already, let's get down to the serious business of keeping the village safe and peaceful.

This is always the bit I hate - having to give you the bad news (crime during the month). During November, a works van on Paynesfield Road was broken into, with tools taken. There are no lines of enquiry to go on. Whilst on vehicles, a car parked on Lusted Hall Lane was keyed. A named suspect and motive was known, but sadly no evidence to link them. Into December, helmets and gloves were stolen from Helmet City by three male suspects caught on CCTV, first seen inspecting the shop without buying anything, then returning late on another day, with one male stealing and rushing to another male waiting in a running vehicle. One of the suspects has been identified and named, and this crime is still currently under investigation. Lastly, a vehicle was stolen from a driveway on Old Lane. Thankfully it was fitted with a tracker, and recovered soon after.

Kids: With this time of year having some very dark afternoons, please make sure your bikes have all the right 'bells and whistles' on them (lights and reflectives), so you can be easily seen. Make sure you are wearing something nice and bright (yellow / orange), even if it's not high fashion. Mums and Dads: please make sure the kid's bikes are 'bright and loud'. Thanks!!

In surrounding areas recently (Warlingham, Caterham, Oxted), there have been a number of residential burglaries, with almost all cases suffering the theft of jewellery. If you possess decent quantities of jewellery, especially if valuable or of particular sentimental value, please stay ahead of Billy Burglar by protectively marking these valuables. This can be done easily, and for FREE from website Immobilise.com. All you have to do is photograph each piece of jewellery, and download it onto the website, listing it under 'Jewellery'. Then send it off to the NCA (National Crime Agency) which runs the site. It will send back an email, confirming you are registered and covered, so if the worst happens, you are linked to your items. Another way of avoiding these items being taken in the (unlikely) event of a break-in is to normally keep the jewellery in really unlikely places, like a larder, or the bathroom cabinet. There are few things more satisfying than to outwit a burglar. Simple steps like this will greatly reduce the chances of being parted from your personal belongings.

Well, here's to better, safer, happier things in the New Year - and the expected opening of a new village shop. I look forward to meeting the local public again!

Keep warm and stay safe...see you around the village,

Rupert, PCSO 12599 KELLEY, Surrey Police



What is Wellbeing Prescription?

It's a free signposting service that can help you improve your health and wellbeing.

Our Wellbeing Advisors will meet with you to discuss your needs. They are able to provide expert advice and signpost you to local services that can help. They can link people with activities and services in their community that will support and benefit their physical and mental wellbeing.

These services can be anything from;

- Weight Management
- Falls Prevention
- Volunteering
- Housing
- Alcohol and Smoking Cessation
- Emotional Support and Depression and the list goes on!
- Exercise/Activity
- Social Isolation
- Carer Support
- Finance
- Stress and Anxiety
- Domestic Abuse

How do I book an appointment?

Anyone can refer themselves into the service by contacting the Wellbeing Team on 01883 732787 or email on wellbeingprescription@tandridge.gov.uk







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UK POWER NETWORKS

With winter weather always a risk in the village, here's some important information from UKPN.

Our electricity network is built to be resilient but extreme weather can damage overhead power lines resulting in some customers losing their electricity supply. Where this happens we work to restore power as quickly and safely as possible. We have organised for additional staff in our contact centre to help customers whose electricity supply might be affected when extreme weather is forecast, and we call up additional engineers to carry out repairs to overhead lines and poles as soon as the wind reduces to a speed at which it is safe to work.

Residents will be able to find regular updates on our website <u>www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk</u> and social media @UKPowerNetworks.

Anyone experiencing a power cut should:

- Call 105 to report power cuts and damage to the electricity network, or 0800 3163 105 (from a corded phone or mobile phone if you have no power)
- Visit <u>www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk</u> for the latest updates
- Visit <u>www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/powercut</u> and type in their postcode to view our live power cut map
- Tweet @ukpowernetworks to report a power cuts or to receive updates

We advise people to stay clear of power lines and report damaged power lines immediately by calling 105 free from either a landline or a mobile phone. If they see electricity lines that are down or causing significant risk to the public they should call 999.

We provide extra help to customers on our Priority Service Register during a power cut. Households with older or disabled people, those with children under five, or where someone uses medical or mobility equipment that requires electricity as well as other reasons can join the register. You can find out more information about our Priority Service on our website: ukpowernetworks.co.uk/priority.

Michael Horwood

Community Affairs Officer – South East UK Power Networks

THE LATEST FROM LINDA

You will see below news of the shop's buyers. Meanwhile Linda remains living at the shop with Brian. The sale is taking longer than hoped to complete but hopefully this will be done soon and Linda and Brian, with Bertie (who is now a rather large puppy), will be off to their new home in Pagham.

Readers will remember the village's farewell gift to Linda was the money for the kiln she wanted. Linda has asked me to let you know that she has ordered the kiln and is looking forward to using it once she moves to her new home.



Bob David

FROM THE BUYERS



The sale of Linda's Stores is progressing well and is due to be completed by the end of January.

In the next edition we hope to be able to introduce the new owners, who will set out their plans to re-open the village store and post office.



TATSFIELD ART GROUP Village Hall Westmore Green Tatsfield TN16 2AG

Watch a Demonstration by SHARON HURST "Fantasy Artist" in watercolour 12^{th} March 2018 7.30 – 10.00 p.m. £10 Please ring Carol Gaskell 577724 or Christine Stainer 577803 for further details



Tatsfield Horticultural Society

THE GARDEN QUIZ Hosted by Martin Hazlewood



7.30pm on Tuesday 13 February at the WI Hall

- Hello all your fantastic gardeners! It's coming up to that time of year when you may need to put your skills to the test!
- You may compete in teams of up to 4. If you haven't got a team of 4, please come and we will combine people into teams.
- We have devised a quiz that should be both informative and fun. This is a fun quiz not to be taken seriously!
- The questions will be presented on a screen. Paper and pens will be provided.
- There will be garden-themed snacks and drinks at half time, and a prize for the winning team.
- Everyone welcome. Entrance £1.
- Any queries to Martin Hazlewood on 07881 950 550.

TATSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Woodpeckers' Roman Shields

As part of our studies on Roman civilisation, we combined art with history and designed our very own Roman shields. We were inspired by Cassius, our leader during our Legion VIII day, who brought in replica shields for us to hold and admire. They were incredibly heavy with some weighing 10kg!





We are proud of our final designs.

Woodpeckers focussed hard on their paintings.



TATSFIELD SINGERS

What a joyous, uplifting and lively concert the Tatsfield Singers presented on December 9th. Just about every other song was for audience participation – with words provided - and led by the choir. It sounded and felt wonderful. Josh Hickin was superb on the piano and Rebecca Veale, our resident flautist, played several pleasing, unusual and tender pieces.

This was the last of the six fantastic concerts Sarah Coop produced, as she is stepping down. In 2018, Alex Deterding will be returning to lead the choir for two terms, before a permanent leader takes up the baton.

If you feel inspired, there is room for more in the choir – and it is great fun! Rehearsals on Thursday evenings during term time in Tatsfield School Hall.

Margaret Bishop

TATTY KNITTERS

Happy New Year to you all.

After our delicious Christmas meal in December, a big thank you to Andrew and his team, and all the excitement of the evening, we're having a rest in January. Although I'm sure a lot of knitting etc has still been going on.



February's meeting is on 13th, which is also Shrove Tuesday, so I think pancakes are on the menu for us.

Usual time 7.30 until 9.30. All crafters welcome.

Val Quick 07761571071


LITTLE ACORNS PRESCHOOL

This half term...

We wish all of the readers a very Happy New Year! We had a brilliant end to the Autumn term with our Christmas party where we had games, party food and a visit from JJ Puppets! The children then put on a fantastic show for the parents with lots of festive songs and a very special visit from Father Christmas at the end!

This half term for our topic we'll be looking at our feelings and emotions, including what makes us happy and how I feel today. We'll also be doing some special activities to celebrate Pancake Day and Valentine's Day.

Outdoor Play Area

We are very pleased to have now completed our outdoor play area which is already being enjoyed by all of the children during our sessions. Thank you to everyone involved in making this possible! Our next fundraising events will be to raise money for some new outdoor equipment to make this space even more enjoyable.

30 Hours Funding

We are pleased to be able to offer preschool spaces under the new 30 hours of funding for working parents of 3 and 4 year olds. If you think you may be eligible please visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk to see if you meet the criteria for the Summer Term. For more details on our funding options or available sessions please email office@littleacornstatsfield.co.uk

Thank you for reading!

Mareka Newberry

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



OXTED ROTARY YOUNG CHEF 2017

On Monday 20th November, the Rotary Club of Oxted & Limpsfield held this year's Rotary Young Chef Competition for students at Oxted School. The competitors were Aruni Meedeniya, Lily Garrod, Michael Bossick, Max Baily, Billy Harrison, Olivia White, Beth Southwell, Ben Hasler and Sara Jones.

Each competitor was asked to prepare a starter and main course within а budget of £10. The competition was judged by Peter Kirk. Head Chef at Knights Garden centre, Ai Yamano, a past winner of Young Chef and Thom Bridgland, a Teacher at Oxted School.

The standard of cooking and presentation was very



high, making it challenging for the judges. All contestants received a certificate and the judges declared Aruni Meediniya the winner and Lily Garrod as runner-up. They each received a voucher for meals kindly donated by Purna Gurung, owner of the Thai Pad restaurant, and work experience for a day at the Thai Pad.

Both contestants will go through to one of the Rotary District semi-finals being held in January. Young Chef is one of many competitions held by Rotary aimed at developing young people. For more information about Rotary and should you wish to help please contact

oxtedrotary@gmail.com



LONDON MARATHON 2018 IN AID OF THE BRAIN RESEARCH TRUST

I am really pleased to have a place on the London Marathon 2018 and I will be running for a charity I am passionate about - the **Brain Research Trust**.

The charity funds vital research into brain tumours, Action Market and Alzheimer's, dementia, epilepsy, Parkinson's, strokes, multiple sclerosis, motor neuron disease, migraine and many more brain related conditions. I know adults and children that are currently undergoing treatment for such conditions and some of my friends and family have lost loved ones to one of the conditions listed above.

Although this is my third marathon, I know it will be just as challenging both mentally and physically, as I am not a regular or natural runner. I find the training gruelling (especially in the winter months) and the marathon itself is probably the hardest thing I have ever done (and it wasn't any easier second time round). If you are able to support me, any donation will be very welcome. You can find my fund raising page by going on Virgin Monev Giving website and searching to the for mv name. http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/giving/

To help raise money for the charity, I am holding a Quiz Night in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Saturday, 27th January. If you are interested in coming, please do join up with friends and family to make up tables of up to eight. Places cost £12 per head and a light supper will be provided during the evening, but please bring your own drinks and glasses. To book your place, please contact me on 571521 or email sarah.coop@mail.com.

Sarah Coop





ST MARY'S MATTERS

Christmas Flowers

We are most grateful to Mr Guy Innes and his gardening team for providing us, once again, with a super selection of seasonal foliage from the Titsey Estate, with which we

decorated the Church for Christmas. A very big thank goes to all those who helped with the arrangements: Rita Mackay, Tina Boys, Pauline Conlon, Brenda Fairclough, Kay Longley, Shirley Murgatroyd, Sue Saunders, Christine Rosenbaum, Kay Roberts and Sue Warren. Special thanks also go to Brenda for the delicious mince pies and to Veronica Short for the tea, coffee and mulled wine and for all her help throughout the morning. Thank you to Vince as well, who was putting up the fairy lights for us in some very 'high-up' places! The Church looked truly festive, together with the Christmas tree and Tableau.

Jan Maynard

St Mary's is very grateful to Jan and all who worked with her to ensure that St Mary's was beautifully decorated for Christmas.

14th January

28th January

Flower Rota for January 2018

7th January Jan Maynard 21st January Jan Maynard

Open the Bible (monthly All Age Service at 10am, normally on the 1st Sunday of the month)

On December 3rd we celebrated Advent Sunday and were

grateful for a generous response to our collection of toys (please see note below about Food and Toys delivery). January 7th focused on Epiphany – when the wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to baby Jesus. Our February 4th service at 10am will include the opportunity to remember our Baptisms – children are invited to bring their Baptism candle (extra candles will also be available).

Christmas Services

We are very grateful to all who supported our Christmas services this year, including the Tatsfield Singers with their Musical Director, Sarah Coop, who again enriched our Carol Service with their accompaniment and performed items. In addition to all that took place in Church, we were very pleased to be able to hold the Christingle Service in the School Hall, with grateful thanks to Tatsfield Primary School for making it available.







Jan Maynard

Jan Maynard



Photos show this year's wonderful Nativity Tableau by Sauro Gabelli, and the Carol Service on 17th December. We are very grateful to Peter Maynard and Peter Boys for our Christmas photos.

St Mary's Food Bank (and toys) Collections

A huge thank you to everyone who donated food and toys for the Christmas delivery to Christ Church, Brixton. We managed to deliver a large car load of donations on Monday 18th December, with everyone's Christmas wishes, which was received by Reverend Tim Jefferies. There continues to be a great need for food parcels at the church's weekly cafe. Tim thanked us all for our continued support with our food and toy donations and said that the cafe would really struggle without our help. So please keep the food donations coming and thank you again.

Children's Society Collection

As in the past, all collections at the Christmas services were for work of The Children's Society, along with donations from those visiting the Nativity Tableau in the Narthex by Sauro Gabelli. Thank you to everybody who contributed to the total gift to date of just under £700 and also to Sauro for creating such a beautiful tableau.

100 Club results

December 61. P. Menham £25. 16. T. Menham £15. 19. Sande-Vine £10. St. Mary's £50. January 29. M. Smith £25. 84. M. Lambert £15. 44. S. White £10. St. Mary's £50

Records

24th November Funeral of Margery Stirling
10th December Baptism of Reece Bailey
18th December Funeral of Margaret Snelson (at Eltham Crematorium)
3rd January Funeral and burial of Harry Hawkes

Lent Lunches in St Mary's Millennium Hall

Arrangements for this year's lunches have yet to be finalised. Please do let us know if you are interested in attending.

St Mary's Church Website: www.lttm.org.uk

Vince Short

Share your views on Surrey's Waste Local Plan

We're reviewing our local plan to make sure we have enough facilities to manage Surrey's waste. Find out more and tell us what you think about the draft Surrey Waste Local Plan at surreycc.gov.uk/newwasteplan by 7 February 2018.

Call 03456 009 009 or text 07860 053 465 for a paper copy.



THE WOODHOUSE CENTRE Charity No. 262608

SPRING SALE

OPPOSITE TANDRIDGE LEISURE POOL

Mrs Dee Graham (01883 715189) Thursday, 15TH March 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. at the Centre

CAKES - COLLECTABLES - JEWELLERY - GIFTS -RAFFLE - BOOKS FANCY GOODS

TEA AND COFFEE

We are well known by many customers for our skilled work in upholstery. We also carry out a variety of repairs as well as being very handy with a needle and thread. We also carry out a variety of repairs as well as being very handy with a needle and thread. Our Men-in-Sheds club is ideal if you want to make new friends whilst participating in a spot of woodwork.

The Centre is open Monday to Thursday inclusive from 9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. with breaks for Easter, Summer and Christmas. We are delighted to have visitors and have a large selection of handmade goods for sale – baby clothes, aprons, oven gloves, cushions, bags, scarves to name but a few. We are always looking for new members, young and old alike. Why not come and see what we have to offer – if transport is a problem call our Manager on the number above and we will try to help.

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	1.30pm 5.45pm 7.00 pm	Whist – WIH (Last Tuesday of the month) 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 2.00pm 4.30 pm 5.45 pm 7.15pm 7.30 pm	Over 50s Yoga – WIH Hear Here – AMB (1 st Thursday of the month) Scrabble at Kayani, Greenways (1 st Thursday of the month) Under 8's Judo - SH Over 8's Judo - SH Adult Ju Jitsu - SH Duplicate Bridge – WIH
Fri	7.30 pm 8.00 pm 10.00 am 10.30 am 10.00 am 11.00 am	Tatsfield Singers - TPS Table Tennis – VH Pilates – WIH Forget Me Not Café - AMB Self-defence and HIIT, Tatsfield Martial Arts (SH) Pilates – WIH
Sat	1.30 pm 5.30 pm 6.30 pm 9.00 am 10.00 am 10.15 am 11.00 am	Short Mat Bowls –VH Badminton club for Juniors – VH Over 10's ju jitsu Badminton Club – VH Under 8's Judo - SH Composting site (now CLOSED for winter) Over 8's Judo - SH Parish Council Café -The Bakery [to noon]
	11.30 am	Adult Judo - SH

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

JANUARY

20 th Sat	3.15 & 7.30	Victoria & Abdul, Films in Tatsfield, VH

27th Sat 7.30 pm Marathon Fundraiser Quiz, VH

FEBRUARY

3 rd Sat	7.45pm	The Marriage of Figaro, Merry Opera, Barn Theatre, Oxted
4 th Sun	10am	Open the Bible, StM
8 th – 10t	7.30pm	Twilight Robbery, Barn Theatre, Oxted
13 th Tue	2.30pm	NSY Club
	7.30pm	THS Quiz Night, WI Hall
	7.30pm	Tatty Knitters, The Bakery
$21^{st} - 24^{th}$	7.30pm	Southern Counties Drama Festival, Barn Theatre, Oxted

MARCH

3 rd Sat	7.00pm	Fairtrade Wine Tasting, VH
12 th Mon	7.30pm	Sharon Hurst Demonstration TAG, VH
$16^{th} - 17^{th}$	various	Dracula – The Final Countdown, Barn Theatre, Oxted
23 rd Fri	7.45pm	The New Foxtrot Serenaders, Barn Theatre, Oxted
24 th Sat	7.30pm	Wickham's Wandering Oldetyme Stagers, Barn Theatre, Oxted

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

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

TATSFIELD MARTIAL ARTS – UPDATE



Over 8's Judo Grading

On 26th November our over 8's judoka had their final grading for 2017. The children progress one mon (grade) at a time, which helps to embed technical knowledge which, in the long run, will produce better competitors. We had been working extremely hard toward this grading and as expected, everyone sailed through it and achieved their next grades.

New Black Belt at TMA

After the children's grading above, it was the turn for club coach, Andy Mumford, to be put through his paces as he attempted to gain his shodan (1^{st} dan black belt). When the

club opened, almost three years ago, Andy joined as a green belt having studied judo a few years earlier. He quickly progressed through the grades, gaining his brown belt in 2017. As this was the first black belt grading TMA has held since opening, it was always going to be a special one but also particularly tough as we would be setting the bar for future gradings.

The grading last three hours and in that time Andy barely had a minute's rest! We started with lots of grappling drills against two opponents. Andy was then tested on the technical Dan grade syllabus, where he had to achieve a certain score to pass. The final part of the grading was a contest line up. Andy had to fight six opponents, one after the other, with no rest between contests. So a tough day but I'm delighted to say Andy passed and now TMA has it first home grown Dan grade!

Senior Ju Jitsu Grading

On 2nd December, it was the turn of our adult jujitsu members to grade for their new belts. In total we had 17 people grading and we worked them hard for three hours. It was a good day's work and every passed and gain their new belt.

Annual Club Judo Competition

On 3rd December, we held our yearly judo competition for our junior members. In total, 43 local children entered. They were put into groups based on size, grade and age – so everyone had a minimum of three contests. Everyone went home with a medal, the colour depends on how well they performed. There are also a couple of trophies up for grab, one for the fastest win and another for the 'spirit of judo', basically for the individual who displays the most guts and determination rather than the best fighter. Everyone seemed to enjoy the day and the feedback received has been really positive. Can't wait until the next one!

Free Training in January

To celebrate the club's third birthday in January, we are offering free membership, to new starters, for the whole month for any of our classes – including the new children's ju jitsu class start on Fridays. If you would like to find out more about this offer please get in touch via <u>tatsfieldmartialarts@gmail.com</u>. Our class timetable for 2018 can be found in the Events Calendar on page 44.

Adam Plinston



"TATSFIELD IS BUZZING" 2018



The volunteers were out during the first weeks in December keeping the village tidy and also helping to put up the gazebo for the carol singing on 16th December. After the Christmas break it was deadheading the violas in the cascade planter outside the AMB and tidying up the village centre, weather permitting.

This photo was taken of the volunteers having a well-earned coffee break during a recent session in St Mary's Churchyard.



During December the TIB Committee met to finalise plants for the summer planting around the village. This is the second year of "Tatsfield is Buzzing" where we are encouraging pollinating insects to visit our beds, mangers, hanging baskets. etc by using plants which are attractive to bees. butterflies and other pollinating insects.

The scheme for this year will include planting Verbena Endurscape in multiple colours but single colours in each hanging basket, etc. These would be accompanied by Heliotrope Marine for extra height. The planting for the Tatol bed was still under review but it was hoped that this would include butterflies in some format – possibly flying over the bed!

Would you like to come and help us? An hour on a Saturday morning to help keep our lovely village tidy? Just turn up at 10.00am by The Bakery and we will greet you warmly!

Jill Hancock Tatsfield In Bloom (577622)

COMPOSTER'S CHRONICLE

Tatsfield's second outdoor gym to open in April - but more about that later!

First of all, I hope you all had an enjoyable festive season and are raring to get on with fulfilling all those New Year's resolutions. The composting team worked much later into last year than usual, putting in an enormous effort to empty the thirteen bins, which we will be rebuilding with new timber, hopefully in time for the start of this year's composting season in April. The timber has arrived and our thanks go to the Horticultural Society for making a generous donation towards the cost.

Now, about this gym. Most people who help out at the composting site comment what a wonderful "work-out" it is so I have listed the range of activities which we perform every week in the hope it might tempt a few of you to lend a hand.

Turning the heaps – probably the most intense activity – upper body Sieving the compost – a close second – mainly upper body and some aerobic Carting soft material – pretty much equal second – upper body and aerobic Carting shredded material – a bit gentler – mild upper body and aerobic Weeding heaps and removing horrible plastic and stones – gentle bending and stretching Watering: With can – gentle upper body and aerobic: With hose – very little but good fun! Monitoring temperatures – very little exercise but, like watering, an important job.

We want to start a rota of volunteers doing one Saturday a month – even just for one hour. Ruth and Jim Yeeles have got the ball rolling by volunteering to do the first one each month so thanks to both of them. If you would like to help, please contact me at the email address below. If you would like to help on a very occasional basis, volunteer for the fifth Saturday!

P.S. You'll go home fully oxygenated – a wonderful cure for that morning-after-thenight-before's "one tincture too many".

Philip Brett hollygrove6-philip@yahoo.co.uk



TATSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

YEAR BOOKS 2018

As most of you are aware, each year between January and March volunteers knock on your door to deliver the **Horticultural Society Year Book.**

The Year Book is great value and for the sum of £5.00 per household or a small donation from Senior citizens you become a member of **Tatsfield Horticultural Society**. **Members** receive a **10% discount card** (on the back page of the Year Book) for use in the **Knights Garden Centres at Chelsham and Woldingham** when purchasing horticultural items such as plants, compost, light garden tools etc. and again, this coming year, **members receive 50% off Suttons Seeds** and **15%** off other items in the catalogue. The Suttons Seeds Catalogues will be offered when your Year Book is delivered or one can be obtained from me (contact details below). The Unique Order Code is also in the THS Year Book.

Being a **membe**r also entitles you to exhibit at the spring and autumn shows in the various sections, with the possibility of winning a cup/trophy/prize. We also hold a few Gardening Club evenings in the WI Hall throughout the year (details will be in the Parish Magazine and in the Year Book) where we have a glass of wine/tea/coffee and listen to a speaker on specific aspects of gardening.

The Year Books are now out for printing so we will start delivery in or around the end of January and look forward to your support again this year.

Christine Stainer (Subscriptions Secretary) Tel: 577803 (christinestainer@yahoo.com)



TATSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

PROGRAMME FOR 2018



Tuesday February 13th WI Hall - **Fun Quiz** arranged by Martin Hazlewood 7.30-9.30pm

Tuesday March 13th WI Hall - Amusing Talk by Bryan Everest 7.30-9.30pm

Saturday April 14th - Spring Show Village Hall 3-4.30pm

Sunday April 29th - Wisley Visit 10.30am

Saturday May 12th - Plant and Produce Sale Westmore Green 9.45am

Sunday June 3rd - Tatsfield Gardens Tour 1-5pm

Wednesday July 11th - Evening Garden Visit to Tilgate Park 6.00 for 6.30pm

Saturday September 8th – **Autumn Show** Village Hall 3-4.30pm

Tuesday October 9th - WI Hall 7.30-9.30pm Subject to be decided

Tuesday November 6th– AGM & Talk by Dr Simon Charlesworth 'The World of Lavender' at the Village Hall 7.30pm for 8pm

WI REPORT

We do like a party and what better occasion than Christmas!

On 5th December we were welcomed with mulled wine and a sumptuous festive spread. The W. I. hall was decorated and candle-lit. Music and humorous entertainment was provided by our committee. The afternoon passed all too guickly.

The first event planned to cheer us up in the New Year was on January 9th, starting with some business and updates at 11am and then members of the Not So Young Club joining us for a hot lunch at 12.30.

Our meeting in February will start at the usual time of 2.30 on Tuesday 6th when Penny Harris will tell us about "A Wealden Woman's War". If you would like to come and try

out our meetings please get in touch and I will tell you what is in the programme for coming months.

Sue Smale, 01959 577660

NOT SO YOUNG CLUB

The Bakery team did us proud at our Christmas lunch on the 12th December and our thanks go to them for a most enjoyable afternoon and meal. When we saw the heavy fall of snow in the morning, the committee were sure that so many would not get

there. But, in the event, we were only four down in numbers, and two of those were due to ill health. Well done members, for making the effort!

The meeting on 13th February is our annual birthday celebration and we hope, by then, to see the first glimpses of spring! The timing for that is the usual 2pm.

It only remains for me to wish everyone in Tatsfield and our members a very Happy and Healthy New Year!

Babs Heffernon (540602)









TATSFIELD PLAYING FIELD 100 CLUB

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

1 st Prize: Mary Wiggins	£49.50
2 nd Prize: Tom Ellis	£33.00
3 rd Prize: Les Eames	£16.50

Thank you for supporting sport in Tatsfield.

It is good to see some new members of the 100 Club, meaning that the prize money has been boosted, with more funds for maintaining and improving the facilities at Furze Corner. If you would like to join the 100 Club, or would like additional numbers, please contact me and I will make the necessary arrangements.

Les Eames



PARK WOOD GOLF CLUB

Happy New Year!

Many of you may be aware of the work taking place currently at Park Wood and so we would like to take the opportunity to provide an update:

Clubhouse extension

Our clubhouse extension is well on its way. From breaking ground on 30th November we have had 5 weeks of work to date. We are making good progress and things are very much on track. We have had some poor weather, which has delayed the works, but due to good planning we are still on track.

Currently the roof is in situ for half of the extension. We expect the roof structure to be in place over the function hall extension in the next 10 days. We hope to complete the structure by mid-February.

Floor plans and elevations are available in the bar so please feel free to come and view.

Planning

We are delighted to inform you that the council have received and validated our application for hotel accommodation at Park Wood Golf Club. It was lovely to see so many of you at the Parish Council Meeting and it was great to hear your support and also some of the concerns you understandably have.

We are really excited about this plan and are confident that this will lead to great improvements to our club and also provide benefits to our neighbourhood. Thank you to those that have shown their support through the website and at the various meetings and a thank you also to those that have expressed their concerns. We at Park Wood realise that this is an important matter to our neighbourhood and welcome such healthy discussion. We also realise how important it is to act responsibly and conduct ourselves to ensure this benefits not only the club but also Tatsfield as a village.

Plans will be made available to see in the clubhouse so do come up and have a look. Should you wish to come and discuss any matters regarding the planning, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We really rely on the support of our members and neighbours in order to succeed in achieving these ambitions for the Club. Should you wish to show your support please feel free to look at Tandridge County Council website in the planning section and write a comment.

If you would like to contact us directly regarding any questions or queries you have then please contact a Member of our Team on <u>Kirsty@parkwoodgolf.co.uk</u>

The Team at Park Wood Golf Club

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THE NIGHT SKY IN TATSFIELD – JANUARY/FEBRUARY

Unfortunately for those of us who are not early risers, all the planetary action during the early part of 2018 takes place in the morning skies. At the beginning of February the bright planet Jupiter rises at 2 am and is due south (on the meridian) at 6.30 am at an altitude of twenty degrees. If you can look with binoculars at that time in the morning, you will be able to see the four brightest moons (the Galilean moons) of Jupiter on the eastern (left) side of the planet.

A little to the east of Jupiter we find Mars which is considerably fainter and appears only about one sixth of the size. Mars only becomes really well placed for observation once every two years when the Earth and the red planet are at their closest, an event that we call "opposition". Even at these times (one of which occurs on July 27th this year) Mars is such a small body that seeing surface detail on it is still difficult without the use of a large telescope.

At the beginning of the month Mars lies in the Zodiacal constellation of Scorpio (the scorpion) a little to the north and west of Antares, the brightest star in that group, whose name, in Latin, means "Rival of Mars". Even with the naked eye, Antares is definitely reddish in colour so it's easy to see how it got that name. As February progresses the natural eastward movement of Mars carries it across the border into neighbouring Ophiuchus, which is a constellation that few will have heard of. On the morning of the 9th Antares, Mars and the crescent Moon are almost in a straight line with Mars in the middle.

If we look still further east of Mars we come to Saturn amongst the star clouds of the Milky Way in the constellation of Sagittarius. It will also reach opposition later in the year, it this case towards the end of June, although, in common with Jupiter and Mars, it will never be really high in the sky.

Women in Astronomy – Vera Rubin (Part 3)

Having graduated from Vassar in 1948, as the only astronomer in her year, Vera naturally sought to progress and take her PhD, opting for Princetown University in New Jersey as her first choice. Sadly, this was not to be because they did not admit women into physics and astronomy programs, something that remained the case until 1971 for physics and 1975 for astronomy. Instead she went to Connell University where she met and married her husband, Robert Rubin, who was a graduate student in chemistry. It was there that she studied physics under such great scientists as Richard Fenyman and Hans Bethe. She completed her Masters in 1951, though not without a certain amount of controversy because she chose as her thesis the rotation of the universe – a theory that was denounced at the time and later proven to be incorrect.

Following her Masters Vera left science to raise a family of four children, three boys and a girl, although she never lost contact with developments in astronomy. It was

obviously clear to her husband that her interests still lay there because it was he who encouraged her to study for a PhD. The story is that Vera's parents looked after the children whilst Robert drove her to classes at Georgetown University in the evening and sat outside eating a sandwich while she attended lectures. Her doctoral thesis was about how galaxies are not uniformly spread, but clump together in groups and was carried out under the auspices of the famous Russian physicist, George Gamow. As we'll see Vera returned to the behaviour of galaxies a number of times in her career and ultimately it would be her work on them that elevated her into the top tier of the world's astronomers. *To be continued......*

Brian Mills FRAS



NIGEL'S NATURE NOTES

Correspondence: It's 2018! Let's begin the year with a belated report from Martin Allen (01.11.17):

'Not meaning to steal Liz's thunder, but I had a good range of sightings whilst up at the compost site on Saturday and today. A **buzzard** overflew the left hand side of the approach road opposite the site and a **heron** flew over from Ricketts Hill Road. Today a **kestrel** was sitting on one of the posts and a **pheasant** was eveing up some produce in one of the allotments. Saw a wren, a goldcrest and a robin all on a small tree by the pedestrian entrance gate. Within the compost bins were seen a **frog** and a **vole**; a vole on two separate occasions.

As for No.38, we have recently seen the return of the chaffinches and goldfinches, neither seen for a while. Up to seven **magpies** now regularly visit the garden in the early morning. From the front window, looking towards Ricketts Hill Road, two circling red kites were seen, one of them being pestered by a crow. This is the time of year when we hope to see the redpolls or siskins. Will let you know if we do.'

Liz Armitage came back with a rapid response! (02.11.17):

'My thunder is great indeed, but Martin's sightings are awesome and must be reported!!

We now have a regular grey wagtail coming for an early morning drink from our newly installed fountain. The **goldfinches** don't seem to bother although they love the nijer seeds and we have to constantly refill the feeder. We have installed a nesting box beside it, although I understand they rarely use them, preferring open nests. Also, we had great excitement last week when our security light was triggered by a **hedgehog** running through the garden. They have such funny little leas and can run really fast. Our vision of a hedgehog is always at ground level, curled in a ball. I have now moved our hedgehog house to a nearby secluded spot, stuffed it with leaves, and hope he finds it.'

Thanks, Martin and Liz. The allotment site seems to be a good place to sit with a pair of binoculars. It's guite a while since we had a heron report, although I did see one myself soaring across the village around the end of November. We haven't had a grey wagtail sighting for a long time, Liz – well spotted! Good luck with the hedgehog. I built a hedgehog house a few years back and even imported a hedgehog to live in it, but it disappeared after a few days.

Now we head over to the garden of Mary Smith (28.11.17):

'Since moving a year ago from Old Lane to my new address in Shipfield Close, I have had time to see the differences between the two addresses. Here, small flocks of **house sparrows** have visited, plus up to 22 **starlings** at one time. I had not had a sparrow at Old Lane for many years and only an occasional starling. Great-spotted woodpeckers, all the small tits and all the larger birds have visited, but not a single nuthatch. However, the crowning glory here was seeing a **grey wagtail** in the garden this

morning. I have only ever seen them by running water until now. I wonder if it has visited other gardens in Tatsfield. There was already a **blue tit** nesting box in situ when I came here and a three family sparrow box has been added so, after the excitement of the grey wagtail, I shall be hoping for great things next [this] year! (30.11.17) The grey wagtail was in the garden again this morning so I rushed for the camera!'

Evidence! That's what we like, Mary. With so much yellow on the plumage it's easy to see why people mistake this for the yellow wagtail. Your photo makes it clear,



however, that Liz and vourself have indeed been fortunate enough to be visited by a grey wagtail. Thanks for which vour report highlights what has been known for some time: that bird life within our gardens can be significantly different depending where we

are located within the village. It will be interesting to see what 2018 brings to the Close.

And to end the reports of 2017 we return to Martin and Julie's garden (27.12.17):

(23.12) 'We saw two **blue tits** looking over our nest box, both went in and came out whilst we were looking and there does seem to be some next building material caught up in the cobwebs around the next box. Surely too early?'

(24.12) 'But more importantly thought you might like to know the **redpolls** have arrived, well only one, but I hope it's a good start. Have seen a largish flock of **goldfinch**, between 9 and 11 in number, on the nijer seeds. Particularly came in in that number during the cold snap just before Christmas but have stayed with us since.'

(29.12) 'Three **redpolls** on the nijer seeds this morning. Sometime later, as I went to look to see what was on the feeders, I disturbed the birds, which was just as well because a **sparrowhawk** came fleetingly flying in. He didn't catch anything so he sat on the fence for a minute or so before hopping down, then flying over to Johns Road.'

It has been so...o long since anyone reported a redpoll, Martin. Lucky you! What's so special about <u>your</u> nijer feeder? I enjoyed your report but fear it will only spread envy amongst our birdwatching readers! Thanks anyway.

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

THE TATSFIELD GARDENER IN JANUARY

For this edition, I want to talk about trees, especially the mature trees that might be growing in your garden. Judging by some of the awful examples of 'tree pruning' (I call it vandalism) around the village in recent years it seems that trees are being regarded as a nuisance, dropping leaves, casting shade and arousing fears about branches falling down and causing damage and injury. How can I change your mind in the hope that you will come to regard your trees as an asset, a positive benefit to the local environment supporting many hundreds of species of insect, birds, moss and lichen? Unfortunately, there are no laws preventing you from doing anything you like to a tree, unless of course it is subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO). If you are not sure whether your tree is preserved check with the Parish Council or Tandridge District Council Tree Officer. If you really value a mature tree in your garden why not enquire about having a TPO for it and make it more likely that it will be protected for the future?

I have been asked for my opinion of whether ivy growing in trees is a good, or a bad, thing. This is a subject that generates heated debate amongst professionals and amateurs; this is what I think. If ivy grows right up into the crown of a mature tree it increases weight, reduces light and the free passage of air through the branches; this greatly increases resistance to wind and the risk of damage in a gale. Whilst I accept that it also provides good nesting for birds, I would not allow excess growth of ivy that puts the health of the tree at risk. Ivy can be controlled by carefully cutting through all the vines at the base. Over a number of weeks the top growth will go brown and then the dead vines can easily be pulled down. However, if the tree is large and the ivy growth is high up, and heavy, you may need professional help.

There are some excellent tree surgeons offering their services in our local area, there are also some cowboys about! If you are considering having some tree work done please check that they are qualified, insured and have good references from local folk – do not be afraid to check the paperwork! Trees are a vital part of our environment, our visual landscape in Tatsfield would look very different without them.

My new weather station is working well; in December, we had 135mm of rain (around 5") that is more than our local average and much needed to top up our reservoirs. Temperatures in Tatsfield in December varied from -5C to nearly 10C, about what we expect, given our height above sea level and position on top of the North Downs.

The rain has now encouraged the daffodils to push through the soil and the growing points will be vulnerable where they have been naturalised in grass; please be careful when walking around the edges of Westmore Green.

Jon Allbutt

FILMS IN TATSFIELD IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY



Curzon County Cinema doesn't often show the same films twice on the same day but that is being done in January because we know that some people who would like to see "Victoria & Abdul" would prefer not to have to come out on a cold winter evening. In February we revert to a single evening showing of "Hampstead". We have no children's films in these two months but we hope to have the latest "Paddington" film in March. Tickets are just f5 Pav at the door or reserve online at www.curzoncountrycinema.co.uk.

Doors open at 3.15pm and 7.30pm on Saturday 20 January for "Victoria & Abdul". This



tells the true story of how, near the end of her reign, Queen Victoria developed a close friendship with an Indian servant, Abdul Karim, elevating him to trusted advisor and infuriating the court. When Victoria died in 1901, her children burnt every letter she sent Karim and he was unceremoniously deported back to India. Judi Dench excels in a part which looks as if it was made for her. The film was directed by Stephen Frears whose numerous other excellent films include "My Beautiful Launderette" and "The Queen".

Doors open at 7.30pm on Saturday 17th

February for "Hampstead". Do you like romantic comedies? If they work! This film

pairs two big film names, Diane Keaton and Brendan Gleeson. Both of them give charming performances in a film based on a true story of people who lived near Hampstead Heath and which has received a thumbs up from most critics. Come and see what you think!



Bob David

TATSFIELD RAMBLERS



Details of walks in the surrounding area for January and February 2018 are as follows. Everyone welcome including your dogs.

Sunday 21st January 2018

Leader: Sue Hyder and Maggie Amos

- Start Point: 10:45 Off Chart Lane, Brasted. Drive up Chart lane. About 300 yards after "Badgers", between the bends, turn left towards Chartfield Farm, right into the first entrance ("Little Cacketts") parking at the top of the drive/behind the stables
- Map Ref: TQ471543 Postcode: TN16 1LP
- Description: This is a 5 mile 3 hour walk to Toy's Hill and back. There are a couple of short uphills on the way there, and a downhill on the way back. Refreshments will be taken at The Fox and Hounds, Toy's Hill

Sunday 28th January 2018 – 70's Saunter

Leader:	Carol Vening		
Start Point:	11:00am Outside The Carpenters Arms, Limpsfield Chart		
Map Ref:	TQ424518 Postcode: RH8 0TG		
Description:	A gentle stroll starting off from The Carpenters through Limpsfield Common, past some of the delightful "Animal Houses" – though sadly there are fewer of these in good nick now. We will return to The Carpenters for refreshment. Approximate distance 2½ miles 2 hours		

Sunday 4th February 2018

Leader:	Jean Bossley, Annette Glazebrook & Carol Hunter		
Start Point:	10.30am at Chevening Church		
Map Ref:	TQ488576 Postcode: TN14 6HG		
Description:	4½ miles 3 hours to Knockholt. It is quite steeply uphill to Knockholt but downhill on the way back. Some road walking. We will stop for refreshment at The Three Horseshoes		

Tuesday 18th February 2018

Leader:	Richard Gadd	
Start Point :	10.30am, Farnborough High Street – outside The Woodman (park in street not pub carpark please).	
Map Ref: 62	TQ442642	Postcode: BR6 7BA

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

Sunday 25th February 2018 – 70's Saunter

Leader: Carol Vening

Start Point: 11:15am Shoreham Station (or if car park is full, in the road adjacent to the Station)

Map Ref: TQ525614 Postcode: TN14 7RT

Description: A gentle stroll to Otford where we will have refreshment at The Woodman before returning to Shoreham. Approximate total distance 2½ miles 2 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).

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



March 23rd - Making Easter Baskets.

As ever there will be a warm atmosphere, lots of chat and fun, tea, coffee and maybe even cakes!

Do feel free to pop in and join us.

FIVE MINUTES WITH....CHARLOTTE LIMPENNY

Welcome to a new section in the magazine, featuring local residents with a story to share. This month we're talking to Charlotte Limpenny...

How long have you lived in Tatsfield?

Mum and Dad, Marian and Ian Godfrey, first came to the village in 1968 and we have been here ever since.

What's your favourite memory of the village?

Growing up in Tatsfield was pretty idyllic; although by the time I was a teenager I didn't appreciate living in the middle of nowhere! My most vivid childhood memories of Tatsfield are of the snow being so heavy that you could walk along the tops of the hedges and ski down Rag Hill! My earliest memories of the village are the carnival floats at the Scout Fete, which seemed huge to me as a small child.

What do you do now?

As well as looking after my husband, boys and walking

two feisty dogs round the village, I've started a new business, called Fitness For All. After qualifying as a personal trainer and a senior fitness specialist I've set up my business based primarily at home, training individuals and small groups. I work with individuals of all ages and fitness levels. My programmes include an hour-long initial consultation, goal setting, fitness testing and body composition measurements and mentoring throughout.





What was your motivation to do this?

Since childhood I've always tried to keep fit. Some of you may have seen me running around the village with my two ginger dogs! But it's not always been easy. After pregnancy (when I put on 5 stone), I started running. Running helped me lose the baby weight (although it certainly came off more slowly than it went on!). I joined Oxted Running Club and enjoyed competing in cross-country races.

Then again, three years ago I had a rather nasty accident - a horse landed on my ankle and it broke badly. It took years to recover, with many setbacks, but support from family and friends, and with the practical help of Alex Deterding (our resident physio) I made a full recovery. It was then I realised that I would never take my health and fitness for granted again. I missed exercise so much whilst injured. I practised lots of different strength and mobility techniques to recover and they really worked. I'm so passionate about the overall health benefits that come from exercise; I wanted to learn as much as I could so I could help others achieve their goals to get fit and happy.

Anything you are specialising in?

I am starting with classes specifically for older people in Tatsfield. I want to make exercise accessible to all, so will be offering a subsidised mobility and functional class for the less mobile senior citizens. This will be a class of gentle exercise, can be done seated, and is great for those suffering from arthritis and osteoporosis. For those who are more active and enjoy golf, dog walking and gardening I will be running a specific circuit class which will be a fun way to burn calories, improve mobility, strength and co-ordination.

To find out more about Charlotte's classes starting in the village, see the flyer inserted into this issue or call her on 07769 692782, or email charlotte.limpenny@hotmail.co.uk.

Are you a local resident with a story to share? Please contact <u>tatsfieldpm@gmail.com</u> and have your five minutes of fame!







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