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EDITORIAL

Since my career change just over 20 years ago, I've been writing and or speaking about Harvest on an annual basis. However, this is the first time that I have had to think about a "poor harvest" in my reflections. The prolonged dry spell and heat earlier this summer was celebrated by some; endured by others; and a nightmare for our hardworking farmers, as they sought to care for their crops and livestock. Thankfully, according to my source (BBC's Countryfile Programme) there is still a harvest, albeit with reduced yields and the probability of higher prices, which will at least provide some compensation to farmers for their reduction in income. Gardeners have also had a hard time as, like farming, they need sunshine and rain and too much or too little of one or the other can cause problems.

During the drought, I prayed for rain and for comfort for those who have been affected by wild fires in Europe and beyond. It is said that prayer should lead to action and so it is significant that there now seems to be a greater acceptance of the causes and reality of climate change, along with the need to do what we can to limit the process for the sake of future generations.

The uncertainties of the weather, with its potential to affect the harvest we work for, seems to underline the ancient and widespread tradition of being thankful to God for what we reap. This dependence on the forces of nature is expressed in our traditional harvest hymns, for example, *We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand.*

We are now approaching the celebration of Harvest, with our annual service at St Mary's at 10am on Sunday 7th October. This is an opportunity to give thanks for all kinds of "Harvest"; thanks for those who work in the stages of production and distribution; and thanks to God for the very processes of growth and fruit.

This time also marks the start of the academic year and a sense of beginning to work at new things following the summer break. May God bless the seeds that we sow now, and may we reap the harvest that our efforts deserve.

Vince Short

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LETTERS

Tatsfield Village Store Update

Dear Residents, Exciting news! We wanted to update you that we can now confirm who will be taking on the Tatsfield village store. So without further ado we want to introduce, Tatsfield's very own, Sheree and Simon Cook! We are very excited for the great opportunity this is for both Sheree and Simon and the village to give the store a new lease of life. We are confident that the store will be brought back as the thriving hub it was, and one of the key attractions of the village. We don't want to steel any thunder, so will let Sheree and Simon describe their vision for the store in due course. As for when it will be open, our building works in the shop are due to complete by early September. When we have finished, Sheree and Simon can begin their works, and are aiming to open in November. We appreciated the support received by many in the village over the last few months and hope that the above is happy news for all. We hope the whole village will be supportive of Sheree and Simon as they embark on this new chapter!

Pippa and Vanessa Mitchell

From Sheree and Simon...

We would like to take the opportunity to introduce ourselves and give a brief update on progress with the re-opening of the village store.

We moved to Tatsfield four years ago from Biggin Hill and like most residents fell in love with the village. It has always been Sheree's dream to run a village store with a tearoom. When we found out two months ago that Vanessa and Pippa were looking for somebody to run the store, it was the ideal opportunity to realise that dream. Since making the decision, Sheree has taken early retirement from the NHS as a Theatre Nurse. Initially I will continue with my career in the military, however I do have the option to take early retirement if necessary.

Building work is well underway with the store and the old greengrocers being converted into one. Our plan is not only to re-open the store, but to also to incorporate a tearoom as well. We will be selling all the usual lines you would hope to find in your local store as well as sourcing products locally. Sheree also has a passion for arts and crafts, which is another element we are looking to introduce.

The whole process so far has been an extremely steep learning curve. Linda ran the shop since 1971 and it really was the hub of the village, so a tough act to follow. We are in contact and extremely grateful for the help and advice she and other villagers have given us.

If all goes to plan, we hope to open mid-November. The setting up of a Post Office counter is complex with training etc and we will be exploring the possibilities; but we

have to be honest initially it is not feasible if we want to open in November. In the meantime, we will endeavour to provide some of the services such as stamps, cashback and some form of parcel delivery/collection.

We are excited, nervous but extremely encouraged and grateful by the amazing amount of positive feedback we have received especially about the inclusion of the Tearoom. We look forward meeting you all when the sign on the door turns to 'open'.

Sheree & Simon Cook

'Megan Wood' Sadly, our best loved pet cocker spaniel 'MEGAN' is no longer with us, having succumbed to that awful disease of cancer followed by a last and final visit to her vet, just before her 14th birthday. We had Megan when she was just 10 weeks old. We all spent many happy times together over the years and she has made many friends first in Tatsfield, where we lived before moving here to Roborough,



Devon where she continued to enjoy herself in many ways, again making numerous friends wherever we travelled and visited. She will be sadly missed.

David & Eleanor Wood (01805 60356)

A big welcome to new arrivals in Tatsfield – Mr and Mrs Michael Mallard.... To the Manor borne!



Summer arrived and so did Mr and Mrs Michael Mallard (Drake and Duck).

They happily ate any frog spawn, possibly newts as well, but were obviously used to begging for food from humans too. We know this as Mrs Mallard (Mrs M) stomped into our conservatory quacking loudly until I rustled up some seeded bread. The couple

stayed for a few days and then disappeared having eaten all available food, just as I was thinking I must get proper duck food for them. A few days later Mrs M appeared again with two very new and little ducklings. Mr M having done his duty, never arrived again. Mrs M was very careful to see her babies were safe and fed as well. I was now getting concerned for their safety as my pond although quite big is not very deep.

One morning I heard Mrs M quacking loudly and I leaned out of my bedroom window to see Mr Freddy Fox (Mr F), supposedly having a drink at the pond, there being no other source of water. He fled when I shouted at him, but I now was very worried for the poor little ducklings and their survival.

I phoned my neighbour at the Manor House, because she had mentioned earlier in the month that two ducks were visiting her pond. I asked if she had ever seen the ducklings

at her pond, and she was relieved to know that they were with me. One dark evening driving up Manor Road in light of her headlights, to her amazement, she spotted Mrs M and two tiny ducklings walking up the middle of the road. So, Mrs M and family were commuting between our ponds at considerable risk of being run over or an untimely death in the jaws of Mr F.



We decided the best way to protect them was for me not to feed them at my pond, even if Mrs M was asking for food. This was hard to stick with, but Mrs M quickly realised the restaurant at my pond was closed but another had opened at the Manor House. As we all hoped, she took up full-time residence at the Manor House. There, not only did she get three meals a day, but was even provided with a new

duck house (running water, central heating and air conditioning etc (but not paid for on expenses!) in the middle of the pond, out of reach of even Mr F who then lost interest.

We have all enjoyed the antics of this little family and watched them grow and start to stretch their very new wings. Their only challenge now is when Mr Harry Heron (Mr H) comes and perches on top of their beautiful duck house in an effort to catch fish from the pond. But I suspect Mrs M is a bit stroppy and would see Mr H off if she wanted. We are now wondering if the ducks will stay or whether they will depart when the ducklings are ready to try out their new wings?

Dawn Forrester Groom

Tatsfield's Remembrance Stone

As Tatsfield's Parish magazine readers will know, the first Remembrance Service sponsored by the Parish Council was held outside Ye Olde Ship pub on Saturday November 11 last year conducted by the Revd Vince Short and what a splendid event it turned out to be. Again (as you know) the Parish Council has asked for this to be an annual event to be run on the Saturday prior to the full service at St Mary's Church on the



following day - Sunday. So (whatever the weather) please diary Saturday November 10 for this year's outside Remembrance Service in the Village centre (outside Ye Olde Ship pub) starting at 10.40 – 11.15am. It's just a thought but wouldn't it be extra nice to have a "proper" flagpole erected on the Ship Pub's green and fly the Union flag on that special parade day.

It was decided that a recorded story of the first inaugural Remembrance Service would be sealed in a phial that would be sealed by the Remembrance Stone's builder Mr Peter Ling and that phial will be opened under the auspices of two local Duke of Edinburgh Award winners, Adam Dennis and Harry Boys in the year 2037.

Since that decision was made, I have taken into account and recorded as many of the people that were involved in our first Remembrance Stone starting of course with the two main protagonists Mr Ted Bonwick and Mr Dennis Tapsell followed by the members of the Parish Council and so on. The list of "live" recordings I have made grew along with those made including those made with the flying drone on Westmore Green. The whole set are nearing completion and they will need compiling into a proper sequence so as to present the full story that will be opened and presented to Tatsfielder's in almost twenty years' time. It is the compiling that I am delighted to inform you that the very clever Paul Myers will be segueing onto a 64 Gigabyte memory stick and hermetically sealed to keep the recordings "safe" for the next required years. This compiling will take some time and it will include photographs supplied by Tatsfielder's and I must thank the Parish magazine team and everyone else for their complete support from start to finish in this wonderful venture.

Dave Bishop

FLYTIPPING

Help prevent flytipping in Tandridge

This summer, Surrey residents and businesses are being urged to be vigilant when employing traders to dispose of their waste or risk fines of up to £400.

Although a rogue trader may flytip the waste, it could still be whoever employs them who is fined. To avoid prosecution, residents and businesses must ensure they use a registered waste carrier and ask them how and where they intend to dispose of waste, get a receipt and avoid traders who knock on doors or advertise on websites like Facebook and Gumtree.

Flytippers can face fines of up to £50,000 and imprisonment of up to twelve months if convicted. They are also at risk of being sentenced to unpaid community service or having their vehicle crushed. In January this year, a Mitcham flytipper was fined £1,980 after dumping waste on Epsom Common.

If someone is spotted flytipping in the district, it should be reported to Tandridge District Council. To report an incident, find out how to check if a trader is licenced and for more information on fly-tipping, visit <u>www.recycleforsurrey.org.uk</u>.

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TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council takes a break from its duties in August, but I hope you have noticed the works that have been taking place. We now have entrance gates demarking the entrance to the village along with the long-awaited scout hut path. Hopefully, over the coming winter months this will make it easier for those using the scout hut and also walkers. You should also soon see the new porch to the village hall and glass entrance door which should give more light into the foyer.

We are still in the process of researching and consulting on the CCTV installation. A number of councillors met Mark Howells, Tandridge's crime prevention officer for a Q&A session. We hope to be able to make a formal decision on whether to proceed with this project by the end of the year.

We still seem to have some parking issues in the village centre and Surrey County Council will be running a consultation shortly as to whether we need double yellow lines at key areas in the village, for example, outside the old bus shelter, the Bakery green and the cross roads at Crossways/Paynesfield Road to name a few.

We've been told about a number of cars left in the village hall/AMB/school car park overnight. This is a private car park for users of those three buildings and overnight parking is prohibited. We request that this practice ceases with immediate effect.



A number of people have suggested that it's time for the fencing around the Royal Oak on Tatsfield Green to be removed. Jon Allbutt tells us a tree needs to have plenty of branches low down in its early years to make the trunk thicken. The lowest growth will soon be removed and some weeding done but the fence will remain in place for the time being. The long-term aim is to have no branches below the level of the top of the protective wooden fence in the hope is that in, say 50 years, the lowest branches will be just above 'head height'. This should result in a superb tree with a low broad crown

supporting several hundred species of plant (moss, lichen), insect species and birds.

There is currently a vacancy for a Parish Councillor so if you are interested or would like to know more please do get in touch.

Finally, we would like to wish the In-Bloom team the very best of luck in the judging this year and we look forward to hearing the results.

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be held at the Aileen McHugo Building on Mondays 10th and 24th September - both at 8.00 pm. As always, the agendas will be made available on village notice boards and at: <u>www.surreycommunity.info/tatsfield/</u>

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



"TIMES ARE A CHANGING"

Tatsfield Neighbourhood Plan aims to make provision for sufficient new and affordable homes, over the next 15 years to

meet the needs of the local community and encourage and balanced and diverse community.

Open meetings at the end of April raised many issues to take into account including:



"Affordable homes for young people" "Bungalows for old people" "No more new large houses" "Use Beaver Waterworld site" "Sheltered housing"



"Limit development to brownfield sites" "No family houses – no school" "Keep our unmade roads" "Restrict private builds where one property is replaced by 2 or more" "Transport links – more buses" "More contemporary designs – flats" "No more development on the roads that are

already built. Move the development boundary" "More 1&2 bedroom houses needed especially for the old and young"

The Parish Council will use your responses to the upcoming surveys to inform its neighbourhood plan policy.

Help us to guide the future of **your** Tatsfield.

Thank you, Tatsfield Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Email your comments to tatsfield.plan@btinternet.com



NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

The Steering Group shared the Fairtrade gazebo at the Scout Fete on Westmore Green on Sunday 6th July, amongst the comments made to us was "*No more bungalows knocked down to build more houses on the same plot*". Do you agree/disagree with this comment? Did you know that you can now make your



own comments about future development in Tatsfield on <u>tatsfield.plan@btinternet.com</u> or send them to me on <u>jon@jonallbutt.co.uk</u> and I will make sure they are put 'on the record'

The consultation process is moving ahead and over the next couple of months we will be circulating a **Housing Survey** and a **Business Survey**. These two surveys are vital to ensure the Steering Group have the most up to date data that is possible so please make sure to fill out and return them.

The Steering Group will be preparing and circulating a 'call for sites', that is to give landowners/homeowners the opportunity of identifying their land and/or properties if they wish them to be included in any future development plans and policies, it is expected that this will be done in September/October.

The Steering Group will continue to hold further public consultation sessions and are actively enquiring when would be the most suitable times for particular groups e.g. parents with young children, local businesses, elderly residents and local groups. We would very much like to hear from these and other groups – contact Jon Allbutt at jon@jonallbutt.co.uk or give him a call on 01959 – 577100.

The next meeting of the Steering Group will be held in the Parish Room (The Aileen McHugo Building behind the Village Hall) on Tuesday 11^{th} September at 8.00pm – please come and join us – **your input is vital to the consultation process!**

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

TANDRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Well it will be September by the time you read this, and the long hot spell will be a distant memory much like my writing in the Magazine as the last time I wrote was for the



June edition. I wish I could say it has been busy interesting and rewarding but alas mostly just procedural matters being resolved.

As a consequence of the different make-up of Tandridge District Council (TDC) I was moved from Community Services to Finances but retained my place on the Housing Committee as well as representing TDC on the Biggin Hill Consultative Committee and the Surrey County Partnership Board.

Being absent for much of June saw the early weeks of July with me playing my part along with Jeremy in the internal consultation and amendments of the local plan in readiness for its presentation to the public for the 30th of July. It was necessary but nonetheless tiring to start an afternoon with a Biggin Hill meeting at 15.30 followed by three consecutives TDC meetings finishing at 22.35 in the evening; the up side though was that it meant the councillors and the officers could then enjoy what is always a quiet August holiday period.

Transformation programme at TDC to deliver a new approach for customers

This is part of the Council's radical transformation programme, called Customer First, which will provide a new operating model, based on principles which put the customer first and drive efficiency.

The organisation is being transformed in two phases:

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To enable the Council to respond quickly to problems and situations out in the community, a new locality services team will be created. This team will work closely with residents, ward councillors, parishes and the voluntary sector, resolving local issues and enabling communities to be more resilient.

Watch this space for further news as the scheme develops.

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registered on the website. Tickets are available to buy at <u>www.tandridgelottery.co.uk</u> and residents who don't have access to the internet can also take part by calling 01883 460555.

Please support Tatsfield good causes by buying your tickets.

Copies of the **Tandridge Magazine** and a **Draft Local Plan Consultation Leaflet** with specific information regarding Tatsfield and Titsey should have been received by each and every resident in both Tatsfield and Titsey in early August. If you have not received your copy please contact me and I will arrange for them to be sent to you. All the details on the Draft Local Plan can be found on the Tandridge website at www.tandridge.gov.uk/localplan

Rural Crime - According to data (courtesy of the National Farmers Union), in 2016 rural crime cost the UK £39.3m and those involved in rural crime are often connected to serious organised crime as well.

Rural communities (such as ours) are the police's our eyes and ears, so it is more important than ever that we engage with each other to combat such crime in Tandridge. We encourage a network of various members of the community including Farmers, Anglers, Breeders, and many more. We appreciate their experience. By engaging and communicating directly with each other, you can increase confidence to report crime to us.

Some statistics from Dan Gutierrez' s office.

As regards recorded crime in the past year to date (July to July) in Tandridge.

There has been an 8% reduction in total reported crime. Included in this is a 24% reduction in residential burglary, 4% reduction in vehicle crime, and a 5% reduction in theft and handling.

I have tried to advertise as much as possible the upcoming (or may be past) **Road Closures** that will affect us as we leave the village to the South. I hope it was not too disruptive. Also remember the usual White Lane closure for the Bec Hill Climb in early October.

I continue to Chair the Tatsfield Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (current details are elsewhere in the Magazine) as I believe parishioners should be given the opportunity to have their say on the matters that are important to them and that will affect the Parish for the next 20 years. The committee would welcome your involvement in this process so speak to me or Jon Albutt if you want to know more.

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 cllr.martin.allen@tandridgedc.gov.uk

Or martin_allen@talk21.com

POLICING

Greetings Tatsfield, I hope you had a great summer break, with holidays, etc. I'm sure some of you are a little sunburnt, as even here it got a bit scorchio at times! Crimewise, there have been a few things; please consider this covers a two-month period.

At the end of June, a tractor was stolen from a site on Approach Road. Delighted to say that as a result of having a tracker fitted, the tractor was located near Sevenoaks and recovered by Kent Police. A nice bit of cross-border assistance and harmony. Good show. Next, a lean-to shed was forced open on Lusted Hall Lane, with a pushbike being stolen. Despite enquiries at the time revealing 2 possible male suspects going door to door with a vehicle, sadly they could not be identified. Social Media also had no luck in finding a witness to the theft. In July, sadly, a property was broken into on Approach Road, where items of jewellery were taken. Being relatively isolated, there were no witnesses or CCTV, and with forensics being negative, the case has had to be filed. There have been two instances of two hanging baskets stolen from outside St Mary's church on Church Hill but, as you could imagine, no witnesses or CCTV mean that no offenders can be found. Lastly, again two instances of criminal damage caused at Parkwood Golf Course. Firstly, offender had collected some large buckets and set them alight. Secondly, a vehicle was seen by a golfer driving across the course causing damage, described as a black VW Golf. So, if anyone sees one of these around the village driving like an idiot, please take down the number plate and call us (Surrey Police) on 101 quoted crime 45180086573. Many thanks.

With the issue of organised FRAUD targeting mostly the elderly and vulnerable currently pervading the news, please can I make a direct appeal to anyone who considers themselves within those spheres: if anyone phones you unexpectedly, claiming to be anyone from a bank, police force, bailiff, HMRC etc. and mentions any kind of financial problem with an account, a debt, or even your computer. IT IS A SCAM.

Do NOT give any personal details away to anyone on the phone, even if they are threatening you with swift action. Do not take money or transfer out of your account as an instruction from these people. I personally have no truck with anyone that phones me at home. If I get a call out of the blue, as soon as they have asked after me by name and start explaining who they are and why they are calling, I stop them and state "I'm sorry, if I don't already know you, and I'm not expecting your call, I'm not talking to you, goodbye". That's it. Anyone who is genuine will duly get in contact physically, if there really is a problem. PLEASE do not fall for these deceptions. I care about you and your safety too much to allow this to happen to anyone else in the area.

Kids: Back to school, sit up straight, and brains back into gear. You will all do great things I'm sure, well done.

Rupert PCSO 12599 KELLEY, Surrey Police

Open Letter from Keith Jecks, Chair of the Planning Policy Committee

At 9am on Monday 30 July our six-week Draft Local Plan Consultation (Regulation 19) begins. This will be the last opportunity for you to have your say about the plan before comments are analysed and it is presented to a government planning inspector.

Unlike earlier consultations which considered alternative options, Regulation 19 is solely concerned with legal compliance and soundness (in planning language) of the draft plan and these are the only comments we are able to consider at this stage. Having said that, all comments received will be made available to the inspector, so if you have something to say, and do not know whether it is relevant in terms of legal compliance or soundness, I encourage you to say it.

To help make the plan more relevant to where you live, we have delivered a fact sheet to every home in the district. This includes a map and details of the plan's contents in relation to your area encompassing sites for new homes, employment and infrastructure improvements. These will help you focus on the part of the Plan which may affect you and I urge you to look at the detail. You can find all the documents on the website at <u>www.tandridge.gov.uk/localplan</u>. There are also copies of the draft plan to view in libraries and at the Council Offices, Oxted from Monday.

This Plan is not just about building houses. It is an infrastructure led plan, underpinned by a sound economic strategy. This Plan will deliver new roads, improved healthcare facilities and schools to support existing and future generations. It is about creating homes for local people, creating more highly skilled local employment opportunities and significant infrastructure improvements to benefit everyone in the district.

It will provide two new primary schools, a new secondary school, improvements to the A22 (from and including its junction with the M25 to help keep traffic moving from Caterham to Felbridge), a new doctors' surgery, flood relief measures in Caterham, Whyteleafe and Smallfield, better rail connections and improvements to parking facilities.

We need a Plan which keeps this district vibrant, thriving and sustainable for the next generation. Standing still and keeping things as they are is not an option. We have an ageing population and homes which cost so much our young people have no option, but to move out of the area. We need to provide for future generations.

We have looked at all brownfield sites in the district, as well as whether we can build more in our urban areas. I believe we've gone as far as is possible in these areas to try and meet our needs, but it is not enough to deliver the housing required and as a consequence would not produce the infrastructure we need.

We've had to look at sites within the existing Green Belt and have only proposed for housing those which are exceptional cases and provide wider community benefit. Despite allocating these sites there remains a housing shortfall. Releasing some Green Belt, as other councils have had to do, is a regrettable route we are being forced down, but this will put the Council in a better position to protect the rest.

During the preparation of the draft Local Plan over 300 sites, the majority located in the Green Belt, were sent to us by land owners and developers for consideration. Having carefully analysed all the evidence, we are only proposing 10 of the Green Belt sites for housing development. These have only been allocated where they can deliver a clear community benefit and where it is demonstrated that exceptional circumstances exist.

I appreciate those living in South Godstone will be affected more than any other community by our proposal to develop a Garden Community. We will do everything we can to reduce the impact on existing residents. Once the plan is adopted, we will prepare an Area Action Plan (AAP), which will set out the detail and guide the development of the Garden Community. This AAP will be drawn up in very close consultation with the existing residents, to ensure any benefits for them are maximised and any disadvantages minimised.

We have not made any of these decisions lightly. We have had challenging and robust debates at our recent committee meetings. Every councillor who represents you is doing their utmost to ensure this plan delivers a better future for the district. You can view these meetings online at <u>https://www.tandridge.gov.uk/webcast</u>.

The consultation ends at 5pm on 10th September. Please get involved, read the documents and make your comments.

You can contact me directly at <u>cllr.keith.jecks@tandridgedc.gov.uk</u> if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Keith Jecks, Chair of the Planning Policy Committee





POPPY APPEAL ORGANISER URGENTLY NEEDED FOR TATSFIELD



Can you help organise the Poppy Appeal in Tatsfield in 2018 and so continue the long history of collections in Tatsfield each year?

The Poppy Appeal was first held in 1921, the year the British Legion was founded. Red silk poppies, inspired by the famous World War I poem "In Flanders Fields", sold out instantly. The funds helped World War I veterans find jobs and housing after the war. The funds now raised each year ensure that vital funds for our Service men and women continue to be found.

Collections in Tatsfield go back many years and some will remember these being organised by Liza Player and Pam Draper for long periods. In recent years, this has been taken on by Jane Abram and magazine readers may remember that Jane reported earlier this year that the magnificent sum of £2,048 had been collected in November 2017.

Jane is now passing the reins on. What is involved? We no longer do door-to-door collections in Tatsfield. Instead, in November donation boxes are put in a 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. It can be seen that 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.

Most of your effort would be between October and November. Training is provided and expenses are reimbursable.

Interested? You can find out more by contacting Peter Wakeham the Community Fundraiser for Surrey. His contact details are: phone – 01273 411058; mobile – 07826 908603; email – pwakeham@royalbritishlegion.org.uk.

Bob David

LITTLE ACORNS PRESCHOOL

End of term: To finish the year and say goodbye to all of our leavers going up to big school we had a brilliant last day with our end of term party and show. All of the children did fantastically well



performing some of our favourite nursery rhymes for their families, followed by our leavers telling everyone what they would like to be when they grow up and had even dressed up in character, before graduating from preschool. We wish all of our leavers the best of luck in their next adventure!

We are looking forward to welcoming our younger children back in September and can't wait to hear all about the exciting things everyone has done over the holidays!

September Spaces: We still have some session spaces available for children wishing to start in September. We accept FEET funding for 2-year olds, 15 hours funding for 3- and 4-year olds and the extended 30 hours of funding for working parents, along with a range of childcare voucher payments and tax-free childcare payments.

We also have spaces available in our breakfast club from 7.15am for both preschool children and children attending Tatsfield school.

Volunteers needed! As a registered charity, Little Acorns is run by a group of volunteers who make up our management committee. Anyone in the local community can get involved and it's a great way to meet other locals, enjoy running some brilliant fundraising events and support a long-running village establishment. If you have some spare time to help the preschool we would be extremely grateful. Anyone with experience in finance, management, fundraising, childcare, baking - the list is endless - and we'd love to hear from you! Please contact our committee chairperson on chair@littleacornstatsfield.co.uk if you think you can help.

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



THE SEPTEMBER FILMS





Curzon County Cinema are back in the Village Hall this month after the summer break with two films with intriguing titles – one of a character familiar from our childhoods and the other with a title which is just intriguing. They are showing on Saturday 15 September. Tickets are £5. Pay at the door or reserve online at www.curzoncountrycinema.co.uk.

Doors open at 3.15pm for "Peter Rabbit", which released few was а months ago. Peter and his three sisters – Flopsy, Mopsy and Cotton-Tail enjoy their time in Mr Mc Gregor's vegetable garden but things change when one of Mr Mc Gregor's relatives moves in and a battle of wills



breaks out. It is perhaps very different from the memories you have of Beatrix Potter's stories, but it has many good messages and it made one reviewer laugh throughout the entire film.

Doors open at 7.30pm for **"The Guernsey** Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society". In 1946, Juliet (the main character, played by Lily James), a charismatic and free-spirited writer receives a letter from a member of a mysterious literary club started in Nazioccupied Guernsey. She has an idea for a book, visits the island and makes lifelong friends with members of the club. It is a beautiful story of love, friendship and sadness of friends lost.

Bob David



TATSFIELD ART GROUP

At the beginning of July, Tatsfield Art Group exhibited paintings, sculptures, photographs and cards. Over 200 people visited us over the weekend, 124 of these chose their favourite picture, which was THE JOURNEY by Sandra Shury. Congratulations to her.

TAG were delighted to welcome six guest exhibitors this year and hope that Brian Ling, Linda Lambert, Kate Bamber, Helen Vane-Percy, Susan Swete-Davis and Steve Gaskell enjoyed being part of the show.

Core Taggers Sheila Alexander, Christine Stainer, Maggie Garstang, Sue Brown, Jane O'Keefe, Carol Pearson, Gill Manners, John and Margaret Kenyan-Roberts, Mike Moore, Julie Leversedge, Sandra Shury, Sue White and Jackie Copeman started the show set up at 7:30 ably assisted by Mike Lambert, Malcolm and Paul Stainer. We were ready to open by 11am and nobody exhibited a sense of humour failure in spite of the inevitable hiccoughs. Thanks go to all their efforts and for putting up with me bossing them around.

Special thanks go to Sheila Alexander who always organises our refreshments and bakes gorgeous scones.

Our raffle this year featured THE FOUR SEASONS. Small pieces painted by the group and put together to represent

Spring - WINNER Barbara Hester Summer - WINNER Val Bain Autumn - WINNER Kat Clarke

Winter - WINNER - Julie Mullan

We are now beginning to plan for our return to the new painting year which begins with our informal AGM at Springfield Cottage, Westmore Road on September 10th at 7:30. Anybody interested in joining us is welcome to attend. We look forward to welcoming new member Nicky Chetwynd on that occasion.

Our calendar is nearly fully booked with tutors in a variety of media beginning with Anthony Neild who will demonstrate pen and ink techniques and then lead us in a workshop. Being a member includes all tutors, entry to the exhibition, access to the TAG cupboard of equipment and refreshments at all our sessions. An average cost of around £5 a session.

If you are interested in joining us for the full year or just a session or two please get in touch with either Christine Stainer at <u>christinestainer@yahoo.com</u> or me carol.gaskell1@ <u>btinternet.com</u>. 07815775859 TAG CHAIR.

NORTH DOWNS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND ENSEMBLES

An unusual gathering at Oxted School's Meridian Hall involved participants of all ages playing rhythms on a range of hardware such as dustbins, buckets, hard hats and broomsticks!

The NDCOE is developing percussion sections for orchestra and band. This is with the kind help of a grant from the Hazelwood School Community Fund which has also been used to buy some starter percussion instruments. Our plan is to run а number of basic introductorv opportunities for interested local adults in the hope of finding a few people who discover that they would love to join our orchestra's and/or band's percussion sections.



On Wednesday, 25th July 2018, a 'junk percussion' workshop was held for potential percussionists who had responded to our percussion project publicity, also for some orchestra and band members and their families. We were very fortunate that Claire Hasted was able to lead the workshop. Claire, who is an experienced professional orchestral percussionist, arrived suitably equipped with wide ranging but clean/safe 'junk' and drumsticks for us to play with. Claire currently teaches at Christ's Hospital School, Horsham and Charterhouse. She has examined for Trinity Guildhall and consulted for the Associated Board Royal School of Music (ABRSM). She coaches the National Children's Orchestra of Great Britain and is a member of Albert's Band, the education ensemble at the Royal Albert Hall. We were very fortunate that she was able to lead our workshop.

During the course of the evening we progressed from 'body percussion' (our own) through plastic beaker percussion to 'junk percussion'. After that we also began to incorporate some real percussion instruments and finally Claire held a short technique session with some basics for playing proper instruments – there is still much to learn but this was a fun way to begin!

After the workshop, the next step in our percussion project is to invite potential adult percussionists to come along to some of our North Downs Band rehearsals. Band can use some fairly straightforward music for well-known songs - every part also has the words printed on it to hopefully help with 'reading music'. Band rehearses on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month and currently meets at the Godstone Scout HQ, Endeavour on the Green, from 7:30 - 9:30pm. Send us a contact form via our website, if you would like to give this a try too. Our band is looking for all sorts of musicians and welcomes anyone who plays any instrument. So please come along too in the next few
weeks, if you play an instrument and would like to get started with playing music with others by trying some fairly straight forward music.

Meanwhile, after two successful concerts in 2018 already, our orchestra has been taking a well-earned summer break. The new 'term' actually begins on Wednesday, 29th August followed by September rehearsals on 12th and 26th. We return to rehearse again under the baton of our Musical Director, Shona Fenion, who has an exciting plan for the pieces of music to be worked on next! The first few rehearsals at the beginning of term are a particularly good time for



potential new members to come along for a visit. We are an orchestra that welcomes all players of orchestral instruments – no auditions or grade certificates needed! Although numbers have increased steadily over the two and a half years of the orchestra's existence, there is still plenty of room for more – we use a big hall at Oxted School and we currently use about half of the available space! Of course, like every amateur orchestra, we would like more strings and brass, but orchestral percussionists and orchestral woodwind players are very welcome as well. Please check out our website: thefunorchestra.co.uk and send us a contact form to let us know you are interested or if you have any questions.

NORTH DOWNS SINFONIA

The next NDS concert is in the Village Hall, on Saturday November 10th at 7.30pm.

For the first time, this concert will be all English music, and will comprise:

Vaughn Williams – English Folk Song Suite, followed by the ever-popular Lark Ascending, with the amazing young soloist Haru Ushigusa on violin. To round off the first half will be the Gustav Holst Suite de Ballet. This is a rarely played piece – getting hold of the music was very difficult – but deserves to be played more frequently.

The second half will include Butterworth – A Shropshire Lad; Coates – An Everyday London Suite; and Elgar's brilliant Pomp and Circumstance March No. 4. Coates wrote mainly in a light vein, and you will immediately recognise some of the London Suite, of which the third movement is 'Knightsbridge', long famous as introductory music to the BBC radio feature 'In Town Tonight'.

As usual, tickets will be £9 adults, £7 concessions (under 18s and OAPs) available by phoning 01959 577659 (Peter or Jan) or by emailing <u>northdownssinfonia@gmail.com</u>.



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NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS WITH A GP IN EAST SURREY

Every patient registered with a GP in East Surrey can now access evening and weekend GP appointments. Patients can book additional evening and weekend appointments at one of two primary care hubs in the local area. The service was developed by NHS East Surrey CCG, working in partnership with local patients and clinicians. The hubs are run by Alliance for Better Care Ltd, the local GP Federation. The GP hubs began offering both routine and urgent appointments from 3 April 2018. These should be booked through the patient's own GP practice. The hubs are located at:

- Caterham Dene Community Hospital, Church Road, Caterham
- The Hawthorns Surgery, 1 Oxford Road, Redhill, Surrey

CCG Clinical Lead and local GP, Dr David Hill, said: "We want to ensure that all patients in East Surrey get the best possible care in the right place, at the right time. We have designed this new GP service in partnership with local people. You told us that having access to a GP in the evenings and weekends for help with urgent problems and minor ailments was important to you. Patients also told us that Redhill and Caterham were the most accessible locations."

How to book into the hubs: Patients can book appointments by calling their registered GP Practice in the normal way, during normal opening hours. Clinicians working at the new hubs will be able to access a patient's medical records if the patient is happy to share their information in this way. Patients will be asked before any information is shared and can decline for their information to be shared in this way if they wish.

Dr Hill added: "Increasing access to GP services is one of the CCGs highest priorities and I am thrilled that we are able to offer this improved service to everyone. Although patients may not see their usual doctor or nurse they can still expect to receive a high level of treatment and care."

DO YOU ENJOY A GAME OF WHIST?

If so come along to the W.I. Hall on the last Tuesday of each month at 1.30 pm and enjoy a pleasant afternoon with other who enjoy the game.

Shirley Murgatroyd

ST MARY'S NEWS

Open the Bible (10am on the 1st Sunday of the month)

We warmly invite you to our upcoming All Age services on 2nd September and 7th October (Harvest).



Harvest Festival All Age Service 10am 7th October (& 11.30am said Holy Communion)

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

Christ Church are particularly glad of the following which go in their 'store cupboard' and provide the makings of a simple meal for those in immediate need. Rice, pasta (including pot noodles) and tea bags, breakfast cereals, cans of: baked beans, tuna, sardines, meatballs, meat pie, stewed meat. Cans of tomatoes and canned vegetables such as carrots and peas. Canned fruit and fruit salad, packets of custard, jars of jam.

On this Harvest Sunday, we will be inviting those who have helped with Church Teas, Church Flowers and Churchyard Tidy-up to join us at 11am for Tea, Coffee and Cake in the Millennium Hall, as a thank you for all their help.

Remembrance Weekend – Commemorating 100 years since the end of WW1

In addition to supporting the Act of Remembrance on Saturday 10th November in the Village Centre, plans are in hand for the weekend at St Mary's Church. In Church, we hope to have special displays of flowers, art and poetry, with a welcome to visitors throughout the weekend. On Sunday 11th at 10am, we will hold a Remembrance Service, including Holy Communion and the observance of the two-minute silence at 11am. Refreshments will be served and at Noon we will offer a ticketed Remembrance Lunch in the Millennium Hall. All profits going to The Royal British Legion.

Church Teas, 3pm-5pm conclude on Sunday 30th September. A big thank you to all who have supported them. A further opportunity to purchase and enjoy our tea, coffee and cake will be at the event with local group "Back to Eden" 8pm-10.30pm in the Village Hall on Saturday 13th October (details and tickets, as advertised), with proceeds supporting the Village Hall Kitchen refurbishment.

Food Bank news - Another delivery made! Thank you to everyone for their continued support with food and toiletry donations for our recent delivery on 20th August. Our next collection will be completed at Harvest (details above) Hilary.

St Mary's Church 100 Club results for the July draw:

20. DJ Tapsell £24.75 51. RG Gascoigne £14.85 40. M Perrin £9.90 St. Mary's £49.50

St Mary's Church 100 Club results for the August draw:

63. J Thomson £24.50 75. D Parker £14.70 52. S Waters £9.80 St Mary's £49.00

Flower Rota

2nd September	Brenda Fairclough	9th September	Pat Walsh
16th September	Pat Walsh	23rd September	Ann & Sam Vatcher
30th September	Ann & Sam Vatcher		

My grateful thanks to Pauline Conlon, Sue Saunders, Sue Warren and Brenda for their beautiful displays in the Church during July and August. The date for Harvest Festival weekend is 7th October, with decorating the Church on Friday 5th and the morning of the 6th. There is a wedding in the afternoon of the 6th.

We have also held meetings at my house on the 16th/17th August to discuss both Harvest Festival and Remembrance Sunday. The latter being 100 years and of course falling on the 11th/11th, it is felt we should distinguish this year by creating something a little more special.

Anyone wishing to join our happy group of flower ladies, please contact me on 577207.

Ann Vatcher

St Mary's Churchyard

This has been a very up and down time for the churchyard. The good things are that the compost area has a new, attractive wattle fence round it and fencing along part of the area which falls down to the road. The Woodland Trust is giving us 90 wildlife friendly hedge whips in November and some of these will be planted alongside these new fences and the others will replace those that died in the new hedge.

The down side is that the two hanging baskets on the church porch were stolen at the end of July and the two on the lych-gate went at the beginning of August. A year or two ago the baskets on the lych-gate were stolen along with equipment from the outer store, so it was decided, at the time, to add an external CCTV camera to the existing systems in the church and hall and this will be in position fairly shortly.

James Longley and Gary Abrams continue to strim and mow the grass and Jon Allbutt came to start pruning and give us advice about continuing to prune the large bushes in the grounds. The wonderful volunteers cut the hedges, strim, weed and keep the churchyard being the attractive space it is. The next tidy-up days are September 1^{st} and October 6^{th} .

Mary Smith

Records

12th JulyFuneral of Sylvia McMahon5th AugustBaptism of Arthur Saunders22nd JulyBaptism of Amelia Crocker12th AugustBaptism of Willow Rawlins12th AugustThanksgiving for 60 years of Marriage – John and Pat Stokoe

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

TATTY KNITTERS

Holidays meant one thing at the August Knit and Knatter..... there was more cake for those that did come along.

September's meeting is on the 18th. Please note this is one week later than normal. Time 7.30pm until 9.30pm ish in the Bakery; buy your own drink, cake supplied.



October's meeting will be on the 9th. All crafts welcome, beginners welcome.

Val Quick 07761 571071

HERE HEAR

Winners of the Faith in Action Award 2018!

'Here Hear' is a partnership scheme between 4 hospital audiology departments and churches in the Surrey and NE Hampshire area, which was launched in 2013. Local audiology staff train church volunteers in understanding hearing impairment and basic hearing aid maintenance. 220 volunteers have been trained so far and 70 sessions have been set up across the 2 counties.

This free service has been provided in Tatsfield since March 2016 and continues on the 1^{st} Thursday of every month between 1.30pm – 3pm in the Aileen McHugo Building, behind the Village Hall. This session is offered by St Marys Church and several volunteers. Two of the volunteers have been trained as Hearing Champions and supplied with batteries and tubes to deliver this drop-in service. Those who attend the sessions are provided with easy access to support and help, for which they would otherwise have to travel to the hospital, saving them time and a longer journey.

For the audiology teams, the 'Here Hear' scheme has reduced the number of attendees at repair and maintenance clinics, this is helping to take the pressure off the NHS. 'Here Hear' is the winner of the inaugural Faith and Health Award 2018, chosen for its cross-impact and community-driven approach. Faith Action has launched the award to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the NHS and to shine a light on the role that volunteers and faith communities are playing in supporting health and well-being in their communities.

Hilary Vale



BADMINTON TASTER EVENINGS FOR ADULTS AND JUNIORS

Friday 14th Friday 21st September Tatsfield Village Hall



ADULIS FROM 8 TO 10PM

Fancy playing badminton? Tatsfield Badminton Club are inviting all who are interested in playing to a free taster evening. All are welcome – from beginners to experienced players. You will have the opportunity to join your local club, who play all the year round on Friday evenings in the Village Hall.



The club runs a junior section for 6- to 16-year olds, split into two groups playing on Friday evenings between 6 and 8 pm. Badminton is a great game for boys and girls. No playing experience is necessary. Racquets will be provided.

Just turn up but phone please contact us if you would like to find out more. Bob David on 01959 577357 or Julie Barlow on 01959 541103.

REGULAR TATSFIELD EVENTS AND INFORMATION

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

Sun	10.00 am	Church service – StM
Mon	9.30 am 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 5.30pm 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	WI Pop In – WIH Short Mat Bowls –VH Cubs – SH Yoga – VH
Thu	10.00 am 1.30 pm 2.00pm 4.30 pm 5.45 pm 7.15pm 7.30 pm 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 Tatsfield Singers - TPS
Fri	8.00 pm 10.00 am 10.00 am 11.00 am 1.30 pm 5.30 pm 6.30 pm 8.00 pm	Table Tennis – VH Pilates – WIH Self-defence and HIIT, Tatsfield Martial Arts (SH) Pilates – WIH Short Mat Bowls –VH Badminton club for Juniors – VH Over 10's ju jitsu Badminton Club – VH
Sat	9.00 pm 9.00 am 10.00 am 10.15 am 11.00 am 11.30 am	Under 8's Judo – SH Composting site (OPEN to September) Over 8's Judo - SH Parish Council Café -The Bakery [to noon] Adult Judo – SH

If you would like your 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 • SH - Scout Hut • StM - St. Mary's Church TACG – Tatsfield Allotments and Community Garden • TVC - Tatsfield Village ClubTPS -Tatsfield Primary School • VH - Village Hall • WIH - Women's Institute

UPCOMING EVENTS – VILLAGE AND BEYOND

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

SEPTEMBER

1 st Sat		Churchyard Tidy Up
4 th Tues	2.15pm	Can I Help? I'm a Paramedic, WI Hall
6 th Thurs	7.45pm	Tatsfield Singers, Tatsfield School
8 th Sat	3.00pm	THS Autumn Show, TVH
11 th Tues	8.00pm	Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, AMB
13 th Thur	7.30pm	Twilight Robbery, Barn Theatre, Oxted (and other dates)
14 th Fri	6.00pm	Badminton Taster Session, TVH
15 th Sat	7.30am	Bulky Rubbish Collection, Village Hall Car Park
15 th Sat	9.30am	Fairtrade Tea Tent, Westmore Green
15 th Sat	1.00pm	Tatsfield Beer Festival, Westmore Green
15 th Sat	3.15pm	Peter Rabbit, TVH
15 th Sat	7.30pm	Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, TVH
18 th Tues	7.30pm	Tatty Knitters, The Bakery
20 th Thurs	6.00pm	Westerham Brewery Tour in aid of Cancer Research
21 st Fri	6.00pm	Badminton Taster Sessions, TVH
24 th Mon	7.30pm	Pen and Ink Landscapes Demonstration, TAG, TVH
28 th Fri	7.30pm	Tatsfield in Bloom Celebration, TVH
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6 th Sat		Churchyard Tidy Up
1 st Mon	7.30pm	Pen and Ink Landscapes Tutoring, TAG, TVH
2 nd Tues	1.00pm	WI Harvest Lunch, WI Hall
7 th Sun	10.00 am	Harvest Festival Service, StM
13 th Sat	8.00pm	Back to Eden, TVH
15 th Mon	7.30pm	Animals in Coloured Pencils Tutoring, TAG, TVH
17 th Weds	7.45pm	Hobson's Choice, Barn Theatre, Oxted (and other dates)
20 th Sat	10am	RNLI Fair, Oxted Community Hall
25 th Thurs	7.45pm	A Time to Remember, Barn Theatre, Oxted (and other dates)

EMERGENCY INFORMATION – DIFIBRILLATORS

The following Automatic Emergency Difibrillators (AEDs) are available in and around Tatsfield. No prior training is required as instructions and audio guidance is provided:

Village Hall, Tatsfield, 24 hours a day

Crossways Court, Tatsfield, 24 hours a day

Mayfield Stables, Ricketts Hill Road, Tatsfield, 24 hours a day, on left hand side of entrance.

TATSFIELD FAIRTRADE GROUP

Making a Positive Difference when you shop

Each one of us is part of that thing we call "the economy". We all act as consumers most days and many of us are also workers

or run businesses. The choices we make in each of those activities ripple out to the wider world. Acting together, our choices add up to signal our preferences to businesses, governments and potential entrepreneurs. That is why some say the "Customer is King". If we want it, someone will supply it as there is potential for profit to be made. Choosing items that carry the Fairtrade symbol when you shop can be a powerful act. Together we are leading to positive change in the world that improves the lives of nearly 2 million farmers and workers. Here are a few key facts and figures:







Fairtrade is not a charity. It is simply about making informed choices that demonstrate the power of you! Please look for the symbol when you

shop. Fairtrade workers receive a fair price for their product plus a shared premium

which the local community spends as they choose to improve their productivity or the quality of their lives through a range of projects including clean water pumps,







schools, tractors and so on. For more information visit the Tatsfield facebook page or follow us on Twitter.

Hilary Harber, Tatsfield Fairtrade Group



1st TATSFIELD SCOUTS

As I write this article the finishing touches are taking place to the Scout Hut. With the money that we raised at the July Fete, the hut is being repainted and new flooring being laid. I am sure when the sections return in September they will be very impressed with the work.



Scouts Summer Camp



This year the Scouts headed off to Norfolk, for what turned out to be the hottest week of the year. This did not stop the Scouts having a great time raft building, canoeing and kayaking in the river. They also had a go at axe throwing, mountain biking and water games. They returned from the week's camp full of excitement and can't wait for next year.

Explorers

From September the new Explorers Section will start in Tatsfield. This is aimed at 14-18 Year olds and is the next step following Scouts. Seven of the existing Scouts are moving up to Explorers. If you would be interested in finding out more about this exciting new adventure, please contact Sarah-Jane Mumford on details below.



AGM

On Tuesday 11th September we will be holding our AGM. This is open to all parents who have children in either Beavers, Cubs or Scouts and it is a chance to find out what we have been up to this year and what plans are in store. The AGM will take place in the Scout Hut from 6.30pm.

Jenny Snelling, 1st Tatsfield Scouts Beaver Leader

Contact details for 1st Tatsfield Scout Group

BEAVERS	5-7 yrs	Jenny Snelling: marksnelling333@btinternet.com
cubs	8-10 yrs	Leigh Keegan: 07970 522863
SCOUTS	10 ½ -14 yrs	Johanne Turner: 07415 855023
EXPLORERS	14-18 yrs	S-J Mumford: 07966 227202

THE TATSFIELD SINGERS

After a wonderful summer Tatsfield Singers should be well and truly warmed up to start the new term on 6th September. For those of you in the audience who sang so well with us at our Summer Concert, it is an ideal opportunity for you to come and join us and spend a relaxed and enjoyable evening in a friendly atmosphere. There are no auditions, there is no need to read music and you even get a free tea or coffee to wet your whistle.



We are delighted to welcome our new Musical Director, Sarah Fryer, who will be leading the choir through a varied repertoire of music and preparing the Singers for the Christmas Concert on 15th December.

Sarah is probably already well known to many in the village as her first teaching post was at Tatsfield School. She has wide experience in not only teaching music but leading choirs and organising concerts and events and will be continuing to teach music at Hazelwood School in Oxted from September.

In her introduction to the Singers, Sarah said "I love teaching and in particular love teaching music. It is something that anyone can be part of and enjoy. It is going to be great working with you all. I hope you will leave the rehearsals having enjoyed the sessions – feeling good and with a smile!"

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: THURSDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER @ 7:45pm, TATSFIELD SCHOOL

"Singing is a way of escaping. It's another world. I'm no longer on this earth" (Edith Piaf)

CALLING ALL TATSFIELD WINE MAKERS!

This is a super year for growing grapes! We have a big crop in our 'vineyard' outside the Bakery and I am sure there are lots more in our Tatsfield gardens. The Tatsfield In Bloom Team are appealing for a wine maker in the village to come forward and help us make some 'Chateau Tatsfield'!

If you can help us, please contact Jon Allbutt on 577100 or email him on jon@jonallbutt.co.uk.

Please also let Jon know if you have a big crop of grapes and would like to make some wine.

TATSFIELD IS BUZZING AGAIN IN 2018!

Judging Day took place on Thursday 5th July when, I hope you will agree, the Village looked absolutely beautiful! Thank you to the many volunteers who turned out on that morning to make sure that the

village showed itself off at its best. The judges seemed to be impressed, particularly in the community involvement, but we will have to wait until **Friday 14th September** when the awards will be presented in Brighton.





We will then be celebrating our efforts on Friday 28th September

at 7.30pm in the WI Hall. Anybody who has helped at all during the year is very welcome to come and join us.

Since the judging day the volunteers have been very busy looking after all the displays, particularly watering practically every day during the heatwave. Saturday morning work has included deadheading the flowers and weeding and this will continue throughout the summer.

I am sorry to report that four of the hanging baskets at St

Mary's Church have been taken since Judging Day and also that the fruit from the trees in the Community Orchard has been removed and thrown around the car park and the school. It is disappointing that such things happen in Tatsfield. If you have any information about these incidents please let me know. The thefts of the baskets have been reported to the police.

Jill Hancock - Tatsfield In Bloom (577622)



COMPOSTER'S CHRONICLE

As anyone who uses the site will know, we have had continuing problems with the input belt on our big shredder. It was out of action for some weeks which caused us to have to ask people to limit what they brought to site for shredding. The build up of material in the soft bay meant we also had to ask allotmenteers not to add to it. Very frustrating for all of us.

The good news is that we have now cleared all the backlog (hope I'm not speaking too soon as the shredder is in "limp home" mode really) and we are now accepting material from the allotments again with two brand new bins for the allotmenteers to use. I have carefully monitored the wear on the belt since its initial appearance and, together with exhaustive talks with Godfreys, I am now fairly sure the problem is caused by small particles, especially grit and small stones entering the machine. This highlights the importance of making sure any roots are free of soil.

We are looking at the possibility of temporarily replacing the belt with a metal plate. This will allow us to assess how much functionality we would lose and also to be able to return to the belt system if we felt we could eliminate the ingress of small particles. We had a couple of good weeks using the old green shredder for the small crumbly stuff and keeping the large machine for the fresher more wholesome material which it deals with so well but, unfortunately, the green machine has reverted to its habit of not always starting.

Anyway, we'll plod on keeping our fingers crossed for a positive response to our grant request for a machine to replace the old green one – now not expected till end October.

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



Westerham Brewery Tour, Tasting and Street Food

Join us for a fun evening at Westerham Brewery Tap room. Ticket price includes $9 \times 1/3$ pints of Westerham beer (wine/soft drinks available as alternative), a talk from Robert Wicks, a tour of the brewery, and street food. All profits from the evening will go to Cancer Research UK.

Westerham Brewery Tap Room & Shop, Beggars Lane, Westerham TN16 1QP 6 – 9pm Thursday 20th September 2018. Ticket price £20

debbieinnes@hotmail.com or https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/westerhambrewery-tour-tasting-street-food-tickets-45546394492

TATSFIELD ALLOTMENTS

Well, as you can imagine, the allotment plots have suffered from this heat-wave. But we came back from a 3-week holiday in Canada to find Carole Cudden watering our plot for us, and other neighbouring plot holders had also watered too. Huge thanks to Carole, Rob Saunders, Mike Sarll & all others who helped. What lovely people we have here in Tatsfield.

So, all our crops were saved and are now coming in early - runner beans, courgettes, peas, rhubarb, gooseberries & blackcurrants. A mystery fruit bush has appeared on our plot - bearing enormous blackcurrant-type fruit. Even the SE In Bloom judges couldn't identify it. Mind you, although impressed with the site, they were more interested in how much wine was quaffed at our various functions!

On that subject, by the time of going to print we will have had another plane-spotting BBQ in August on the weekend of the Biggin Hill Festival of Flight, as we get such wonderful views from the community area. Another BBQ will be planned on bonfire night - both of these events are very popular with plot-holders and well attended.

Alan has had trouble with his waterworks...the float got stuck in the big tank preventing it refilling. After numerous phone calls to the suppliers, several spare parts being sent, and lots of head-scratching, a violent shake was all it needed to get it going again. As my mum used to say "brute force & ignorance gets the job done".

A word of warning: Alan & Jim McKenzie found a snake trapped in some wire netting on Jim's plot. Believing it to be dead, they untangled it, but were alarmed when it started twitching! Jim immediately dropped said snake and "legged-it". The snake had a dark zig-zag pattern on its back so may be an adder! Beware when walking in long grass!

Felicity Armitage

Tatsfield Primary School Hall - Lettings

Do you know someone local who is looking for a venue to run an exercise class or a club?

Tatsfield Primary School has some availability for long term lettings of the school hall on Tuesday and Friday evenings and all day on Saturday.

To make enquiries, please contact the school office on 01959 577 356.

THE TATSFIELD GARDENER IN SEPTEMBER

Our gardens are gradually beginning to recover from the very hot dry spell this summer. We had just 2.2mm (a tiny amount) of rain in June and temperatures as high as 23C; in July we had no rain at all until Friday 29th when the dry spell broke with a violent storm, and by Sunday 31st we had a total rainfall of 29mm (just over an inch and well below the long term average); the hot weather in July peaked with a record high of 35.2C on the Thursday 26th, during this week the night time minimum temperatures hovered just below 20C; August looks like being a fairly average month for rain and temperatures although on the 9th we had 19mm of rain!

Despite the cooler temperatures and some rain, conditions remain serious in our gardens with evidence around the village of drought damage to some trees, shrubs and hedges, cutting back dead branches will make the gardens look tidier, but it will be next spring before we know whether the damage is serious enough to require hard cutting back or removal of dead plants. I have lost a number of small shrubs that have been in position for nearly 20 years and have decided that it is time for a clear out. Cutting down and clearing out now is good as it allows time to cultivate the soil, add some much-needed compost, deal with any perennial weeds and get ready for planting before the end of the year.

The good news is that yields of some vegetables and fruit trees is very good, but our hedgerow fruit was much reduced except for a few areas where there is moisture in the ground.

My lawn was not watered during the dry spell and now has large brown patches of dead grass. I have cut the green bits very close and scarified the whole area in several directions to remove all the dead material – if you don't have a scarifier use a wire rake, very good exercise! The bare patches have been sown with a pre-germinated grass seed. Pre-germinating grass seed is very easy to do, mix a handful of grass seed thoroughly in a bucketful of slightly damp sandy soil top dressing mixture; keep it in the bucket, cover it and leave for three or four days then put it into the bare areas firming it gently; water it lightly if the weather is dry and it will be up and growing in about a week.

It has been a super year for many insect species and that includes the wasp! This is a great worry for those who react badly to a wasp sting and it is very wise to have nests treated that are near the house. In general, they are not very aggressive and not much interested in humans, but they will react if disturbed! They are gardeners' friends like so many of this group of insects so please do not wage war on them unnecessarily! For those of us who have wood burning stoves it is good to remember that the queen wasps will be overwintering in our log stores. To avoid bringing them indoors – and waking them up! – fill your log baskets during the day; it is easy to carefully pick off a sleeping wasp and move her somewhere safe.

Jon Allbutt, 577100

WI REPORT



We had the most glorious weather for our summer Garden Party in July. Members were invited to enter the spirit of the event and wear a pretty hat and bring along a



posy of flowers. The posies made a delightful display. The refreshments were provided by the committee with plenty of tasty delights for everyone.

Our meeting in August was a talk entitled "And So To Ted". Once again Melanie Barton Gibson gave a really entertaining afternoon (well researched and well presented) and packed with everything you need to know about Teddy Bears. How they came to be the comfort toy of every generation since the early 1900s. We heard about the famous bears of the last 100 years



or so – Sooty, Winnie, Rupert, Playschool's Big and Little Ted, and so many more. We were joined for the afternoon by the lifelong companions of some of our members who all looked extremely smart for their age!

Our speaker on September 4th will tell us about the highs and lows of being a paramedic. 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

On the 10th July we had our annual "garden party" which we had to hold in the WI Hall, as there is no garden available now, that the



members could get to. However, we all had a very enjoyable afternoon, for which, grateful thanks once again! Enid provided us with a musical quiz, which was most unusual! The recorder wasn't working, so Enid had to hum all the clues. Great amusement for everyone, except Enid.

This month's meeting on the 14th August, we provided the salad lunch, which I know everyone likes. Enid has now got the recorder playing again and we had all the songs that were so familiar to our age group playing in the background. There was plenty to eat and some came back for seconds. I must say here, just how grateful the committee are for all the help given by some of the members. I am not sure that the committee would be able to manage without it now, as none of us are in the best of mobility any more.

The meeting next month is on 11th September, when the entertainment is to be arranged. Members can all be there for the usual time of 2pm.

Babs Heffernon (540602)



ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

During what was to be the last summer of the First World War, four men from Tatsfield died in action. In August, Capt. Alfred Keeble of the Machine Gun Corps was killed in Flanders at the age of 46. His parents had come to live at the Manor House in Ricketts Hill Road in 1900. His father, Francis Keeble, was a fine art expert who, after the war, published a four-page pamphlet which included the paragraph: "Our children must be shown that the facts of history persistently prove the complete failure of brute force to elevate man, and to discount all the flowing descriptions of encounters of so-called heroes on the battlefield, whether by Walter Scott or Kingsley, or the drivelling of bishop or cardinal of today".

Also in August came news of the death of the third member of the Rushen family to be killed in action. 20-year-old Pte Stanley Rushen of Goddards Cottages served in the Tank Regiment. The Westerham Herald of 21^{st} September 1918 recalled that his brother Joseph had already been killed and that his twin Bertram was missing. The article also recalled the death in 1916 of his sister – an early volunteer as a bus conductress - and added that his father had recently died.



A war grave in St Mary's churchyard is that of Air Mechanic Albert Carson, who died in September 1918 while based in Yorkshire. The fourth death of the summer was that of Pte Beaconsfield Davis of the Norfolk Regiment, killed in France. Aged 21, he was the son of Arthur and Charlotte Davis of Peace Cottage, Ship Hill.

Another death in Tatsfield was that of 61-year-old Mr C. Field. In his 35 years in the village he had built the three shops at the Parade on Westmore Green and ran a small business in Emily (now Westmore) Road. He was one of the founders of the Working Men's Club which started out as part of the Parade.

On a more positive note, the village was planning for post-war Tatsfield. The parish council responded to the district council's assessment that six houses would need to be built by saying this would not be enough – many rented properties were uninhabitable. It said houses should be built in pairs in different parts of the village.

In other news, George Stevens of Rag Hill was sentenced to three months hard labour for assault on a member of the Newman family of Parkwood Road. For some years, continuing differences between the families had been reported in the local press.

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

THE NIGHT SKY IN TATSFIELD – SEPTEMBER 2018

The planets continue to dominate the evening skies although for some of them the period of visibility is running out!

Venus can still be seen low down (altitude seven degrees) in the west-south-west as soon as the Sun has set at the beginning of the month so you will need a good horizon in that direction. It continues to lose altitude until by the end of September it sets just ten minutes after the Sun effectively bringing evening viewing to an end. Venus continues to move closer to the Sun until it reaches inferior conjunction in late October. Inferior conjunction refers to the time when the Sun, Earth and Venus are all in a straight line with Venus in the middle. This would be the time to see a transit of Venus if one were due but unfortunately, because of the slight tilt of its orbit, it almost always appears to pass either above or below the Sun. The next transit of Venus is not until 2117.

Jupiter is a little to the east (left) of Venus but not quite as low in the sky. Early in the month, shortly after sunset, it lies almost exactly southwest at an altitude of just twelve degrees. It will become more difficult to see as it also moves closer to the Sun and will be in conjunction with it (passes behind it) in late November. If you have binoculars or a telescope you can watch the motions of its four largest moons around the parent planet.

Then, exactly due south at 8.30pm comes the rather more difficult to locate body of Saturn just north of the "Teapot" asterism in Sagittarius. An asterism, by the way, is a number of stars that seem to form the pattern of an everyday object. I have chosen the time of 8.30 because the planet is due south, which should help with identification, and sixteen degrees above the horizon in the first few days of September. You can, of course, look for it later in the evening but just remember it will have moved to the west (right) by roughly fifteen degrees each hour. This is due to the Earth's rotation. Also bear in mind that every day it will have moved westwards by one degree (compared to the same time the day before) which is due to our year long journey around the Sun.

Far more prominent, a little to the east of Saturn, is the "Red Planet" Mars. The nickname is an appropriate one because it is very obviously not white. Mars only makes a close approach to Earth every two years and this one (an "opposition" as it's known) was a good one with the distance between the two of us being comparatively small. This distance varies considerably because the orbit of Mars is quite eccentric so that at some oppositions we are much further away than at others.

The map is drawn for 8.30pm on September 1st. Unfortunately, there are very few bright stars in that part of the summer sky with the only real contenders being Altair in the constellation of Aquila (the eagle) and Antares in Scorpio (the scorpion). I have included the former because its altitude is forty five degrees which, being halfway to the overhead point, gives an idea of scale and the latter because it sits amongst the

planets. Note that the name Antares means "Rival of Mars" because it is also ruddy in hue though not to the extent that Mars is currently.

The Earth reaches the Autumnal Equinox on 23rd September at 1.54am. After that the nights become progressively longer than the days.



Brian Mills FR

TATSFIELD PLAYING FIELD 100 CLUB

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

1 st Prize:	Margaret Burton	£49.50
2 nd Prize:	Stuart Hendry	£33.00
3 rd Prize:	Chris Heasman	£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.

NIGEL'S NATURE NOTES

Correspondence:

None. Not to worry. Another opportunity to look further afield. It's thinking time!

The bigger picture (global warming and other matters):

The concept of 'our world' is an alien one. We are only interested in the here-and-now, in personal benefit and comfort regardless of any long-term environmental or societal damage caused by our selfish attitudes and activities. Of course, there are many of us who support various pro-environmental organisations and take small, insignificant actions to lessen our burden on the environment. But this is, realistically, simply to create within us an inner sense of benevolence; a further form of selfishness, albeit less destructive. Let's not fool ourselves; these small acts won't stop the boat from sinking.

Humans hav been taking an not giving An now de boat is sinking yu stop an start tinking, Now we see dere is a change of tone De problem's cumming home De world's a danger zone (Benjamin Zephaniah)

Planet Earth is sinking. Global warming is a reality. The consequences are unimaginable. What is needed is massive worldwide political action (so disagreeable that it may well cause widespread, uncontrollable unrest leading to anarchy and the breakdown of society). We need to move from party politics to world-view politics. We need to engineer a change from penny-taking policies to planet saving action. Surely, with increasing evidence of global warming this change is realistic? In Benjamin's words:

Blue will turn Green When votes are seen

But the Blues alone (even tinted by a shade of green) can't save us. Neither can the true Greens or the radical Reds. They can talk all they like but until opposition parties and nations across the globe unite it will make little difference.

The weather map is changing But what are we to do? Let's have another conference on The ills of CO2.

(Simon Rae)

And yet, without the political will appearing from somewhere to actively conserve and preserve life on Earth as we know it, we will simply continue to blunder onwards towards the cliff edge, not as sheep to the slaughter, unknowing of our demise, but as intelligent beings, fully aware of our ultimate fate. The words 'ostrich' and 'sand' come readily to mind.

When his ship first came to Australia, Cook wrote, the natives Continued fishing, without looking up. Unable, it seems, to fear what was too large to be comprehended.

The title of this poem by Jane Hirshfield is, 'Global Warming'. Global warming is such a huge, impendent catastrophe that the everyday person cannot comprehend it. Like the aboriginal people, we know the problem is there but, due to its scale and the sense of impossibility, we choose to ignore it.

It's becoming increasingly obvious that the opportunity to implement change is rapidly passing: It really is. (And if, at this point, you are thinking, 'No it isn't', then you need to start penning a response.) The changes we are now planning should have been implemented decades ago to be effective. Those born today will almost certainly be of the last generation to live before the dramatic effects of global warming become not just news-worthy but dramatically, life-changingly apparent. Perhaps only then will our heads be drawn up from the sand. But I wouldn't bank on any improvement. National differences and interests will always prevent worldwide co-operation. And by then it will be too late anyway. The time of the sandwich-board wielding prophets will have arrived: 'Repent, repent ye sinners. The end is nigh.'

From, 'Planet Earth' by P. K. Page:

It has to be loved the way a laundress loves her linens, the way she moves her hands caressing the fine muslins knowing their warp and woof, like a lover coaxing, or a mother praising. It has to be loved as if it were embroidered with flowers and birds and two joined hearts upon it. It has to be stretched and stroked. It has to be celebrated. O this great beloved world and all the creatures in it. ()

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

TATSFIELD RAMBLERS

Details of walks in the surrounding area for September 2018 are as follows. Everyone welcome, including your dogs.



Sunday 2nd September 2018

Leaders:	Carol Vening			
Start Point:	11.00am at The Green, Godstone			
Postcode:	RH9 8DU	Map Ref:	<u>TQ350516</u>	
Description:	direct route.	Stop for re	short hill as we are freshments at The in total 3 hours.	

Sunday 16th September 2018

Leader:	Tony and Christine Tomsit		
Start Point:	10.30am at Westerham Green or 10.40am at Mill Lane		
Postcode:	TN16 1AS Map Ref: <u>TQ446540</u> (Westerham Green)		
	TN16 1TP Map Ref: <u>TQ444536</u> (Mill Lane)		
Description:	To Crockham Hill via Squerries Park and Crockham Hill Common. Returning via Treveraux Manor and Goodley Stock. Refreshment stop at The Royal Oak in Crockham Hill (newly refurbished). About 7 miles in total (from the green): 4 hours with one short steep hill before the pub; and several hills, some steep, on the way back.		

Sunday 23rd September 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)		
Postcode:	TN14 7RT Map Ref: <u>TQ525614</u>		
Description:	A gentle stroll to Otford where we will have refreshments at The Woodman before returning to Shoreham. Approximate total distance 2.5 miles. Time 2 hours.		

Sunday 30th September 2018

Leader:	Richard Gadd		
Start Point:	10.30am Blacksmith's Hill, Sanderstead; we park in the street		
Postcode:	CR2 9AZ Map Ref: <u>TQ346609</u>		
Description:	through Kings A Refreshments to	Wood and o be taken op is rough	5 hours to Farleigh and back. Passing Selsdon Wood. Some medium hills. in Farleigh at The Harrow. Note: the lly three quarters of the way round

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)

FIVE MINUTES WITH....MELISSA GARRY

Welcome to our article featuring a local resident with a story to share. This month we are talking to Melissa Garry.

How long have you lived in Tatsfield?

My family and I moved here in in 1998, so 20 years. It was lovely to move to the "country" even though the lack of fast food delivery and having to take two buses to school each day was a shock.

What sparked your interest in show jumping?

From a very young age, I would make my pets jump around courses in the garden built from brooms and sticks. I was never a natural rider but from my first lesson I just loved being in the saddle. My love for competition grew from my first competitive event at nine years old – when I managed to jump two fences the wrong way before falling over the



horse's head! I think anyone can become a competent rider. Horses teach you to be disciplined and the rewards of putting in the effort and practice are always there - both from the relationship you build with a horse and the way your riding improves.



What challenges have you done?

I love setting myself new challenges and try to do something different each year. I have completed the London marathon twice, competed at Horse of the Year Show, won international show jumping classes, and have recently qualified as a British horse society assessor. This means that I am able to examine riding instructors. And, of course, being a mum to my two young boys

and running Mayfield Riding School. The school really is a family affair and already both my boys enjoy the horses.

Did you always work with horses?

No. When we were building the riding school I juggled a few different jobs. However, Mayfield is now thriving, and we are very proud of the quality of both our horses and

our instructors. Our horses have plenty of varied activities and are looked after by a strong team of staff – this is reflected in their natures and performances. Our ponies vary in size and experience - from those safe for absolute beginners to the high-performance horses for more experienced riders. Our instructors are all BHS accredited and are very friendly, progressive and professional. The riders learn the correct way of riding and handling a horse, but it is also still a fun way of getting good exercise for all ages; our youngest rider is two years old and we have many 70 years and over.

What challenges would you like to do?

My seven-year old challenges me most days (my son that is, not my horse). Apart from that I would like to get my racing trainer's licence so I can train some jump horses. I will never be light enough to ride them but would love to be more involved.

How much time do you spend training?

Not as much as I used to but, as everyone knows within the sport, come rain, snow or sun the horses must still be fed, exercised, trained and competed. I also spend time doing high intensity training and other exercises as I believe that rider fitness is a large part of success.

Who has been your biggest support?

Well that's easy – my family. They have helped me with everything from moving tonnes of sand to the sand schools, to looking after the children while I ride, teach or compete. I'm not sure they will ever retire completely – dad always has a hammer nearby ready to fix something and mum can't stay off the yard for long.



What's the favourite part of your job?

I am massively competitive and would start a competition in anything, so winning is always a good moment. 2017 was one of my best years as I won a national 1.40m class, the ladies final and an international class at Bolesworth - all in the same month on the same horse. I also really enjoy seeing the riders we coach enjoying the horses and those who compete doing so well. We have riders competing successfully in many

different disciplines and at all different levels. Working with horses can be very unpredictable and I am blessed that I have a strong family unit that helps with everything from the boys to mending roofs. I think it's the fact that you can never guarantee what will happen tomorrow that ensures there is never a dull day.

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