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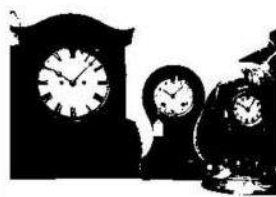
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EDITORIAL

A recent Sunday service at St Mary's began with the prayer: "Lord God, there are lots of things we could be doing today. But we have come here". Perhaps Easter weekend is like that for many, with family and friends to see; children to entertain; and the welcome opportunity of an early season holiday for those who can afford it.

Easter is the most important festival in the Church year. If we believe the Biblical account of the events and meaning of Good Friday and Easter Day and the testimony of Christians for two millennia, then it has the power to transform all our weekends (and weekdays for that matter). Thus every Holy Communion (Eucharist or Mass) remembers the Good Friday sacrifice of Jesus Christ for humankind and every Sunday is a celebration of His physical Resurrection on the third day.

Hopefully, we admire sacrifice when we see it – for example, the commitment of those who staff our lifeboats in order to "save souls" – but on another level we may be slightly uncomfortable when a sacrifice is asked of us or offered on our behalf, depending on the situation.

In the run up to Easter two things struck me concerning the sacrifice of Christ. One writer spoke of looking into the eyes of Christ on the Cross and seeing the depths of the love of God. Another speaker, on BBC Songs of Praise, reminded me of the picture of a hen covering its chicks to protect them, which was an illustration that Jesus Himself used to describe His love for the people He would save.

I warmly invite you to join us at St Mary's on Easter Day and/or the following Sundays, as we especially explore, celebrate and experience the sacrificial love of God in this Easter Season.

With my best wishes for a Happy Easter.

Vince Short



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Madie Langford

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LETTERS

Dear Editor

Let us hope by the time this magazine goes to your door, that snow is a distant memory. However, when it is lurking I am delighted to say that my neighbours were all looking out for us. Trips to doctors and shopping and newspapers and heaters, all were forthcoming. Everyone was willing to do anything we needed, and with a smile. Even British Gas came to the rescue, when the pipes froze, as quickly as they could. I know others who were snowbound were also helped. That is what is so lovely about living in Tatsfield. So thank you Snow Angels, however busy you were, you still thought about us too.

Dawn Forrester Groom

Dear Editor

Well most of the video, sound and static recordings have been made and the only participants that have to go in front of the movie camera are the two chaps that started the whole affair namely Ted Bonwick and Dennis Tapsell. Already "in the can" are Tatsfield Parish councillors under the chairmanship of Nichola Stokoe and her team of Althea Gibson, Helena Garcia, Niall Kells, Ian Mitchell and Mike Sarll who were recorded at the Aileen McHugo Building. This was followed by another team's recording at Ye Olde Ship pub (thanks Tina), who took part in the first ever outside Remembrance service last year on November 11 in the Village centre with the Revd. Vince Short, Martyn Saines, Neil Warren, Ted Bonwick and Trevor Smith. I have a whole lot of photographs to be compiled along with the video recordings and this part of the job will take some time to complete as it's certainly not a five-minute job. But rest assured that I am "on the case" and am looking forward to having all of the relevant bits and bobs joined up to make the story of the whole segued event. That story will be stored on a memory stick of this wonderful (and very moving) first ever happening in Tatsfield. Then Peter Ling will be asked to seal the result in our very own Remembrance stone that he built in our Village Centre. It will be re-opened for all to see in the year 2037 supervised by the trustees Adam Dennis and Harry Boys. The next outside Remembrance service conducted by the Revd. Vince Short, will be held in Tatsfield's village centre on Saturday November 10 starting at 10.45. Any organisations that would like to lay a wreath on this 100th year commemoration please let me know, on 01959 577550 or davedbsound@gmail.com. Thank you everyone who kindly helped out with this project. All the best.

Dave Bishop



TATSFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL RESIDENTS

Tatsfield must prepare a Neighbourhood Plan that sets our vision for the development of our village over the next 20 years. The Neighbourhood Plan must be referred to by the Planning officers at Tandridge District Council when they are considering any application for development in Tatsfield. It is essential that the plan is written and that it protects what Tatsfielders love most about the village.

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TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

First and foremost, I'd like to thank Kim Jennings for coming forward to fill the vacancy on the parish council and we welcome her to the team with open arms. Kim has been in the village for many years and I'm sure many of you know her through the village organisations with which she has and continues to be involved.

Last month we discussed the planning application for Linda's Stores to convert the two shops into one unit with external changes to the shop front and change of use of the rear store rooms into a flat. We decided to support this application as it means a return of the vital services provided by the village shop and post office, which have long been the focal point of the community.

We have recently had a Legionella Risk Assessment carried out on both the Village Hall and the Aileen McHugo Building and, subject to a couple of non-serious rectifications, both buildings are clear.

We have selected a contractor to install new gateways and signage as you enter the village on the Approach Road and the same contractor will also now build the footpath between the village and the scout hut and up to the corner opposite the car park at the old Beaver Water World site. We hope both these works will start in the next couple of months.

We have been made aware of Japanese knotweed growing on some parish land and at various other points in the village. If you are aware of any such areas please do get in touch with us. We are in the process of carrying out various site inspections to see what needs to be done to have it eradicated.

Finally, a reminder that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 1st May. There will be the usual reports from Parish, District and County Councillors as well as from the police. We are also hoping to be able to use the meeting as a public consultation for the proposed installation of CCTV around the village. Once we have managed to confirm this I will let you know but, in the meantime, please do keep the date free.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at the Aileen McHugo Building on Monday 9th April at 8.00 pm. As always, the agenda 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



Council agrees district council tax increase of 2.99%

At the full Council meeting of the 22nd February an increase of £2.99% was agreed (for a Band D property) in Tandridge District Council's share of the council tax for 2018/2019.

This means Band D council tax will increase by £6.09 to £209.71, which is less than 12p a week. Tandridge District Council's share of the Council Tax helps fund a wide range of services including recycling and waste collection, planning, street sweeping, housing, housing benefits and children's play areas.

The increase will help resource work to improve our town centres, invest more in our parks and open spaces, protect our greenbelt, deliver affordable homes and support the district's most vulnerable residents.

Surrey County Council, which provides services including schools, adult social care, children services, roads, fire and rescue and libraries, together with the office of the Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner, have both agreed to increase their Band D level for 2018/2019.

Surrey County Council has agreed a council tax rise of 5.99% in 2018/2019, which includes 3% for social care, while Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner agreed an increase of 5.34%.

This year's total band D Council Tax will be £1,857.57, this is an increase of 5.56%, which is divided among the different organisations as follows:

Authority	2017/2018	2018/2019	Increase
Tandridge District Council	£203.62	£209.71	2.99%
Surrey County Council	£1,331.55	£1,411.29	5.99% (including 3% for social care)
Surrey Police & Crime Commissioner	£224.57	£236.57	5.34%
Tatsfield Parish Council	£48.09	£ 47.57	Small decrease

This gives a Band D Council Tax level of £ 1953.23 for the 2018/2019 financial year. This was agreed with difficulty, including some abstentions on the vote, but after careful consideration and taking in to account the loss of government grants it was felt prudent for me to vote with the Conservative majority in this matter.

Most people on income support, guaranteed pension credit, or very low incomes will continue to have the cost of council tax met by council tax support. Other people will automatically have their council tax support recalculated to reflect their revised bills.

All councils are facing a challenging financial situation due to reduced government funding. TDC are doing all they can to generate savings, as well as reviewing their services and how they are currently delivered. The overall aim is to continue providing services to a high standard and to be available to support more vulnerable residents."

Closer to home I was pleased to be able to welcome Ms Amanda Bird from TDC to the village to explain the new **Community Transport** system to the WI and NSY club members. She will be back for one of the Pop-ins and then the Annual Parish Meeting. Meanwhile the single phone number (01883 732937) for residents who need community transport services in the district will be open every weekday from 8.30am to 5pm to provide advice on the most appropriate form of transport available.

During April I will attend a civic reception for the volunteer section of which Tatsfield have many and I have invited Mr Barry Bull to come along with me so that he may receive the thanks of the wider community.

I am aware that **dog fouling** continues to be a nuisance and I will continue to work with both TDC and TPC to eradicate this problem. Do not be afraid to name and shame the owners who not scoop their poop!

In the future all council meetings will be broadcast live, won't that be fun for you all to watch the Councillors in action (or not in some cases)? More information as the system becomes available.

Over the next few months your dealings with Tandridge District Council may be affected by the changes being implemented under the "Customer First "programme, so please bear with them during these changes. There are some hard decisions being made about staffing with inevitable job losses so if everything else is failing contact me for assistance.

Remember to support local good causes by buying your Tandridge Together lottery tickets.

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

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER VISIT

I have extended an invitation to our Police and Crime Commissioner, Mr David Munro, to come to Tatsfield so that he can update us on current police practices, budgets and the way forward. I am pleased to say that he has accepted the invitation, subject of course to any emergency happening at that time, and will join us on Wednesday 18th April between 10.00 and 12 noon. I will take him on a tour of the village and then we will return to the Aileen McHugo Building around 11.00am where we will hold an open surgery where he can meet the villagers and give you the opportunity to discuss anything that may affect the village or policing in general. I encourage you to come along to the meeting, to show Tatsfield does care about the policing of our village. Please email me on the address below to confirm your attendance, so I have an idea of numbers.

David is responsible for overseeing the work of Surrey Police, holding the Chief Constable to account and helping to tackle the crime issues that matter to you. He has, as Police and Crime Commissioner, pledged to:

- Cut Crime and Keep Surrey Safe
- Support Victims
- Tackle Rural Crime
- Make Our Town Centres Safe
- Tackle the Threat of Terrorism
- Make Every Pound Count

On the web site <http://www.surrey-pcc.gov.uk> you can find information about the Commissioner and his office team, policing and crime in Surrey, and how you can get involved in helping make our county a safer place to live and work. With thanks for your support with this.

Cllr Martin Allen

Tatsfield and Titsey

H 01959 577201 Mobile 07515 923826

Tandridge District Council – Bulky rubbish clearance

Saturday 28th April 2018

7.30am-10.45am

Tatsfield Village Hall car park

POLICING

By the time you read this, I really would like to think that spring is upon us, i.e. no more snow. But as this country has a nationwide obsession with the weather, anything is possible. Heatwave, perhaps?

Well, my colleagues and I are always ready to spring into action, wherever something bad occurs. Thankfully, during the past month, not too much has happened (Rupe's kiss of death strikes again).

There have been two crimes of note. In early March, a vehicle parked on Rag Hill Close was damaged when an unknown offender tried to extract fuel from its tank. Not very successfully, as lots of fuel was discovered on the ground. Sadly no lines of enquiry with this one.

The other one has been classified as a business burglary, as a site off Clarks Lane was illegally entered, with a generator taken. Frustratingly, there are no lines of enquiry to pursue, not even forensics.

That's it for the month. What else shall I fill up the rest of the page with? Simply put, two local appeals for your help please, as Tatsfield residents.....

A regular, yet persistent, issue which seems to come and go, is the parking of vehicles at the junction of Westmore Road and Redhouse Road. The Highway Code is very clear, stating: No parking within 10 metres of any road junction. So that's at least two cars' length. I do understand the location has a premium for parking, but if you are parking a vehicle there, please stop. It is extremely dangerous for anyone exiting Redhouse. If you notice any parking right on the junction, please do not hesitate to report it to Surrey Police on 101. Thanks.

Secondly, Tatsfield is normally a quiet village with (let's admit it) an unusual road layout, which lends itself to keeping any traffic travelling quite slowly. However, recently we have received reports of a red Fiat Ducato van, which has been noted both driving extremely slowly around several roads, and parked with the engine running, with males seen in the van and approaching/leaving it. Not sure what the intentions are, but we're sure that they are not there for any justified reason. Please report any suspicious vehicle to police immediately. Thanks.

Kids: now that you have off weeks off to go wild, please be aware of your own safety when away from parents. If you can, stay in a group, and never talk to strangers. Unless it's me. Also don't get sick on all your choc eggs. Give some to me!!

Have a lovely Easter time everyone.....see you around the village.

Rupert
PCSO 12599 KELLEY

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- North Tandridge Voluntary Car Scheme (formally called Caterham Car Scheme)
- Dial a ride service in the north of the district above A25
- Transport to the Douglas Brunton Centre
- Tandridge Buses 4U demand responsive bus service
- Taxi scheme (formally called Taxi voucher scheme)
- Signposting residents to alternative providers

www.tandridgecommunitytransport.org



In partnership with
Tandridge District Council and East Surrey Rural Transport Partnership

THE ORPHEUS CENTRE – THE JEWEL OF EAST SURREY

Twenty years ago Sir Richard and Lady Annabel Stilgoe made it possible for the Orpheus Centre to be opened in Godstone. Orpheus was started with the aim of providing a space for young disabled people to let their talent and imagination blossom through music and the performing arts. Sir Richard had seen through his work with neurologist Dr Michael Swallow how performance could transform the lives of people – not least because it builds a confidence that can be transferred to day to day living and the work environment.



Sir Richard Stilgoe, with alumni from Orpheus: Angus, Charlotte, Rory and Luke.

Orpheus began with five students who lived at the centre and were taught life skills – cooking, doing the laundry, managing budgets, shopping – but who also wrote songs, choreographed dances and performed. These performances began to change peoples’ perceptions of disabled people and helped to build support for the centre and allow it to expand – and expand it has. There are now 26 full time residents who live in independent flats, and 20 day students. These students have achieved a staggering 167 qualifications in music and the arts. Students past and present have performed in venues such as the Royal Opera House, Glastonbury, the Paralympic Opening Ceremony and appeared in *Call the Midwife*. The students also often came to Tatsfield to sing at St Mary’s The link with Tatsfield has been a long one. Former resident Patti Thomas-Verweij, currently a member of the Orpheus staff has brought



Ann Lovelace, longest serving volunteer.

Orpheus students regularly to St Mary’s Church for Sunday worship. In addition, current resident Ann Lovelace is Orpheus’s longest serving volunteer. Former students Angus Morton, Charlotte Rowling and Luke Tye have all performed at the Flower Festival concerts.

The success of the centre is a result of the determination and talent of students both past and present, and the dedication of its founders, staff and 98 volunteers. All are passionate about the work they do not only at the site in Godstone for the students themselves, but also the outreach work the students take part in which inspires other young adults also in very challenging situations; for example Orpheus students have worked with inmates at Bronzefield Prison and Medway Secure Training Centre. In addition the outreach programme links with other organisations supporting those with



Sam Gyimah MP for East Surrey

disabilities such as young people with epilepsy and also with schools. In all these programmes the gift the students of Orpheus give is “Inspiration and Confidence and Joy”.

At a packed reception at the House of Lords on Monday 26th February Sam Gyimah Member of Parliament for East Surrey spoke about Orpheus being the Jewel of East Surrey because of what it says about people and what is important to people – how the Orpheus mission is to give disabled people the ability

and confidence to do things themselves, exercise their will and their talent. This was fully evident when alumni of Orpheus performed. Angus one of the very first students spoke about his 5-6 years at Orpheus and the positive effect it has had on his life, including an opportunity to perform at the Queen Elizabeth’s 80th birthday celebrations at Windsor Castle, his work recently performing in prisons as part of the Birdsong Project and singing with the Kentish Opera Society.

Sarah Newton, Minister of State for Disabled People, Health and Work emphasised the need to always focus on what people can do, not on what they can’t. The right support, she said, can help people make their fullest contribution to society. Sarah is very grateful for Orpheus, not only for its focus on performing arts, but also for enabling students to move forward, to be accepted and to gain skills to help them join the workforce.



Sarah Newton MP, Minister for Disabled People, Health and Work

The cost of running the Orpheus Centre and its outreach programmes is of course considerable. The reception at the House of Lords was sponsored by Citibank with the aim of raising funds but also encouraging volunteering. John Beere who has now taken over as Chair of the Orpheus Board of Trustees praised the longevity of the Centre’s volunteers, especially Ann Lovelace who after 16 years is still finding it very difficult to leave! There are currently 98 volunteers at Orpheus who contribute in all sorts of ways. To find out more about the Orpheus Centre and explore ways in which you can help and support it and maintain that valuable link with Tatsfield, look at www.orpheus.org.uk.

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TATSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Book Week 2018 - 26th February to 2nd March

The children and staff enjoyed Book Week's focus this year of 'Bedtime Stories'. During the week, children enjoyed hearing stories from other class teachers, a 'Guess Who' competition and decorating their classroom doors. Snow interrupted book week so World Book Day was held on Thursday 8th March when pupils and teachers dressed up in pyjamas and lounge wear to share their favourite bedtime story.



LEWIS RISES TO THE MATHS CHALLENGE

Lewis Longley from Tatsfield Primary School has been presented with a Bronze award by The Mathematical Association in this year's Primary Mathematics Challenge (PMC). The prestigious honour demonstrates his achievement as one of the best young mathematicians in the UK.



The first stage of the challenge took place in November 2017 when the Tatsfield Primary pupils competed alongside 68,000 children across the country. Successfully answering a variety of multiple choice mathematics problems, 10 year old Lewis joined the highest scorers who were invited to take part in the PMC Bonus Round in February.

Lewis rose to the challenge and was one of 1,857 pupils to win an award.

Speaking of Lewis' success Kevin Bellinger, Headteacher at Tatsfield Primary, said "We are all extremely proud that Lewis has won a Bronze award. It is such an achievement to receive recognition for mathematical ability on a national scale. We like to stretch all our children and are delighted that Lewis did so well and that he enjoyed taking part in the Challenge."

Lesley Jones from The Mathematical Association added: "We would like to offer our congratulations to Lewis and all of the pupils that participated. We received a large number of entries, which reflects a real appetite for solving maths problems and puzzles. We always try to make the questions interesting and accessible, while giving pupils an opportunity to apply fundamental maths skills. It is great to be able to acknowledge brilliant young minds in the UK and nurture the future mathematicians."

Karen Longley

NORTH DOWNS SINFONIA CONCERT

The next NDS concert will be on Saturday May 12th, at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Gioachino Rossini wrote nearly 40 operas, although many are now only remembered for their overtures. He wrote '*The Barber of Seville*', '*The Thieving Magpie*' and '*William Tell*' amongst many others, but NDS will be playing the overture to '*An Italian Girl in Algiers*', a comic opera written in 1813. This will be followed by the Mozart '*Piano Concerto 24*' played by Mariela Cingo, who has played with us many times before, and is very popular. The piano concerto number 24 was written in 1786, which is when his great opera '*The Marriage of Figaro*' was premiered. Mariela will also be playing a work by Gerald Finzi, his '*Eclogue for Piano and Strings*'. An Eclogue is a poem on a pastoral theme, and the work was only named and performed after his death in 1956, although it was written in the 1920's.

The second half of the concert will be Beethoven's '*Symphony No 1 in C*', composed in 1800. His teacher at this time was Franz Joseph Haydn, and his influence is obvious, but in the end the symphony is typically Beethoven. He introduced himself with this work uniquely and boldly as an advancing symphonic composer and stood true to this statement throughout his compositional life. The concert will be conducted by Bryn Clarke, who has taken 3 previous concerts for us.

Tickets will be the usual £9 for adults, and £7 for under 18s and pensioners. Please phone 01959 577659, or email northdownssinfonia@gmail.com for tickets, or book at ndsmayconcert2018.eventbrite.co.uk (booking fee applies).

TATTY KNITTERS

A week of snow meant staying in and getting a lot of knitting done. It was back to making the warmer things that I thought wouldn't be needed until the end of the year. It meant a lot of WIP (works in progress) were finished.



It was another busy meeting in March, it's nice to see everybody chipping in and helping each other with various things.

Some of the group have started knitting squares to be given to baby units. These are knitted in pairs, one square given to the baby the other to the parent and they are swapped daily.

We are celebrating Easter at our April meet up with a meal. This is on 10th April from 7.30pm at The Bakery. A three course meal is £25 plus drinks. If you are interested in joining us please contact either Andrew at The Bakery or myself.

Back to knitting on 8th May.

Val Quick 07761571071

LITTLE ACORNS PRESCHOOL

This Term

We've had a busy Spring term looking at Healthy Living including making our own houmous and painting with vegetables, as well as making some lovely Mother's Day cards and making pancakes for Shrove Tuesday. We celebrated Chinese New Year with a Chinese food tasting, making paper chain dragons and paper fans, and St



Patrick's Day with some themed colouring pages. We've also been busy with lots of Easter crafts in the lead up to the Easter holidays and in preparation for our Easter-cise games at the end of term!

We were also very excited to go on a bus trip to Biggin Hill Library where we read some stories about superheroes and made our own superhero masks to take home!

When we return from the Easter holidays we'll be concentrating on our theme of Nursery Rhymes, looking at a different one each week!

World Book Day

Although the snow delayed our World Book Day by a week we had a brilliant time celebrating this on 8th March with our very own pyjama party! The children and staff all looked fantastic attending the session in their pyjamas along with their teddies and favourite bedtime story, where we looked at the story of the Gingerbread Man and decorated our own gingerbread men to take home!

Easter-cise

At the end of the Spring term we will once again be holding our ever-popular Easter-cise games! The children are sponsored to complete four activity stations around the hall, before being awarded their very own medal and Easter egg for all of their hard work! If all of our Little Acorns families and friends in the village could please sponsor our children generously we would be extremely grateful; as a registered charity we rely on fundraising events such as these to be able to buy equipment to further enrich the children's play and learning during sessions. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Thank you for reading!

Mareka Newberry

Office Manager at Little Acorns Preschool
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1st TATSFIELD SCOUTS

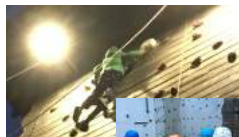


The group at the 1st Tatsfield are very lucky to have a very active program catering for all age ranges from Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorers (from September) so why not consider a change, try something different and make new friends? Here's what's been happening this month:

Beavers

We have had another great month here at Beavers. We started our month with a visit from Tatsfield's Fairtrade Group, as part of the International Badge, the children learned the essential work of Fairtrade and why it's so important to farmers across the world. The Beavers then made banana smoothies - delicious.

For Mother's Day we invited GlitterBox, who are based in Biggin Hill, to come and spend an evening creating gifts for the Beaver's mums. We had a great night designing and drawing on glasses, cups and flowerpots. Our Beavers had some great designs and I am sure their mums loved the gifts they brought home. Thank you so much to Glitter Box for coming to support us.



On Tuesday 13th March, as the rain stopped, 16 Beavers had a session at Downe Activity Centre on their Climbing Wall. Everyone had a go at climbing and for some they reached the very top (more than once!!) Karen and myself had a brilliant night and were very proud of all the Beavers who climbed (our feet stay firmly on the ground).



Cubs

Recently we had a DIY evening where the Cubs, marked out, cut, drilled and nailed to produce a bird box each, a welcome fixture in the cold gardens for little birds. Previously we have had visits from Bat enthusiasts, talking about and displaying Bats both in the hall and wild out side. Birds of prey have been flown in the Scout Hut and mingled in between the Cubs. Just a few examples of some of the more usual activities that take place. Of course it goes without saying that camping, climbing, night hikes, swimming galas and the summer fete are staples of any self-respecting pack!

Children aged 8 to 10 are welcome at Cubs and we aim to give them a broad and varied range of activities and experiences. We are always open to new suggestions and ideas, the boundaries are endless.

Scouts

The Tatsfield Scouts already have 2 wintry camps under their belts this year and a summer camp to look forward to in July. Activities have included night hiking, map reading, fire lighting and first aid as well as knotting, learning about Fair Trade, pancake and Mother's Day gift-making.



Two Tatsfield teams entered 'Colditz' on a dark Saturday night in the middle of March. Over 100 Scouts from East Surrey were dropped off in secret locations between Edenbridge, Lingfield and Hurst Green. Teams were given a list of co-ordinates and checkpoints to reach and had to make it back to the finish in the quickest time without being caught. Dark, warm, waterproof clothing and face paints helped conceal the adventurers while they navigated their way around the country lanes of Surrey avoiding capture. Back at base (Oxted School) bodies and spirits were revived with cake and cocoa and bacon butties for breakfast (after maybe an hour or two of sleep!). This overnight adventure is always one of the highlights in the Scouting Year and was thoroughly enjoyed by both our Scouts and Leaders.



There is another fabulous term of activities planned for our village Beavers, Cubs and Scouts before they break up for summer so if you have a 5-14 year old who would like to make new friends, learn new life skills and teamwork, grow in confidence and tenacity then contact the appropriate leader.

Exciting news! Tatsfield will have its very own Explorers Section from September!

Aged between 14 and 18 years old, Explorers are the fourth section of the Scouting family after Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. With the support, direction and guidance of Unit leaders, they are encouraged to lead themselves, design their own programme and work towards the top awards that Scouting offers. With exciting prospects like being a part of camps and expeditions both home and abroad; adventurous activities such as mountaineering, parascending and off shore sailing; Explorers offers fun and adventure for all. There is also the opportunity to be a part of The Young Leaders' Scheme, which develops leadership skills and sense of responsibility, by helping to run meetings for younger sections. More details will follow about our new section in due course.

Contact details for 1st Tatsfield Scout Group



5-7yrs

To be added to the waiting list contact Jenny Snelling: marksnelling333@btinternet.com



8-10 ½ yrs

Leigh Keegan: 07970 522863



10½ - 14yrs

Johanne Turner: 07415 855023










14-18yrs

S-J Mumford: 07966 227202 (starts September)

Please get involved with Scouts in the village, by helping with the village fête!

For our Tatsfield Scout Group the main fundraising event is the annual 1st Tatsfield Scouts Village Fête, which is taking place on Sunday 1st July 2018 on Westmore Green. We need to raise funds for our Group to maintain the Scout Hut (this year we are replacing the floor), to cover our insurances and training costs and to continue to broaden and develop our diverse, enriching and exciting programme of activities in an affordable way. Given the voluntary nature of Scouting it is important to emphasise that 100% of monies raised go directly into improving Scouting for all children and young people who wish to be part of the great adventure.

What can I do to help?

-  Could you have a stall to sell your product or crafts or promote your village group?
-  Can you spare a couple of hours on the day to help set up or pack the equipment away at the end?
-  Don't be shy - sign up to a half hour or so slot to run the coconut shy or tombola?
-  Would you be able to ferry a few loads of equipment in your van to and from the Scout Hut on the day?
-  Perhaps you, or your business, would be prepared to sponsor a class in our Novelty Dog show for £50 and get local attention at this fun family event?
-  Do you have any fundraising ideas to share?
-  Any old crockery hiding in the attic that you can donate for our crockery smash stall?

Whatever you can offer us, whether it's time, knowledge and wisdom, brawn or sponsorship, we'd be delighted to have you. We are grateful for any support of any kind and a massive thank you to the village for supporting us in our mission.

Sarah Tait

Group Secretary, 1st Tatsfield Scouts

Tel : 07468 589379

Email: mrstait@me.com



COULD YOU ORGANISE TATSFIELD'S POPPY APPEAL?



Jane Abram has organised the Poppy Appeal in Tatsfield for several years and last month's magazine reported that the magnificent sum of £2,048 had been raised in November 2017 for the Royal British Legion to use in their support for the welfare of the Armed Forces. Jane would now like to pass on the reins. Could you help?

What is involved? We no longer do door-to-door collections in Tatsfield. Instead, in November donation boxes are put in about a dozen places in the village – the Old Ship, the Bakery, the Village Club, Tatsfield School, etc. The boxes are collected a few weeks later; the donations are counted and then handed to the British Legion.

This is not a huge job, but it is a responsible one and it is an important one in that it helps those who have fought for this country. Jane is happy to help whoever volunteers to co-ordinate this year's collection, so you won't be on your own! Anyone interested should contact Jane and discuss it with her on 07544 588494.

Bob David

Surrey councils join together to tackle Child Sexual Exploitation

To mark National Child Sexual Exploitation Awareness Day, which was on 18 March, Surrey councils are highlighting the work they are doing to protect and identify children or vulnerable adults at risk in the county.

Surrey councils are working towards setting up a new policy, which will require taxi and private hire drivers to complete Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) and safeguarding awareness training. Existing licensed drivers will have 12 months to complete the training and new applicants will be required to complete it before being granted a licence. All 11 district and borough councils across Surrey have either approved the policy or are in the process of doing so, to take a consistent and countywide approach.

Surrey County Council is also going to require drivers involved in the transport of children to complete the training. This training will mean drivers are more able to spot the signs of CSE when they have children as passengers and will know how to report it.

ST MARY'S MATTERS

Easter Day – Sunday 1st April

We warmly invite you to join us for the celebration of Easter:

- 10am All Age Eucharist for Easter Day
11.30am Holy Communion (a quiet service with no hymns)



Open The Bible



Open the Bible

(Monthly All Age Service at 10am, normally on the 1st Sunday of the month.) On the 4th March we learnt about Fairtrade, with a focus on fairly-traded cocoa. Chocolate products on our

Fairtrade stall in the hall following the service proved popular. Our next Open the Bible service will be on May 6th.

Flower Rota

The Church will be decorated for Easter on Saturday 31st March, beginning at 9.30am. Anyone wishing to join our team will be very welcome. You do not have to be proficient but just enjoy adding to the beauty of St. Mary's. This is how I became involved. The rota for April will be:

8 th April	Ann/Sam Vatcher
15 th April	Ann/Sam Vatcher
22 nd April	Ann/Sam Vatcher
29 th April	Ann/Sam Vatcher

St Mary's Food Bank Collections – Easter Delivery

A big thank you to all who have contributed generously. This has enabled us to make Easter deliveries to Foodbanks in Christ Church, Brixton and Westerham.

Sunday Teas

These will start on 6th May and will continue every Sunday afternoon, 3-5pm, until the end of September.

St Mary's 100 Club results for the March draw:

45. V. Geary £24.25. 39. G. Miles £14.55. 73. H. Gulley £9.70. St Mary's Church £48.50.

Records

12th March Funeral and burial of Amy Burbage

LIMPSFIELD AND TATSFIELD CHURCHES TEAM GOLF SOCIETY MEETING 19TH MAY 2018



A Team Golf Society has been organised by St Mary's to be held at the Orida Parkwood Golf Club, Tatsfield, on Saturday 19th May. Tee off at 1pm.

The competition will be a Stableford which suits golfers of various abilities and handicaps. The cost of the day will be £38.50 per person which includes a bacon roll served at 12 o'clock, a round of golf and a main course of either *Home Cooked Ham, double egg and chips* or *Feta, cherry tomato and olive quiche served with mixed leaf salad* which will be served with wine at 6pm. (Wine will be placed on the table. Once finished, individuals will be expected

to purchase their own should they wish extra; optional soft drinks will be available). Guests are invited to join us around 5pm for drinks and the celebration of results with a few small prizes, followed by the meal. The cost of the meal for those not playing will be £9.50, including wine.

The Society Day is open to anyone from the Team and golfers from the Oxted, Limpsfield and Tatsfield area who are warmly invited to join us on this popular North Downs course, renowned for its wide fairways. We hope everyone enjoys a pleasant relaxed day and of course warmer weather.

The address of Parkwood Golf Club is: Chestnut Avenue, Tatsfield TN16 2EJ. The Club entrance is off the Clarks Lane end of Chestnut Avenue, not Westerham Hill (A233).

To register, please email marjorybroughton@gmail.com and send your cheque together with your main course choice to: Marjory Broughton c/o St Mary's Rectory, Ricketts Hill Road, Tatsfield TN16 2NA made payable to St Mary's Church Tatsfield PCC for £38.50 for golfers and £9.50 for non-golfers. The closing date for entries is Saturday 12th May.

THE CHURCHYARD

Having had a gap in maintaining the churchyard over the winter a group of volunteers met on March 3rd to begin the new season's work. Snow intervened and we spent the morning clearing and salting the paths and part of the church car park so we are looking forward to having a proper maintenance session on 7th April from 10 to 12 am. It would be very good to see our usual volunteers and anyone else who has an interest in the churchyard and enjoys a morning out in the fresh air in beautiful surroundings.

Following tidy-up mornings will be as usual on the first Saturday morning of each month, May 5th, June 2nd, July 7th, August 4th and September 1st. **Mary Smith**

ST MARY'S CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL 2018-19

The Church Electoral Roll is your parish church's register of electors - it is the list of those entitled to attend and to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting where the elections take place for:

- (a) the parochial church council;
- (b) the parish representatives on the deanery synod.

Any person entitled to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting may raise any question of parochial or general church interest.

Revision of the Electoral Roll takes place from Sunday 25th March to Sunday 8th April 2018. Under the Church Representation Rules any persons are entitled to have their names entered on the roll if they:

- are baptised and aged 16 or over;
- have signed a form of application for enrolment;

and either:

- are members of the Church of England or of any Church in communion with the Church of England being resident in the parish or (not being resident in the parish) having habitually attended public worship in the parish during the six months prior to the application for enrolment;

or:

- are members in good standing of a Church (not in communion with the Church of England) which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity declaring themselves also to be members of the Church of England and having habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.

If you wish to be considered for the Electoral Roll, please obtain a form from Chris Hancock (01959 577622), Rev Vince Short (01959 577289) or from the Church Narthex.

Please return completed forms **by Sunday 8th April 2018** to:

Chris Hancock
Electoral Roll Officer
12 Shipfield Close
Tatsfield, TN16 2AU

BIG VILLAGE SPRING CLEAN!



**SATURDAY 28 APRIL
STARTING AT 10am
MEET AT WESTMORE GREEN**

- * EVERYONE, YOUNG AND OLD, INVITED TO HELP.
PLEASE JOIN IN EVEN IF
IT IS ONLY FOR A SHORT WHILE**
- * WE AIM TO COVER AS MUCH OF THE
VILLAGE AS WE CAN,
INCLUDING FOOTPATHS**
- * LITTER PICKERS, BAGS ETC
PROVIDED**
- * REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED**



Arranged by Tatsfield in Bloom

A FUN-FILLED FAIRTADE FORTNIGHT AT TATSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

This year Fairtrade Fortnight was 26th February – 11th March and the children at Tatsfield Primary School once again undertook a number of Fairtrade activities.

On the first Monday the Year 3 children baked lots of different cakes and biscuits using Fairtrade ingredients such as sugar, chocolate and ginger.

The following day the children were lucky enough to have an assembly taken by Julia Cooper from the Fairtrade Foundation. Julia, accompanied by a very large inflatable banana was very impressed and encouraged by the children's knowledge of Fairtrade.

Despite having to be postponed for a week because of the snow, the Grandparent's Afternoon Tea on Wednesday 7th March was a very happy event. The Year 3 children proudly served their Fairtrade bakes from the previous week, which included Gingercake, Ginger Biscuits, Rice Krispie Cakes, Brownies, Tiffin and Smartie Cake washed down with plenty of Fairtrade tea and coffee.



Finally on Monday 12th March the children again gathered for another Whole School Assembly this time to share all they had learned during Fairtrade Fortnight and to sing together a wonderful Fairtrade song.

Mrs Knock is also compiling a Fairtrade cookbook. Each child has been asked to take in a favourite recipe specifying which ingredients are Fairtrade and these will be collated into an online book which will be on the school website with a hard copy also available in the library.

Tatsfield Fairtrade Group have been so pleased to be able to be a part of some of these activities and on behalf of all the Fairtrade co-operatives, farmers, harvesters, sports-ball makers and small-scale miners around the world, would like to say a huge thank you to the teachers and children at Tatsfield Primary School.

Barbara Hester Tatsfield Fairtrade Group



REGULAR TATSFIELD EVENTS

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

Sun	10.00 am	Church service – StM
	9.00 pm	Open Mic night, The Old Ship
Mon	9.30 am	Tots on Top – CH
	1.30 pm	Bridge Club – WIH
	7.15 pm	Adult Ballet - TPS
	7.30 pm	Art Group – VH [Term time]
	8.15 pm	Bingo – TVC
Tue	1.30pm	Whist – WIH (Last Tuesday of the month)
	5.45pm	Beavers – SH
	7.00 pm	Scouts – SH
Wed	10.00 am	WI Pop In – WIH
	1.30 pm	Short Mat Bowls –VH
	6.00 pm	Cubs – SH
	8.00 pm	Yoga – VH
	8.00 pm	Quiz Night, The Old Ship
Thu	10.00 am	Over 50s Yoga – WIH
	1.30 pm	Hear Here – AMB (1 st Thursday of the month)
	2.00pm	Scrabble at Kayani, Greenways (1 st Thursday of the month)
	4.30 pm	Under 8's Judo - SH
	5.45 pm	Over 8's Judo - SH
	7.15pm	Adult Ju Jitsu - SH
	7.30 pm	Duplicate Bridge – WIH
	7.30 pm	Tatsfield Singers - TPS
	8.00 pm	Table Tennis – VH
Fri	10.00 am	Pilates – WIH
	10.30 am	Forget Me Not Café - AMB
	10.00 am	Self-defence and HIIT, Tatsfield Martial Arts (SH)
	11.00 am	Pilates – WIH
	1.30 pm	Short Mat Bowls –VH
	5.30 pm	Badminton club for Juniors – VH
	6.30 pm	Over 10's ju jitsu
	8.00 pm	Badminton Club – VH
Sat	9.00 am	Under 8's Judo - SH
	10.00 am	Composting site (OPEN to September)
	10.15 am	Over 8's Judo - SH
	11.00 am	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

APRIL

7 th Sat	7.00pm	Fairtrade Wine Tasting, Tatsfield School Hall
14 th Sat	3.00pm	THS Spring Show, Village Hall
16 th Mon	7.30pm	TAG Landscapes in Pastel demonstration, VH
21 st Sat	3.15pm	Paddington 2, Curzon Cinema, VH
	7.30pm	Darkest Hour, Curzon Cinema, VH
23 rd Mon	7.30pm	TAG Landscapes in Pastel tutoring, VH
28 th Sat	10.00am	Big Village Spring Clean, meet at Westmore Green

MAY

12 th Sat	7.30pm	North Downs Sinfonia Concert, VH
16 th Wed	7.45pm	There Goes the Bride, Barn Theatre, Oxted
17 th Thu	7.45pm	There Goes the Bride, Barn Theatre, Oxted
18 th Fri	7.45pm	There Goes the Bride, Barn Theatre, Oxted
19 th Sat	1.00pm	Limpsfield & Tatsfield Churches Team Golf Society meeting
	2.30pm	There Goes the Bride, Barn Theatre, Oxted

JUNE

9 th Sat	7.45pm	Yesterday Once More, Barn Theatre, Oxted
10 th Sun	7.45pm	House of Stand Up – Comedy Night, Barn Theatre, Oxted

JULY

1 st Sun	1.00pm	Tatsfield Scouts Village Fete and Dog Show
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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
HORTICULTURAL
SOCIETY**

SPRING SHOW



**3pm
SATURDAY 14th APRIL
TATSFIELD VILLAGE HALL**



**Entry forms to be sent in by 12 April
to any member of the committee
or enter on the website
tatsfieldhorticulturalsociety.weebly.com**



HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY SPRING SHOW 2018

The Spring Show is one of our signature events and is being held this year on Saturday April 14th at 3pm in the Village Hall. It is open for all members to enter and the entry form can be found on page 19 of the Society's Year book 2018 (if you haven't already received your copy please contact Christine Stainer on 577803 and she will arrange delivery).

There are 73 different classes you can enter, not only vegetables and flowers, but pot plants, flower arranging, crafts, paintings, photographs, and domestic produce such as fruity apple tea-time bread (recipe provided), and delicious sausage rolls. Some of you would have sampled some of mine at the Quiz in February. There are also separate sections for the under 17s specially chosen to be interesting for the different age groups to make and do especially during the Easter holidays. Grandparents take note - you too can win the Godard trophy with your grandchild if you enter a class as well! You don't have to just be a parent as we have changed the rules. I have the seed boxes and turf if required for The Fun Play Garden, which could be Easter-inspired, so please do contact me on 542892.

When entering the Show, entry forms can either be given to a committee member by 6pm on Thursday April 12th or enter online using the website: <http://tatsfieldhorticulturalsociety.weebly.com>. Whether or not you chose to enter the Show (I hope you do) please do come along to the Village Hall on Saturday afternoon from 3-4.30pm to see what is always a marvellous display, and then you can make a bid for anything that is placed in the auction. There are always delicious home-made cakes on offer for £1.00 so please do try and support your wonderful Village Show. We are fortunate to have Trevor and Jane Smith presenting the cups and trophies this year, so there is bound to be a light hearted theme to the Show!



Good Luck and hope to see you all soon.

Sue Warren, Chairman



TATSFIELD ART GROUP

Come and join us at the Village Hall for the following evenings:

16th & 23rd April 7.30–10 pm

Landscapes in Pastel IAN HENDERSON (ian@surreyartists.co.uk)

The evening on 16th will be a demo - £10. On 23rd the will be tutoring - £15.

Please ring Carol Gaskell – 57724 or Christine Stainer 577803 for further information.



HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On Tuesday March 13th we were blessed to have our own Ken Dodd of Tatty Tatsfield entertaining us in the WI Hall. A fitting tribute to one of the last great entertainers who had sadly recently passed away.



Bryan was full of enthusiasm and tutored us all by demonstrating how to display daffodils at our Forthcoming Spring Show on April 14th as he is coming to Tatsfield to judge the horticultural sections. He called on three volunteers to have a go using moss to arrange the daffodil flowers. Bryan went on to explain when to pick the flowers, how to prepare the blooms using make up brushes or cotton wool buds essential to ensure perfection by removing loose pollen or blemishes. Thank goodness we are not top grade professionals in Tatsfield, but it gave us an insight in to how serious the real professionals are sometimes spending as much as £50 on a single bulb! There is no prize money to be won at these top British National Shows, so the prize is just knowing that you have beaten your fellow horticulturists giving yourself extra street cred and a red rosette and large trophy.

The volunteers all made a grand job and then Bryan was kind in his judging results. Bryan also brought along lots of dahlia tubers and gave us a demonstration in how to take cuttings - which do need hormone rooting powder, before being placed in multi purpose compost; whereas the chrysanthemums just need pinching off last years plants using your nails and placing them in multi purpose compost. So easy!!!

Bryan then spoke about how to grow various vegetables including potatoes, onions, including onion sets, leeks and parsnips to name but a few. Big tip....Never use old parsnip seed. New unopened packets if you wish to get good germination.

Homemade fruit cake followed washed down with copious mugs of tea and coffee and lots of village chatter. After the refreshment break Bryan gave us a quick lesson in growing sweet peas before everyone was invited to ask questions.

These evenings are informative, enjoyable and very social and with Bryan hysterical at times! He had us in stitches and no one was exempt from his banter as he walked about the floor asking everyone about their own gardens as well. A truly fabulous evening with a record number of attendees totalling over 40 villagers. Thank you Bryan for your generosity in sending us home with bunches of daffodils, pots of sweet peas, onion sets, dahlia tubers, chrysanthemum cuttings and I'm sure lots more as the plants kept coming from behind the curtain! Let's all thank Bryan by displaying our daffodils at the show and show him we didn't fall asleep....well we had no chance of that! Well done. We are so lucky to have our own local entertainer and he will of course be invited again next year.

Sue Warren, Chairman

TATSFIELD IS BUZZING AGAIN IN 2018!

The volunteers have been out most Saturday mornings over the past month. Most of February has been spent clearing and tidying the Community Orchard at the school, which was very overgrown.

The ivy has been bagged up and is waiting to be transported to the Composting Site. Many thanks to Jim Yeeles, who has made a wonderful job of laying the hedge between the orchard and the school. Also grateful thanks to all the volunteers for their help and also with the clearing of the car park and school grounds after the snow.



The Tandridge Together Lottery is now up and running with tickets at £1 each on sale at www.tandridgelottery.co.uk or by telephone on 01883 460555 and the first weekly draw takes place on 31st March. After purchase you can choose which good cause you would like to support.



Please support us if you can – 50p of every ticket purchased goes direct to the good cause. Prizes range from £25,000 for matching 6 numbers to 3 new tickets for matching 2 numbers.

We have been grateful for your generous donations to our funds in the past as well as contributions from local businesses and we hope you will support us again this year with our work in the village.

Jill Hancock

Tatsfield In Bloom (577622)

TATSFIELD IN BLOOM APPEAL FOR FUNDS 2018

I should like to contribute £

Name (optional)

Please put your contribution in the special box on the counter at The Bakery, The Old Ship or The Village Club, or send to Mrs Jill Hancock, 12 Shipfield Close, Tatsfield, TN16 2AU. Please make cheques payable to "Tatsfield in Bloom".

COMPOSTER'S CHRONICLE

Another composting season arrives! The site will be open to receive green waste each Saturday morning between 10:00am and noon from 7th April to 29th September inclusive. **Just a reminder that you must be a member of the Tatsfield Horticultural Society to use the facility.** (Join up at the site – benefits include 10% discount at Knights Garden Centre!)

All being well, by the time you read this article, we will have completed rebuilding the first third of our compost bins. A lot of thought and work has gone into this so I thought you might like to know what we have done, why we have done it and how we have tried to maintain the highest organic standards for our future compost production.

The existing bins were made from old pallets and started receiving green waste in 2013. There is one good thing about pallets – they are a waste product and therefore free (or at least cheap, if you have to pay someone to transport them) and re-use is the best form of recycling. Unfortunately, just about everything else about them is problematic.

They come in all shapes, sizes and construction styles which makes it very difficult to form a regular, sturdy structure. They are nailed together and removing just one slat to modify them requires a surprising amount of time and effort. They are not always available and, when they are, often come in large quantities and take up storage space until needed. We had to start repairing/replacing some of them this year and it became apparent that the time and effort involved would be unsustainable for us as the site aged. The whole site was built in one go and would most likely all start to collapse at the same time.

The decision to buy new timber was taken. We have used treated softwood for the three fixed sides and untreated hardwood for the removeable fronts. The treated softwood was the only real option for the bulk of the construction in terms of durability and cost. Some organic gardening websites don't recommend using treated wood for compost bins but "The Royal Horticultural Society" seems quite happy for it to be used for growing plants in raised beds – let alone compost bins – and doesn't make any distinction between edible and non-edible plants. Apparently, all the really nasty chemicals were banned by the EU in 2004 (which included arsenic, would you believe?) and the only real no-no these days is old railway sleepers which are contaminated with creosote. However, being a bit of a chemicalphobe myself and to remove any risk of our coveted compost being tainted either by reputation or chemicals, we are lining the treated sides with black polythene to avoid contact between the wood and the compost. Martin Allen managed to get the untreated hardwood to make the fronts at very reasonable cost. Thanks for that, Martin.

Philip Brett – hollygrove6-philip@yahoo.co.uk - 577420

THE TATSFIELD GARDENER IN APRIL

The cold spell of weather last month would have caused a lot of problems for gardeners had it persisted, but despite temperatures as low as -11C and a nasty East wind there are no signs of any serious damage. However, with conifers and some evergreens it will be later this month before we can be sure that they are not suffering from 'wind burn'. You may notice that some soft shoots that developed on your roses and other plants have been damaged by the frost and cold winds, don't worry they will recover.

Sowing vegetable and flower seeds direct into the soil might be a bit delayed on our heavy wet soil. Be patient, you will gain nothing by sowing too early, wait for the soil to dry out and warm up, you will be surprised by how fast the young seedlings will grow and catch up.

The good news is that the above average rainfall (and snow) from December onwards has resulted in the low levels of water in our reservoirs and chalk aquifers are now recovering and, fingers crossed, we should make it through this summer without any water restrictions that were being talked about last autumn.

The not so good news is that all this wet weather and dull conditions has seen the growth of moss and algae especially in our lawns. They thrive in damp conditions especially where there is shade from large plants, trees and buildings. Treating moss in lawns with proprietary moss killers may deal with the immediate problem but not the underlying causes. If you can, it is a good idea to prune back overhanging branches to improve the light and air around the lawn. Improving the aeration and drainage of the surface is also a good idea using a fork or spiker – good exercise for the back and legs!! Comb out the moss using a wire rake or hire in a scarifier but be ready for a large volume of moss and thatch (dead grass).

A date for your diary - Tatsfield Horticultural Society (THS) will be visiting the Royal Horticultural Society gardens at Wisley on the 29th of April (we are Affiliated Members). This is the place to go if you are looking for ideas to change your garden, or if you are looking for some new plants for spring cheer; it is of course also a centre of excellence for all things gardening and the Spring displays will be stunning! If you are interested in joining us why not contact Sue Warren our Chairman on neil.warren1@btinternet.com or call her on 542892 – if you don't drive we will do our best to fix you up with a lift. Not a member of the THS? Not a problem, just contact our Subscription Secretary Christine Stainer on christinestainer@yahoo.com or give her a call on 577803 and don't forget the non-member entry fee to Wisley is £13.95 – membership of THS is just £5.00!!

Jon Allbutt

WI REPORT



Our speaker for March certainly knocked down any preconceptions I might have had about film stuntmen and women. Lucy Allen was certainly not noticeably large, tough and muscle bound; rather she was quite petite, slender and very attractive. After showing an early aptitude for gymnastics and acting she found her way into Circus and mastered the high wire acts of trapeze and spinning high above the ring by her neck or teeth!!



Now hooked on adrenalin she discovered something called the Stunt Register and worked hard to master the skills required to become a stunt when she performed all the dirty, dangerous and painful shots that make us gasp when we think our much-loved 'stars' are actually executing them. Many of her jobs over the last 20+ years involved working at heights, balancing on building edges, tripping and falling – one from a memorable 40 foot high cliff falling into a pile of cardboard boxes piled onto the rocky beach below.

Other visitors to our meeting in March were Amanda Bird and Martin Allen who talked about the current Community Transport Service available in Tandridge for all residents needing help to get around the district for appointments, shopping or social events. There is now a dedicated phone number to call and find out what is available, to get advice and to book places if appropriate. (Please see Martin's report for further info.)

This month we will be hearing about the much-loved E.N.S.A. programmes. Although this stands for Every Night Something Awful I am sure it will be yet another entertaining and amusing afternoon. We will start at the usual time of 2.30pm on Tuesday 3rd April. 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. You can also get an update on the village website. (<https://www.tatsfield.org.uk/other-groups/womens-institute/>).

Sue Smale, 01959 577660

NOT SO YOUNG CLUB

We had a very pleasant afternoon this month and dear old George kept the social side of the afternoon up to scratch. He provided us with some more cheeky jokes and some word searches to exercise our grey matter!



Martin Allen brought a young lady in from Tandridge Council, to advise us on the new system for residents looking for transport. It seems that, in spite of the enlargement of our village numbers, the facilities here are worse than in 1955!!!! The biggest loss for the elderly, is the local shop and one can only hope that things will move on a bit quicker than thus far.

We held our AGM this month also and Andy did a splendid job of reminding us what we did on the monthly meetings last year. Also the state of the finances (thanks Andy!). At our next meeting on 10th April we are having a musical Bingo, which I know everyone enjoys. I hope, by then, Spring will really have arrived! Will members please try hard to get to the meetings on time.

Babs Heffernon (540602)

TATSFIELD PLAYING FIELD 100 CLUB

Congratulations to the winners of the Tatsfield PFA 100 Club for February 2018:

1 st Prize:	Richard Olive	£49.50
2 nd Prize:	Dave King	£33.00
3 rd Prize:	Chris Maynard	£16.50

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

We are also looking for new members to join Tatsfield Cricket Club now, so if you are interested then contact our club captain Gary Weaver at gazzaweaver@hotmail.com – we are a very friendly club and play matches on Sundays - enthusiasm is more important than ability (though possession of both would be very welcome!). Indoor nets are currently taking place at Charles Darwin Leisure Centre, Jail Lane, Biggin Hill– Sundays 10:00-11:00, so why not come along and meet us there.

THE NIGHT SKY IN TATSFIELD – APRIL 2018

Recently all the planetary action has been taking place in the morning skies and has favoured early risers who have been able to follow the gradual changes in the positions of Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. However, subtly, the balance is shifting and soon the casual sky watcher who prefers the sociability of evening observing will be rewarded with the presence of bright planets once more.

If you look low down and due west the bright object you can see there is Venus. It's often referred to as the "Evening Star" although as it spends an equal amount of time in the pre-dawn skies it has just as much right to be called the "Morning Star".

On January 9th the Earth, Venus and the Sun were all in line with the Sun in the middle, a situation that is referred to as Venus being at "superior conjunction". After this Venus moves gradually further and further east of the Sun so it becomes visible in the evening sky. The further Venus is from the Sun, the easier it is to see. At the beginning of April it is still relatively close although as the days pass the gap between the two bodies opens up so that by the end of this month Venus is twenty-two degrees high in the west as soon as the Sun has set. If you remember, the horizon to the overhead point is ninety degrees, so Venus will be one quarter of that distance in altitude. If you are tempted to "sweep" with binoculars to find Venus you must **wait until after sunset** or you risk blindness if you accidentally look at the Sun.

Later in the evening, around 11pm at the start of April, the planet Jupiter can be seen rising in the South East. As the month progresses the planet rises slightly earlier each day until by the end of the month it has cleared the horizon by 9pm. It will be at its very best around May 9th when it will be closest to Earth and therefore at it's brightest.

Women in Astronomy – Vera Rubin (Part 5)

Told by scientists to "go away and look at more galaxies" that was exactly what she did although the results were the same despite examining over two hundred of them. The stars on the outer edges of galaxies were rotating around their (galactic) cores far more quickly than expected. In fact their speed was too great for them to be held in place by the gravity caused by the stars that we could see. These results forced astronomers to ask themselves what the "glue" was that held galaxies together and stopped them flying apart. The answer, it seemed, was some kind of mysterious unseen matter – material that had mass and therefore a gravitational effect but didn't emit any light, hence the name "dark matter" was coined. Vera's calculations showed that an average galaxy would be made up of 10% visible mass and 90% dark matter in order for their behaviour to be explained.

Vera made many acerbic quotations in her time, and in one she says "In a spiral galaxy, the ratio of dark-to-light matter is about a factor of ten. That's probably a good number for the ratio of our ignorance-to-knowledge". She knew that in the 1930's Fritz Zwicky had observed groups of galaxies and that he had realised that for them to act as a group in the way they did meant that something visible was missing. Vera had found

the proof for the existence of dark matter and realised that most of the universe was in fact invisible.

However, the obvious question to ask is “What is this dark matter whose influence we can see but is itself unseen by us?” Sadly this remains as yet unanswered though some of the brightest astronomical minds, with some of the very latest technology at their command, are focussed upon it.

Had she been a man Vera would very likely have been the recipient of the Nobel Prize, though she was awarded the National Medal of Science in 1993 by President Bill Clinton and held four Honorary Doctorates. She was someone who never sought personal acclaim or gain; her satisfaction came from scientific study and advancement. She once said “I’m sorry I know so little. I’m sorry we all know so little. But that’s kind of fun isn’t it?”

Brian Mills FRAS



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. **Contact Ingrid in the office on 01306 881816 or find out more on www.brigitte-trust.org**

WESTERHAM FINE ARTS SOCIETY

SPRING - SUMMER PROGRAMME 2018

Meet on the first Wednesday of the Month
in Westerham Hall 7.30 for 8pm

www.westerhamfinearts.weebly.com

4th Apr: BENJAMIN R. HAYDON Artist/Diarist – by Karen Fernald

9th May: LONDON’S FORGOTTEN SCULPTOR by John Sankey

6th June: FABER & FABER excellence in cover design – by Toby Faber

4th July: THE ART OF THE JOKE - given by Susie Harries

NIGEL'S NATURE NOTES

Correspondence:

We have had plenty of Red Kite reports lately. These have, of course, been spotted frequently over the past few years, but it's always an exciting sight. Here's a review of your most recent observations of Kites and other birds:

Nicola (Reeves) (06.02.18): *'Yesterday @ 3pm there was a **Red Kite** circling low over the middle part of Westmore Road. I know they've been around the Botley area for a few years and we've had the occasional one down here, but this was the closest one to the village centre I've seen.'*

Liz (Armitage) (07.02.18): *'**Red Kite** spotted Monday, wheeling high up over our garden in the snow. The **Blue Tits** are already inspecting our new bird box. We also have the **Grey Wagtail** back again. Even more exciting, the beautiful coral **Bullfinch** came back briefly – it's a couple of years since we saw him last, but hoping he will be a regular. It was quite early morning, but I shouted to Alan to come and look - I said, "This is worth getting out of bed for"... and he did! So twice as amazing!!!'*

Martin (Allen) and Julie (Jewell) (12.02.18): *'Looking out of our kitchen window this morning (it faces towards Rickett Hill Road direction) we saw for the first time this side of the village a **Red Kite** flying over what could have been Maesmaur or Borough Road before it was mobbed by a [Carrion] **Crow** and made to flee off to the north over the village centre.'*

(01.03.18) *'Hello from snowy No.38 (01.03.18). The one good thing about being cold here is that it is colder elsewhere and sends the European birds over to us. Delighted to say we have another first to record. A **Fieldfare** on our small privet tree (rather than a hedge). Saw it once and then it returned, strangely staying in the privet rather than taking any of the seeds that were on the ground. The most recent **Red Kite** sighting of a few days ago was whilst we were walking down Greenway as it flew off over the roof tops.'*

(02.03.18) *'The numbers and sightings are going up by the hour. A total of six, yes six, **Fieldfare** were feeding off what looked like to us to be little black berries on the privet hedge/tree. We were then surprised by six, yes six, **Long-tailed Tits** feeding off the fat balls and peanuts. There were flocks (5-10) of both [House] **Sparrows** and **Chaffinches** along with **Greenfinch**, **Goldfinch**, **Robin** and **Blackbirds**. And finally a handsome looking **Song Thrush** was seen in the garden, and at one time was sitting amongst the Fieldfare. We are away for the weekend, subject of course to the weather, so may not see the return of the Fieldfare before they strip the berries completely.'*

Thanks, Nicola, Liz, Martin and Julie. Strangely enough, I was recently thinking that with this cold and wintry weather blowing from the east, I should have had reports of Fieldfares, as in previous years. But no, I've heard nothing - until now. Well spotted!

We've had numerous reports of a solitary Kite over different parts of the village, including Westmore Green. I think the main challenge now is to see who can encourage one to come down and feed in their garden. Keep your cameras at the ready!

Next, a message from Louis and Sandy Philibert (27.02.18): *'Thought we'd let you know we have had a **Goldcrest** feeding on a Coronilla (still in flower) this morning. Not sure whether it is eating new buds but it spent a good 5-10 minutes working its way around. At the same time Goldfinches have been eating the Niger seed on the bird table.'*

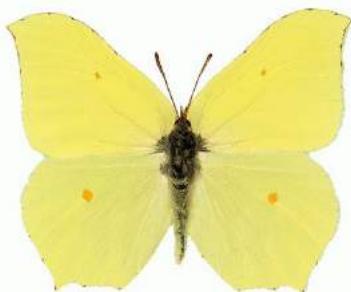
Thanks, Sandy. I now have to look up 'Coronilla' to see what it looks like! Okay, found it: Vita Sackville-West described Coronilla as, 'flowering continuously between those two great feasts of the Church - a sort of hyphen between the Birth and the Resurrection', and praised it for its 'persistence throughout the dreary months'. Let's hope it wasn't the buds the Goldcrest was eating or you may be enduring much dreariness!

Now, you may remember that last month I asked for your deer observations. Well, just as I was thinking all of our resident deer must have fled elsewhere, Tracey (one of our magazine editors) sent a last-minute email from along Ricketts Hill Road (15.03.18): *'In your March notes you asked for sightings of deer in the village. We have a lovely family of three that spend a lot of time in our garden. I'm not sure they are going to be so popular if they start eating our seedlings in the new veggie patch, though!!'*

Mmm – veggies or deer? A difficult choice. Is wire netting the answer? Tracey kindly forwarded a photograph of the deer on her driveway and from that it has been possible to identify them as **Roe deer**. Well spotted, Tracey, and thanks for your report.

I do enjoy a display of determination. Here's a further note from Steve (Gaskell). Carol has recently allowed him back out on his bike for good behaviour (15.03.18): *'Hi Nigel, 2x Brimstones @ French St yesterday (14th). Wrong side of the M25?'*

Good try, Steve, but as French Street cuts across Hosey Common, south of Westerham, your brilliant observation is officially, 'Out Of Bounds'! Better luck next time (perhaps).



Brimstone

Now, for those of you who aren't sure what you're looking for, here's a picture of a Brimstone butterfly. It's yellow - you can't mistake it for anything else! You could see one any day now. My inbox awaits!

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Doors open at 3.15pm for **“Paddington 2”**. This is the sequel to the first film about the marmalade-eating bear from darkest Peru and his adventures with the Brown family in London. I have read that the sequel is the best reviewed film ever on a well-known



website, which is saying a lot.. Also featured are some fine British actors, including Hugh Grant, Sally Hawkins and Hugh Bonneville. A film, which can be enjoyed by adults and children. To tempt you further, **we will be serving complimentary marmalade sandwiches at this showing**, in honour of this famous bear.

In the evening we have **“Darkest Hour”**, with doors opening at 7.30pm. Early in the Second World War, the fate of Western Europe hangs on the recently appointed British Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, who has to decide whether to negotiate with Adolf Hitler or to fight on against huge odds. The film tells the dramatic story, with the nation facing its darkest hour. Gary Oldman has stolen the headlines with his Oscar winning performance as Churchill.



Bob David



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ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

A century ago, many Tatsfield families were waiting anxiously for news from the front.

Among them was Mrs Wallis-Taylor of Paynesfield Road who had given birth to a son soon after her husband had been called up. Driver Forbes of Grove Road had been serving with the Canadians in France but was now in hospital in England. His brother Walter was in hospital in France. Private Blake of the Royal Fusiliers had been wounded and the Westerham Herald reported that Private George Standing of Maesmaur Road - serving in the Royal West Kent Regiment - was also a casualty with leg and arm wounds.

For the parish council, the preoccupation was the supply of food for the population at home. Four tons of seed potatoes ordered by the council had now been delivered and were ready for distribution from 'the Institute' in Borough Road.

The community spirit was strong as the war continued well into its fourth year and there was time for a group photo outside Mr Potter's tearooms, now the Bakery restaurant.



One consequence of the war was that the village's street lamps and posts had not been used and were not likely to be for some time to come. The parish council decided to sell them!

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

TATSFIELD RAMBLERS



Details of walks in the surrounding area for April and early May 2018 are as follows. Everyone welcome including your dogs.

Monday 2nd April 2018

Leader: Carol Hunter, Annette Glazebrook and Jean Bossley

Start Point: 10:15 am Leaves Green, Ashmore Lane car park

Map Ref: TQ414619 Postcode: BR2 6DR

Description: A walk of approx. 7 miles 4 hours. To Keston via Nash. Pub stop in either The Greyhound or The Fox Inn (your choice). We return via the Wilberforce Oak. Some steepish sections. 6 stiles.

Sunday 15th April 2018

Leader: Sue Hyder, Maggie Amos and Carol Hunter

Start Point: 10:15 The Grasshopper Moorhouse

Map Ref: TQ429534 Postcode: TN16 2EU

Description: 6 miles 3.5 hours. We will walk to Chartwell, following the official "Beating the Bounds" route anti-clockwise and back by a different one. No more than 4 stiles.

Sunday 22nd April 2018

Leader: Carol Vening

Start Point: 11.00am Staffhurst Woods Car Park. Drive south from Limpsfield Traffic lights. After just over 2½ miles, turn left onto C85 (signposted Lingfield), then immediately left into Staffhurst Woods Road. The car park is a few yards along on the left.

Map Ref: TQ410487 Postcode: RH8 0RR

Description: Gentle walk around Staffhurst woods, where we'll see a splendid display of bluebells (hopefully). Approximate distance 2 miles 1.5 hours. At the end, for those who would like, we'll adjourn to the Royal Oak, Caterfield Lane for refreshments. No stiles.

Sunday 29th April 2018

Leader: Carol Hunter, Annette Glazebrook and Jean Bossley

Start Point : 10.30am Toys Hill Car Park

Map Ref: TQ470519 Postcode: TN16 1QG

Description: We walk round Toys Hill and then up to Ide Hill village for refreshments stopping at either the Cock Inn or the Community Coffee Shop (your choice) before returning via a more direct route. Approx 6 miles 3.5 hours in total (a different route to the one we did last year) with some steps up and some uneven ground. Two stiles.

Monday 7th May 2018

Leader: Richard Gadd

Start Point: 8.30 am Charmans Farm/Westerham Brewery (off Beggars Lane)

**** Note start point not 100% confirmed yet – awaiting any route updates for 2018 ****

Map Ref: TQ455550 Postcode: TN16 1QP

Description: The Westerham Town Partnership and The Westerham Society will be holding their annual "Beating the Bounds" walk around the Parish on this day. We will be walking the full route anti-clockwise which is a little over 12 miles 7 hours. There are a number of hills. Please note the early start. Additional information (including maps) can be found on [The Visit Westerham website](http://www.visitwesterham.org.uk/whats-on/w-beating-the-bounds)
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Angela and Roger Sawyers (Tel: 577434; Email acresroger@aol.com)

FIVE MINUTES WITH.... JANE KELLS

Welcome to our third article featuring local residents with a story to share. This month we are talking to Jane Kells (nee Standing).

How long have you live in Tatsfield?

I am the fourth generation of Standings living in Tatsfield and am delighted to say that my son and his wife, together with their two children, will carry on the tradition.

My Dad did leave Tatsfield to join the Metropolitan Police but when he retired in 1977 we returned to Tatsfield. That is when my parents bought the 'old' Post Office and hopefully most people will remember Jo and Brian – especially on Christmas Eve when mum served her homemade mince pies with a glass of sherry! We had great fun living there for many years until ill health forced them to retire.

I had two young children during this time, so worked at Tatsfield Primary (the old one!) as a teaching assistant and then moved to Oxted County as Matron with Abi Collins.

What are your favourite memories of Tatsfield?

The weather has been pretty miserable lately but still not as much snow as in the 'old days'. I remember a particularly bad winter, it must be about thirty odd years ago now – Church Lane was completely filled with snow and you had to walk on top of the hedges! We were also on the news as an army helicopter dropped supplies to the farm on Clarks Lane. There was a great atmosphere as people congregated in The Ship or Working Men's Club – everybody chatted and had a story to tell.

I'm very proud to be part of the Tatsfield community but also a Standing as they were one of the original families in the village. On Remembrance Day the names of men lost in the First and Second World War are read out and there are two Standings amongst

them – it's very strange that all these years later my family is still here.

What do you do now?

After our children had grown up and moved on with their lives, Kim Jennings and I felt we needed a project! Kim thought a lingerie shop was just the thing Westerham needed and so we became partners and in 2005 we opened the first Entre Nous Lingerie shop in Westerham.



We trained at Rigby and Peller – that's where we learned NOT to use a tape measure! We also went on mastectomy courses – beginners and advanced.

We had the shop for ten years until our lease expired. Kim thought this would be a good opportunity to try something different but I wanted to carry on in the lingerie business. So in September 2015 Entre Nous (2) was born with my new business partner Kate Frost.

Why do you love it so much, why is it so important?

We love what we do and try to accommodate everyone. There have been a few features about lingerie on ITV's 'This Morning' talking about the importance of being measured regularly because our bodies change so much especially after a certain age! It's not what size you are it's the fit; nobody is the same size in every make - especially if you wear a larger cup the wrong bra size can give you back ache, shoulder pain and bad posture.

I had a young lady in for a fitting yesterday and she was a 32FF in one make and a 34E in another, BUT she had been measured as a 38B in a certain high street store!! This is why we don't use tape measures - they don't work! We measure by the eye.



A lot of people like to come to a small independent shop as it's more relaxed, especially for young teenagers who need their first bra. For a lot of young girls the thought of having a fitting is the most embarrassing thing ever! But we try to make it as simple and easy as possible so please tell your daughters not to worry we understand that they are very shy at this age.

I often see people at keep fit and jogging along the road obviously not wearing a sports bra – this is probably one of the biggest mistakes you could make and damages your breast tissue.

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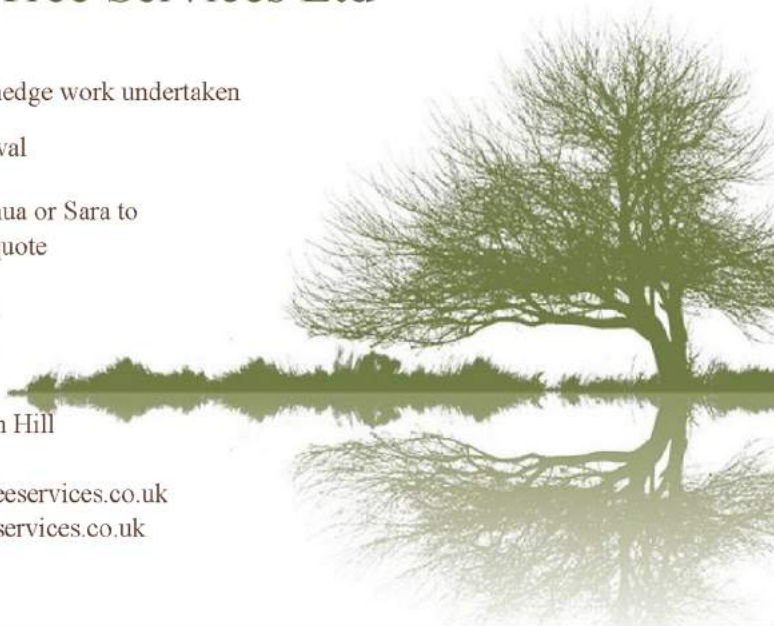
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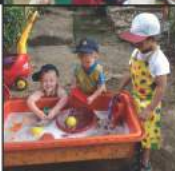


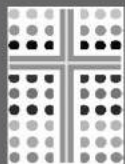
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