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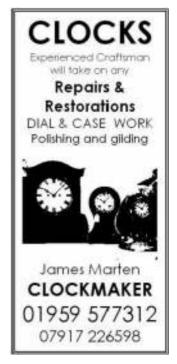


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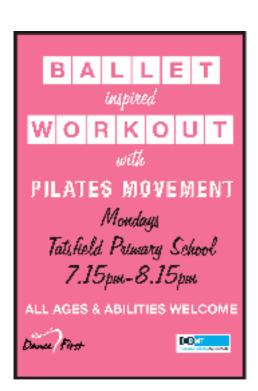
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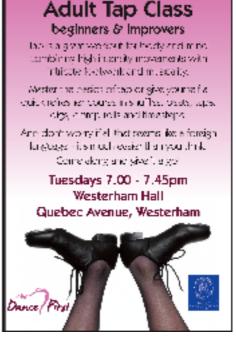


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#### **EDITORIAL**

Peace is a precious commodity. This month many will commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War I, as well as remembering those who laid down their lives in World War II and subsequent conflicts. I believe that we should be thankful for the peace that our nation has enjoyed in the intervening years and especially for those who gave their lives for the sake of our freedom. Although World War I was called "the war to end all wars", the rest of the 20<sup>th</sup> century saw British forces engaged in other conflicts and 1968 was the only year in which no losses were suffered. Since our withdrawal from Afghanistan, we can be thankful for a quieter period for our forces, with only one death due to hostile action between 2014 and 2017.

Back in 1918, thousands gathered in Trafalgar Square (and other places) to celebrate the end of hostilities and the beginning of peace. In Tatsfield this month, we will be gathering for our Act of Remembrance in the Village Centre at 10.40am on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November and at St Mary's Church at 10.00am on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November (with further details of this and our buffet lunch in St Mary's News). The service in Church will be in the context of Holy Communion during which there is a short section called "The Peace", which is simply marked by exchanging a handshake with those around us. However, its original purpose is more significant, as it is an opportunity to seek to make peace with anyone with whom we have fallen out (before we receive the Communion or a prayer of blessing). This reminds me to be thankful for those in the world who work tirelessly to prevent war or bring about peace.

Members of the Tatsfield Community and beyond are working in various ways to ensure that we mark this year's Centenary appropriately both in the Village and at the Church. At St Mary's, we look forward to special flowers and paintings in the Church and further paintings, along with contributions from Tatsfield Primary School, in the Millennium Hall. We are sure they will inspire us at this significant time.

#### Vince Short

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#### **LETTERS**

#### Dear Editor

Having been away from the village for a number of months I have recently returned to catch up on news and progress around the parish. Much seems to have happened! What has taken me by surprise is how little local commentary there is around several proposed developments that, in my view, will materially affect our quality of life and the AONB. I wonder how aware Tatsfield parishioners are of the information, details and what actions they might wish to take to comment and influence the direction of proposed developments. Here's a summary of some of the things that are being proposed, are in consultation and applications awaiting consideration.

#### The application for a DPD Super Depot at Moorhouse

Positive or negative comments could be lodged with TDC Planning Department before Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October (quote Reference 2018/1792) or write to Mr Piers Mason, Planning Directorate, Tandridge District Council, Council Offices, Station Road East, Oxted, RH8 OBT. This date has passed, but there have been problems with the TDC planning comments website and there is a discussion about extending the timescales for a response to mid November.

Two local MP's – Sam Gymiah and Michael Fallon - have both become engaged and I understand are commenting on this application, as are the Westerham Town Council, Keep Westerham Green, and the Oxted and Limpsfield Residents Groups.

#### Which Way Westerham and the Covers Farm Re-instatement

In summary, Squerryes hold the liability to re-instate the now depleted sand quarry Covers Farm. However, instead of simply re-instating the site to Green Belt, they are seeking to infill the site and run a relief road/Westerham by-pass across the area. They have formed a holding company – Morants Promotions Ltd – in order to carry this out and have submitted to Kent County Council planning consultation documents for the re-instatement of the sand quarry. Planning applications concerning Covers Farm Sand Quarry are expected.

Covers Farm is adjacent to the Tatsfield parish boundary; the location is down the Croydon Road towards Westerham and just past the M25 on the right as you head to Westerham. Take a look at a couple of websites - https://keepwesterhamgreen.co.uk and Which Way Westerham website <a href="https://www.whichwaywesterham.co.uk">https://www.whichwaywesterham.co.uk</a> for more information.

You might wonder how this affects Tatsfield with the proposed work on the edge of our parish boundary and some two miles from the centre of Tatsfield. Squerryes/Morants are proposing to reinstate the sand pits with builders' spoil from London and the South East. Lorry movements local to the area may affect roads close by.

#### Mike Pendleton

# A 'Thank you' from Tatsfield Primary School & Tatsfield Primary School PTA

The staff and children at Tatsfield Primary School and the PTA would like to express a huge thank you to the Tatsfield Beer Festival Committee and their wonderful team of volunteers for organising another successful Tatsfield Beer Festival to raise money for the School's PTA Fund.





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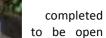
#### VILLAGE STORE AND TEAROOM UPDATE

With the major building work completed by the beginning of

October, we are now in the process of the refurbishment and

fitting of the store and the tearoom. There is plenty to be done; flooring, electrical, plumbing and fixtures and fittings. The security and fire systems have been installed.

Although the building work took a little longer than expected, it was absolutely essential to ensure it was to the highest standard. We are however still aiming



by mid to late November. Our dining room table is awash with brochures and information about chillers, furniture, coffee machines and shelving! There are boxes of a variety of cups, teapots and teaspoons tucked away in various places about the house.

We spent last weekend in the shop cleaning and tidying. Whilst we were in there, quite a few villagers stopped to chat and have a quick peek. We are hugely encouraged by the number of positive comments about the store and the enthusiasm for the addition of the tearoom. Thank you, and if you are passing, and we are in, please do pop in and say hello.



Last month we visited Ruby's bakery, who supplied the cakes before, and will be again for both the tearoom and store. It is a small, friendly family-run business and we had the 'terrible' task of having to taste a variety of cakes! We will continue to source local products for the store.

As the work progresses, we will have a clearer idea for the actual opening date, and will advertise this as widely as possible. With regards to staff, we have been lucky with the number of people who have approached us, mainly from the village, who will be coming to work with us. Hopefully they will get the hang of the complexities of operating the coffee machine in less time than we did!

We are extremely excited and still a wee bit nervous. Picking up the keys just the week before writing this was a great moment; it has made the vision a reality.

We look forward to meeting you all soon.

**Sheree and Simon Cook** 

#### VILLAGE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE, 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2018

Tatsfield's second open-air remembrance service will be held in the village centre on Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup> 2018, starting at 10.40am opposite the Ye Olde Ship. The parish council has asked for it to be an annual celebration on the nearest Saturday to November 11<sup>th</sup>. The whole idea of the Memorial Stone in the village centre is to remember the Fallen of Tatsfield. It is also hoped that by November 10<sup>th</sup> the full story video recordings of how it was all started by Ted Bonwick and Dennis Tapsell will be ready. There is a team of people that have been recorded over this past year in a video to be sealed in a phial inside the Remembrance Stone until the year 2037.

The music will once again be provided by the Locke Brass Ensemble, conducted by its leader, Les Lake, with the solo trumpeter Tim Hayward. The service will be conducted by the Revd. Vince Short with Martyn Saines reading the list of Tatsfield fallen. Neil Warren will read "The Fallen" poem and a recording of Big Ben will be played at 11 am, followed by a two-minute silence. That will be followed by the laying of wreaths by various organisations. Once again, following the National Anthem and a blessing, the Fairtrade team will have teas, coffee and hot chocolate for all. Seats will be laid out for anyone wishing to sit down for the expected 25 minutes of the service. It will take place in the open air whatever the weather, and there will be a traffic/safety team in action.

This Remembrance Service is special because it celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Great War. For your guidance, many people travelled some distances last year to honour their loved ones. The Ye Olde Ship pub will open from 9.30am that Saturday morning for refreshments and food. You can also book to eat after the service by ringing Tina Stracey on 01959 577311. The pub toilets will be available for anyone attending the service.

Any queries please to 01959 577550 or davedbsound@gmail.com.

#### **Dave Bishop**

#### TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Autumn is upon us and the time for many to begin preparing gardens for winter as well as clearing leaf fall. Towards the end of the summer, the Parish Council had the ditch which runs alongside Old Lane cleared to ensure that water could drain freely. In recent weeks, we have received some complaints of grass clippings and other garden waste being dumped into the ditch. There have also been reports of green waste being tipped into the Millennium Wood. This is fly tipping and we would kindly request that residents refrain from this practice.

Following requests from parishioners, the Parish Council made enquiries with Surrey County Council about installing roadside mirrors to enable drivers exiting Maesmaur and Ninehams Roads to see further along Ship Hill. Highways officers have confirmed that this will not be possible. The reason for not allowing roadside mirrors is that experience shows that, rather than improving safety, mirrors could increase safety risks, which include:

- reflecting light and interfering with a driver's vision
- reducing the ability to judge an oncoming vehicle's speed
- creating an unreasonable dependence on the mirror
- if dirty distorting or restricting the view
- being an easy target for vandals

Further information can be found on the Surrey County Council website at https://www.surreycc.gov.uk, and search for 'mirrors' in the search box.

Many parishioners have raised concerns about gritting along Lusted Hall Lane and the route along Paynesfield Road, Crossways and Westmore Road. The Parish Council and Cllr Martin Allen have been liaising with both Surrey County Council and the London Borough of Bromley to see if gritting routes could be extended. Unfortunately, in both instances due to insurance restrictions and gritters being at maximum capacity neither SCC nor LBB will be able to provide these extended services. The Parish Council is investigating a privately-funded alternative arrangement.

The pond is firmly at the forefront of the Parish Council's mind. Following the ecological survey we commissioned in May, it has been recognised that Tatsfield has a pond which supports a large number of invertebrates and insects. The Parish Council is working on a project to use runoff water from the Village Club roof. Tentative plans are afoot to continue the good work by the volunteers to remove the invasive plant species and restore the pond and its environs to a beautiful example of a natural, rural pond.

Finally, by the time you read this, the area around the Memorial Green should be resplendent with poppies and wooden posts displaying details of the Tatsfielders who

died in the First and Second World Wars. We look forward to seeing many of you at the Remembrance Service on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be held at the Aileen McHugo Building on Mondays 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November - both at 8.00 pm. As always, the agendas will be made available on village notice boards and at: <a href="https://www.surreycommunity.info/tatsfield/">www.surreycommunity.info/tatsfield/</a>

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#### **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE**

During October a <u>HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY</u> was posted to every household in Tatsfield. The survey is also available on line by going to https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Q8DSM5L



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I have requested road closures around the triangle outside Ye Old Ship between 10.00 am and 12 noon on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November. This will affect residents on Paynesfield Road, Westmore Road and the entrance to the village centre on Westmore Green. This is to ensure the safety of all attendees at the Remembrance service that morning. Temporary road closure notices will be displayed in the week leading up to the event and diversion signs will be in place for the duration of the service. Marshals will be on site to ensure people's safety and also allow vehicular access in emergencies.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and understanding and to assure you that the organisers will endeavour to keep the disruption of the temporary road closure to a minimum.

Samantha Head, Clerk, Tatsfield Parish Council

#### TANDRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL

# Don't lose your voice – residents urged to check their voter registration details



Local residents are being warned they could lose their voice on matters which affect them if they don't check their annual canvass form as soon as possible. If the form you received is still sitting on the "to do pile" then use this as a reminder to get it out and deal with it!

#### Revised plans for Ellice Road car park approved

The Planning Committee approved the new Ellice Road car park design. The application can be viewed at <a href="www.tandridge.gov.uk/planning">www.tandridge.gov.uk/planning</a> (Application Ref 2018/1489). It will now be considered at Council, after which the costings will be finalised and considered by the Finance Committee.

#### **Tandridge District Council**

I attended TDC Housing, Community Services and Customer First meetings and I followed this up by spending four hours with the TDC Customer Service department to see how they operate. I think they do an exceptional job, with the varied queries they receive - most of which though you can make online which will be easier for you.

I attended a two-hour Customer First meeting as an update of how this first phase of this new system of how the Council will work in the future has been adopted.

I attended a Member/Officer protocol meeting in light of the officers removing policy clauses from the emerging Local Plan without prior reference to Councillors. This caused a high level of dissatisfaction among the opposition parties on the council, including me.

I chased up as much as I could all the addresses that had advised me they had not received the Tandridge Magazine and the Local Plan leaflet.

I arranged for a Surrey County Partnership Board briefing to members of the Community Services just prior to their meeting so that could see the value of this organisation and to hopefully ensure funding is made available to them. Just search online for the Surrey County Partnership Board and see what a good job this department does in our Surrey countryside and just how valuable are the volunteers that they use.

#### Grants of up to £2,000 available to local good causes

Tandridge District Council is inviting local good causes to apply for grants of up to £2,000, which will be awarded to local charities and voluntary groups which can demonstrate the work they do helps support people living in the district.

#### Matters closer to home

I have been corresponding with our PC and PCSO regarding persistent offending of parking on the pavement in Westmore Road. I am advised that parking on the pavement ins not an offence but blocking access to pavement for prams and walking aids is. I will, if I am forced to, ask for requests followed by warnings followed by fines if we cannot park more considerately along this road. If you do block the pavement with your vehicle, please consider others when doing this and park more considerately in the future. Thank you. I would urge you that any matters like this are reported using the online reporting service via the Surrey police website or through calling 101.

I have reported to Surrey County Council that the area of land at the Junction of Lusted Hall Lane and Ricketts Hill road appears not to have been cut this summer. I have also reported a poorly completed section of the slurry work in Westmore Road.

In the last month to six weeks I have reported six over-flying aircraft to the Biggin Hill Airport Noise and Safety Committee as I believe there have been more than enough infringements of aircraft cutting across the village instead of flying around it. I followed this up at the meeting of the Consultative Committee on 18<sup>th</sup> October.

I attended and presented the certificates to the In-Bloom presentation winners who once again won Gold for the village, as a reward of all of the hard work the volunteers put in to keep the village tidy. Well done and thanks from all of us.

I was pleased to be involved in the return of a stolen vehicle that had been dumped after use on White Lane just off the Junction with Clarks Lane. Having taken the details and checked on the on the DVLA website I could see that it was taxed and held an MOT well in to the future, so sent off an email to our PCSO who advised me that it had been stolen in the Met area four days earlier. He arranged for it to be recovered and returned to its owner.

The Parish Council Chairman, Clerk and I had an update meeting regarding chasing up the County Council where we have set out a plan to pursue things such as yellow lines in the village and additional gritting routes for the village, although they are proving extremely reluctant to assist us. We know it is important to the residents on the roads that are not gritted. We will continue to press for them for an additional service. All these matters are ongoing but if there are other matters you want us to raise at our next meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> November let me or the Parish Council know.

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 <a href="martin:allen@tandridgedc.gov.uk">cllr.martin.allen@tandridgedc.gov.uk</a> Or martin allen@talk21.com

#### **POLICING**

Greetings Tatsfield, it's bonkers for conkers season (health and safety rules permitting).

We all agree that the village is an attractive place to live/work/visit. Sadly, it seems at least one individual is coming here for an unwelcome reason. At the end of September, two residential garages on Approach Road were targeted, and a leaf-blower and pushbike stolen respectively. After investigations, sadly there were no lines of enquiry to go on. A few days later, a burglary failed on Crossways. The residents found a small hole in their window, believed to have been made by a screwdriver. Neighbours were asked, and nobody had seen anything. Finally, a residential garage at The Square was forced open, with tools taken, followed by the owner's van being forced open with more tools gone. CCTV footage from a neighbour did not capture anything.

These incidents highlight the importance of keeping our valuables safe, and keeping them in the correct place, the most secure place if possible. I know this isn't always achievable, but please take advantage of free protection for these items. The government has help available at this website <a href="https://www.lmmobilise.com">www.lmmobilise.com</a>. There you can list your items, even jewellery, and know that if the worst happens, any recovered items will be checked on the website, with items returned to owners. I know I have plugged this one before, but I do not want us all to keep 'looking a gift horse in the mouth'. Where does this strange saying come from?

I must mention parking on pavements in Westmore Road. Even though this has been requested before, there are still vehicles being parked across pavements too far, making it difficult or impossible for the disabled and pedestrians with pushchairs to use, forcing them into the road, sometimes unsighted by moving traffic. If any vehicle is seen offending, warnings will be issued initially, followed by tickets being issued. This blight on the road has gone on long enough. You have all been warned.

Finally, a really big 'hats off' to Melanie and the crew at Tatsfield Village Club. Following an on-going problem with punters using and dealing illegal drugs on the premises, notably in the toilets, they have taken the bold 'zero tolerance' approach and written to all members. The threat of sanctions or closure meant this action was unavoidable. We all want well-loved establishments to be a safe place to enjoy for all ages, so a big WELL DONE to all involved in stamping out unwanted and illegal practices.

Kids: hope you have enjoyed your half term - I'm sure lots of leaves have been kicked and thrown. Spare a thought for us grown-ups. We don't get breaks like you do!! Stay safe during the fireworks events, and remember to do your ooo's and ahh's.

That's all folks... see you around the village,

#### **NEW WHEELIE BINS FOR RUBBISH**

Tandridge's Community Services Committee has agreed the introduction of a new wheeled bin collection service for rubbish. The new edge of property service will be brought in during autumn 2019. There are no changes planned for the existing recycling or food collection services.

The move to a full wheeled bin and edge of property collection has been agreed following recommendations from the Health and Safety Executive (HSE). The Council has been advised by the HSE the current back door service and lack of refuse bin provision puts the recycling and waste collectors at increased risk of injury.

A free, grey, 180 litre refuse bin will be delivered to every home in the district and residents will need to put out their bin at the edge of their property on collection day. The recycling collection is already a wheeled bin, edge of property service.

Assisted collections will be available to households where there are no residents physically able to move the wheeled bins. Residents will also be able to request a smaller or larger bin as appropriate. 56% of material residents put in their rubbish bins could be recycled and the Council is keen to encourage more homeowners to recycle more - full information is available at <a href="www.tandridge.gov.uk/recycling">www.tandridge.gov.uk/recycling</a>. If residents fill up their blue recycling bin collected fortnightly, additional recycling bins can be ordered and delivered free.

Councillor Patrick Cannon, Chair of the Community Services Committee, said: "Moving to a full wheeled bin service will not only help provide a clear and consistent approach to our collection service, it will also safeguard the safety of our contractors. The roll out is still some time away, but we want to give people plenty of opportunity to prepare for the change and also encourage residents to consider whether items they currently throw away as rubbish could be recycled. There is lots of information about recycling available on the Council's website."



#### Calling Tatsfield's young artists!

If you are aged between 7 and 12 years, Tatsfield Art Group would like to invite you to join us for a <u>Children's Art Workshop</u> on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2018 from 10am until 12 noon at St Mary's Millennium Hall, Church Lane, Tatsfield.

Children will be able to take part in a range of seasonal art and craft activities aimed at learning new skills and having fun, with some of our members on hand to offer advice and support.

To book a place, please contact Jane O'Keefe on janeokeefe@hotmail.co.uk. There will be a small charge of £5 per child on the day. Spaces will be limited, so early booking is advised.



#### TATSFIELD ART GROUP

Come and join us in Tatsfield Village Hall from 7.30 – 10 pm

lan Henderson - "A snow scene in Pastel"

Mondays: 5 November (Demo) & 12 November (Tutoring)

Adie Parker - "Painting in Ink and Pastel"

Mondays: 19 November (Demo) & 26 November (Tutoring)

(Ring Carol Gaskell - 577724/Christine Stainer - 577803 for further information)

#### LITTLE ACORNS PRESCHOOL

#### **Term Topics**

This half term we've been having lots of fun learning about nature and seasons, including growing our own cress, fruit printing and making weather wheels. The outdoor area remains in constant use whilst we make the most of the mild Autumn weather!



When we return from half term we'll be starting our new topic of 'celebrations from around the world'. Starting with Halloween and fireworks night, we'll then move onto looking at Diwali, birthdays, thanksgiving, Hanukkah and Christmas at the end of term. We'll also be making our own paper plate poppies for Remembrance Day.

We're also very pleased to have had the support of some of our parents who have kindly come in to show the children their 'special talents' which we'll be continuing next half term, including musical instrument playing, gymnastics and yoga!

#### **Fundraising**

We're excited to start planning for our ever-popular Crafty Christmas fundraising event! In December we'll be hosting this great fun-filled morning for the whole family with 10 Christmas crafts to make and take home, hot food and live music to get everyone into the festive spirit! Please contact the preschool for tickets and more information.

We're also very grateful to be receiving a proportion of the proceeds from the fantastic Ye Old Ship Christmas Craft and Shopping event on 15<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm; we hope to see lots of you there!

#### **Extended Hours of Funding**

We're very pleased to be one of the few local providers offering the new 30 hours of funding available to working parents. For more information and to check your eligibility please visit our funding information page on our website www.littleacornstatsfield.co.uk

Thank you for reading!

Mareka Newberry
Office Manager
office@littleacornstatsfield.co.uk

#### TATSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL



#### 1<sup>st</sup> TATSFIELD SCOUTS



We have again had a fun packed month in the Beavers section. We had perfect

weather for our hike around Limpsfield Woods. The Beavers enjoyed collecting acorns, leaves, sticks as well as exploring Peter Rabbit post office, Hedgehog House and Owl House. They had fun climbing some of the tree branches and tree stumps. Beavers will have earned another four badges but the time we break for the half term holidays. For the Digital Badge, we had to bring computers alive by using computer language to create robots who are

programmed to move from one place to other avoiding objects in their path. Beavers also created

computer keyboards, mouses, and screens out of play dough. Tatsfield Martial Arts came to show the Beavers, as part of their Sports Badge, how much fun Judo is. The session had a mixture of Judo movements as well as games, everyone had great fun as well as learning a lot. To end this half term, we were exploring the night sky with the help of Tom Ellis. Beavers were also making their own periscopes.

At half term we say farewell to five Beavers who are moving up to Cubs but welcome seven new children to the Beavers section.





This term we have had the opportunity of using the excellent facilities at Downe, where the Cubs had a go at kayaking. The weather was perfect and everyone who took part had a brilliant evening. Who does not like with chocolate? With the help of Tatsfield Fairtrade group Cubs had the chance to learn about where chocolate comes from and why it's good to support Fairtrade farmers. The Cubs had a go at making chocolate cakes and really enjoyed eating them! We are always so grateful for the time the Fairtrade group give to help support the Scout Group programme.

The new Explorers section has grown in numbers since starting in September. The first Scout/Explorers Bushcraft event took place over the weekend of 13/14<sup>th</sup> October. The weather on the Saturday was like a Summer day (temperatures of 21 degrees!) The Scouts/Explorers had a go at skinning a rabbit with the help of Leigh and Les, and cooking them over an open fire. One

The Halloween weekend is another first for our Explorers attending frightEx 24 - fun at Bentley Copse (with very little sleep). More on this event next month.

Explorer even brought home a rabbit foot (brings good luck) home! Sunday was very

wet, but this did not stop the 21 Scouts/Explorers having a great time.

Jenny Snelling 1st Tatsfield Scouts Beaver Leader

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#### **AUTUMN FAIR**

Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018 10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. at the Centre

(Opposite Tandridge Leisure Pool)

Mrs. Dee Graham (01883 715189)

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

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

The Centre is open Monday to Thursday inclusive from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. with breaks for Easter, Summer and Christmas. We are delighted to have visitors and we are always looking for new members, young and old alike. Why not come and see what we have to offer – if transport is a problem call our Manager on the number above and we will try to help.



#### TATTY KNITTERS

The November get together will be on 13<sup>th</sup> from 7.30 until 9.30 in The Bakery. Buy your own drink, cake supplied. We will be planning our Christmas meal, fun and games.

All crafts and beginners welcome.

#### Val Quick 07761 571071

#### NORTH DOWNS SINFONIA

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

This concert will be all English music, and will include works by Ralph Vaughn Williams, Gustav Holst – quintessentially English, albeit of Swedish descent – George Butterworth, Eric Coates and Sir Edward Elgar.

Vaughn Williams collected English folk songs for many years, but only wrote his English Folk Song Suite in 1923. It includes the very popular and well-known march 'Seventeen come Sunday' and 'Folk Songs from Somerset', and is one of his most popular works. This is followed by the Lark Ascending, written in 1914, with the amazing young soloist Haru Ushigusa on violin. This much-loved piece has been top of the classical pops on many occasions. To round off the first half will be the Gustav Holst Suite de Ballet. He is of course best known for his 'Planets' suite, a 50-minute tour of the solar. His 'Suite de Ballet' is much less well-known, but none the less enjoyable.

George Butterworth wrote 'A Shropshire Lad' just before the first World War, in which he was killed at the battle of the Somme, having recently been awarded the Military Cross. The work is an orchestral rhapsody, and was based on the poem by A E Housman.

Eric Coates was a well- known composer of light music, who lived from 1886 to 1957. His 'Everyday London Suite' is in three movements, including the very well-known 'Knightsbridge', used as the introduction to 'In Town Tonight' for many years.

The concert finishes with Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance March No 4. Elgar wrote six Pomp and Circumstance Marches, of which number 4 is second only in popularity to number 1. It makes a fitting end to what should be a memorable concert.

As usual, tickets will be £9 for adults, and £7 for concessions (those under 18 and pensioners) and are available by phoning 01959 577659 (Peter or Jan) or by emailing northdownssinfonia@gmail.com.

## North Downs Sinfonia



# AUTUMN CONCERT

"An English Extravaganza"

Saturday 10th November 2018 at 7.30 pm Tatsfield Village Hall TN16 2AG

Vaughan Williams - English Folk Song Suite Vaughan Williams - The Lark Ascending

Holst - Suite de Ballet

Butterworth - A Shropshire Lad

Coates - London Everyday Suite

Elgar - Pomp and Circumstance, No. 4

Conductor Jonathan Maynard

Violin Haru Ushigusa

Leader Sylvia Seaton

Tickets £9 Concessions £7

By email:

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Jan Maynard 01959577659

Online (Booking fees apply): ndsautumnconcert2018.eventbrite.co.uk



Scan with smartphone for email address!

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#### ST MARY'S NEWS

#### Open the Bible (10am, on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month)



We warmly invite you to our upcoming All Age services on 4<sup>th</sup> November (All Saints) and 2<sup>nd</sup> December (Advent).

#### **Harvest Festival Gifts**

Thank you to everyone who donated so generously — both at the church and at Tatsfield Primary School. We were able to take a large quantity of the food donated up to Christ Church Brixton on Monday the 8th of October. The gifts were received with grateful thanks and will go a long way in providing provisions to all those who attend the food bank. We regularly support this food bank, as well as local food banks throughout the year.

The next planned delivery will be at the beginning of December, in time for Christmas!

#### All Souls' Service Sunday 4th November 3.30pm

This gentle service offers a time to remember those we have loved and see no more. There is the opportunity to remember them by name and to light a candle in their memory. Over the years many people have found this a particularly valuable time as we gather together to share our sadness and also to give thanks for the lives that have meant so much to us. The service will be followed by tea and cake in the hall.

#### Remembrance Weekend - Commemorating 100 years since the end of WW1

In addition to supporting the Act of Remembrance on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November in the Village Centre, plans are in hand for the weekend at St Mary's Church. In Church, we are planning to have special displays of flowers and art, with a welcome to visitors throughout the weekend. On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> at 10am, we will hold a Remembrance Service, including Holy Communion and the observance of the 2-minute silence at 11am. Refreshments will then be served in Church and at 12 noon we will offer a ticketed Cold Buffet Remembrance Lunch in the Millennium Hall with all profits going to The Royal British Legion (please see separate advert in this issue). The Millennium Hall will be decorated for Remembrance with further paintings from local artists and the work of children from Tatsfield School.

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

33. J Ellis £24.75 66. A Hopkins £14.85 36. M & L Lambert £9.90 St Mary's £49.50

#### Flower Arrangers

Firstly, my sincere thanks to the following participants who made St. Mary's look so beautiful for **Harvest Festival** which happily coincided with my daughter's wedding: Tina Boys, Pauline Conlon, Rita Fairclough, Sylvia Hyett, Kay Longley, Jan Maynard, Shirley Murgatroyd, Kay Roberts, Christine Rosenbaum, and Pat Walsh. Veronica Short

for coffee and cake to keep us going plus baking bread in the shape of a sheaf of corn plus mouse. Also Molly Chapman who made loaves and rolls in animal shapes too. Thanks too for the abundant flowers and produce supplied by Rhod Jones and his team on the Titsey Estate. For me to watch the flower ladies producing their beautiful designs, the chat and laughter gives the church a very special atmosphere. Thanks too Jan and Peter Maynard for all your support whilst I learn the ropes of preparation etc... and Jan Ling for helping me with our first attempt with corn dollies.



With thanks to Peter Maynard for our Harvest Festival photos

#### **Rota for November**

4<sup>th</sup> November Jan Maynard

11<sup>th</sup> November Remembrance Sunday

18<sup>th</sup> November Jan Maynard

25<sup>th</sup> November Ann and Sam Vatcher

**Remembrance Sunday -** We will be decorating the church on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Anyone wishing to join our merry team, please do.

#### **Ann Vatcher**

#### Records

20<sup>th</sup> September Funeral of Jean Crouch

21<sup>st</sup> September Burial of Thelma Harrison

22<sup>nd</sup> September Interment of ashes of Norah Skinner

22<sup>nd</sup> September Interment of ashes of Don Oakey

23<sup>rd</sup> September Baptism of Oscar Burr

29<sup>th</sup> September Marriage of James McPherson and Kirsty Cunningham

6<sup>th</sup> October Marriage of Philip Turtle and Samantha Vatcher

14<sup>th</sup> October Baptism of Kit Bolton

#### Churchyard

We have had our final session of tidy-ups this season and it is gratifying to have had comments about how good the churchyard is looking. James Longley will be doing one more strim – cutting a 6ft. wide strip down the new piece of land so we have shall have easier access when the final hedge whips are planted in November. Gary Abram has kept the grass cut immediately round the church halfway between the tidy-ups so that area always looked good for those coming for weddings, baptisms or funerals, apart from the congregation week by week and all the visitors to teas. Many, many thanks to Dickon Poole and Peter Maynard, Keith and Kay Roberts, Carol Prendergast, Vince and Veronica Short, Jan Maynard, David Randall and David Vale for all that has been achieved this summer and to Brian Cook who now carries out his composting in the smart, newly fenced patch. Thanks to the Tatsfield in Bloom team for coming out in force a couple of times and to Jon Allbutt who not only gave us advice about pruning but started it off himself. We also owe thanks to the Friends of St Mary's who every year finance the paid work which is done.

#### **Mary Smith**

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





REMEMBRANCE CENTENARY

# Buffet Lunch

PROFITS TO THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

# MILLENNIUM HALL TN 16 2JX

11TH NOV 2018 AT 12 NOON

ADULTS £8 Children £4 Including Glass Wine And Soft Drinks

FOR TICKETS PLEASE CONTACT Sheila Cook - 01959 577443



#### COUNTRY MUSIC EVENING SUCCESS AT THE VILLAGE HALL!

It has been a long time since there has been an evening like that at the Village Hall! Tickets sold out. The hall full. An evening of lively music. A great band. Well known country music including many of Simon and Garfunkel's. Young and not-so-young dancing away all evening. Plenty of business at the bar, including some Real Ale.

The evening was arranged by the Village Hall committee. The idea came from Clive Jones (who lives in Ricketts Hill Road), who offered his band, Back To Eden, to provide an evening of country music to raise funds for the Village Hall. The music was much liked by the audience, who either took to the floor or enjoyed it from where they were. It was noisy – but not too noisy! Jonnie





and Gaye Panther looked after the bar. Veronica Short served tea, coffee and cake, making a contribution from St Mary's Church (and Vince joined the band for two of the numbers). Helena Garcia-MacLeod ran the raffle.

When all the counting up had been done, over £1,000 had been raised for the refurbishment of the

Village Hall kitchen, the plans for which are now being drawn up. The Village Hall committee are very grateful to Clive and his band for what was a very enjoyable and profitable evening. Can we have another evening like this? – Soon!

#### Bob David (on behalf of the Village Hall committee)

Modern life seems to require people to work ever harder, over longer hours. Pressures at work and home can squeeze out our ability to find time for our local community. Having just moved into Tatsfield I was immediately struck by the fact that a strong sense of community has been maintained despite all these pressures.

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>October a group of musicians from New Life Church, Biggin Hill joined forces with folk from St Mary's Church Tatsfield and the Tatsfield Village Hall Committee. We worked together to produce a memorable live Country Music evening. All three teams worked as one and the result was an evening of great fun for all.

The beneficiary of this endeavour was Tatsfield Village Hall, enabling the refurbishment of the kitchen. What a privilege it was to serve the local community bringing together young and old; seeing everyone let their hair down in a family environment.

Our community in Tatsfield is special. The provision of our Village Hall is a treasure. It is so encouraging to be a part of a thriving community and we must never lose sight of the riches that we currently enjoy and to strive hard to serve one another. **Clive Jones** 

#### **FAIRTRADE FAVOURITES**

When I am out food shopping, I look out for products which display the Fairtrade logo and, if there is a choice, I will usually buy the Fairtrade item.

Obviously, I like the products as I keep buying them and I recommend them to others. Are they any "better" than other brands? Who knows! What I do know is that I like them and I have not found any other brands which I prefer.



Amongst the Fairtrade products which most often end up in my shopping bag is Divine Dark Chocolate. Not only is it my favourite taste but from

bean to shelf, there is no child slavery or worker exploitation and it's palm oil free. An all-round winner.



I don't drink carbonated drinks very often but when I do I love Karma Cola 'Lemony'. It's made using organic lemons from Sicily and unbleached Fairtrade Cane Sugar. Not only is it delicious and refreshing it doesn't contain any of the nasties which are in many other lemonades. It's available in cans and a really cool bottle and you can find it on the shelves in Waitrose.

I love Café Direct Kilimanjaro coffee. I drink my coffee black and don't like it *too* strong so I find a heaped dessert spoon in a small



cafetière, perfect. The fantastic thing about Café



Carol

Direct is that they invest 50% of their profits into PRODUCERS DIRECT, a UK charity that works directly with the farmers helping them to improve sustainability and livelihoods right across the coffee growing world. Plus, being a Fairtrade coffee means that farmers get a minimum price of \$1.40 a pound which is so important, especially when the coffee price has been at an all-time low of \$1 recently and most coffee growers

haven't been able to cover their costs.

I love the diversity of flavours you find in different honeys according to the bees' local flora. The taste of this runny honey is my absolute favourite

squeezed over natural yoghurt or porridge. I usually find it at Oxfam. Beekeeping in Guatemala enables farmers to diversify so that they don't have to depend on a single source of income for financial and food security. This is especially important as climate conditions change and crops become less reliable. Not only is it a forest-friendly alternative for the coffee farmers whose harvests have been hit by leaf rust but the bees' pollination actually improves the coffee harvests.



These bees have been called the guardians of biodiversity and the ecosystem.

I have started to choose Fairtrade products that do not use palm oil whenever possible. This is not always easy but the brand "Clean and Fair" make cleaning products that use sustainably sourced palm oil which does not destroy rainforests and the habitats of animals including orangutans. I particularly like the hand soap.





I love zaytoun olive oil because of the taste and having heard the story of the oil from a Palestinian farmer makes it more personal as to why they are well worth supporting





My favourite Fair trade product is chocolate as I use it frequently in baking, particularly for making yummy brownies! Which by the way also contain Fair trade walnuts!

Hilary H

Hilary V

We'd love to hear about your favourite Fairtrade Products! Do let us know by visiting our facebook page or our website page. If we all try to buy Fairtrade every time we go shopping then we can all make the world a fairer place.

#### The Tatsfield Fairtrade Group



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#### 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 9	Church service – StM
Mon	9.15 am 9.30 am 1.30 pm 7.15 pm 7.30 pm 8.15 pm	Hiit/Circuits & Abs - SH Tots on Top – CH Bridge Club – WIH Adult Ballet - TPS Art Group – VH [Term time] Bingo – TVC
Tue	9.15 am 1.30pm 5.30pm 7.00 pm	Boxing (SH) Whist – WIH (Last Tuesday of the month) Beavers – SH Scouts – SH
Wed	9.15am 10.00 am 1.30 pm 6.00 pm 7.00pm 8.00 pm	Lift to Lean (full body workout) – SH WI Pop In – WIH Short Mat Bowls –VH Cubs – SH DnB Workout – VH 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 8.00 pm	Over 50s Yoga – WIH Hear Here – AMB (1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month) Scrabble at AMB (2nd Thursday of the month starting 8 <sup>th</sup> November) Under 8's Judo - SH Over 8's Judo - SH Adult Ju Jitsu - SH Duplicate Bridge – WIH Tatsfield Singers - TPS Table Tennis – VH
Fri	10.00 am 10.00 am 11.00 am 1.30 pm 5.30 pm 6.30 pm 8.00 pm	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 am 10.00 am 10.00 am 10.15 am 11.00 am 11.30 am	Under 8's Judo – SH Bootcamp (TPS outside) Composting site (CLOSED for winter) 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

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

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

#### **NOVEMBER**

2 <sup>nd</sup> Fri	6.00pm	Tatsfield School Fireworks display
4 <sup>th</sup> Sun	3.30pm	All Souls Service, StM
6 <sup>th</sup> Tues	8pm	THS AGM and talk, A World of Lavender, VH
7 <sup>th</sup> Wed	10am	CRUK Christmas Fair, The Grasshopper Inn
10 <sup>th</sup> Sat	10-12	ROAD CLOSURE VILLAGE CENTRE (For Remembrance service)
10 <sup>th</sup> Sat	10.40 am	Remembrance Service, Village Centre
10 <sup>th</sup> Sat	7.30pm	North Downs Sinfonia, VH
11 <sup>th</sup> Sun	10am	Remembrance Service, StM
11 <sup>th</sup> Sun	12pm	Remembrance Lunch, Millennium Hall
12 <sup>th</sup> Mon	8pm	Parish Council Meeting, AMB
15 <sup>th</sup> Thur	7pm	Craft and Shopping evening, Ye Old Ship
26 <sup>th</sup> Mon	8pm	Parish Council meeting, AMB

#### **DECEMBER**

1 <sup>st</sup> Sat	10am	TAG Children's Art Workshop, MH
15 <sup>th</sup> Sat	7pm	Tatsfield Singers, VH

#### Venues

AMB - Aileen McHugo Building • CGA - Community Games Area MH - Millennium 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

#### **EMERGENCY INFORMATION – DEFIBRILLATORS**

The following Automatic Emergency Defibrillators (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 HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Garden Club 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018

A year in the life of Whelan's farm in Tatsfield – A talk given by Robert Kilby and David Gilchrist.

Robert and David told us that Whelan's farm is a commercial farm but prefers to be environmentally friendly as part of the work that happens there.

It is 1700 acres/600 hectares, is high up and very exposed and the soil has a high chalk content. It is a mixed farm



growing arable crops like winter barley, oil seed rape, wheat and spring oats. It also has sheep and produces lambs. About 500 acres are kept as grass.

The average rainfall is 1000mm per year, this past year was only 860mm, the second driest ever. There are a lot of grass weed issues on the farm, the main problem being rye grass, which is very difficult to control if it gets hold. They try to control weeds with herbicides and pre-emergence sprays and also try to prevent disturbing the soil too much when drilling.

They belong to a government run environmental scheme, HLS, which means that they can only use organic material and no fertilisers. This means there is lots of legislation regarding which products can be used in or on the fields. The farm comes under strict scrutiny and can be fined 3% of its subsidy for each of the criteria that they have not fulfilled. They have to complete and keep stringent records.

There are margins around the farm that are seeded with special bird friendly plants to encourage the wildlife and provide a safe environment for birds to nest. There are also wild flower margins to encourage the insects. To keep up with modern farming methods the farm has bought some new equipment in the last year.

Robert and David then gave us a tour of the seasons on the farm. Some facts:

• Last winter was the driest for 18 years and the coldest for 5 years. They also had the 'Beast from the East' to contend with.

- Spring brought some very unpredictable weather. It was then the wettest
   Spring for 23 years with over 300mm of rain, plus a 'mini beast from the east'.
- The summer was very hot and dry with only 120mm of rainfall the whole summer.
- Autumn has been very dry so far, only 60mmof rain to date, the farm needs 400mm over the next 10 weeks to reach the annual rainfall.

All in all a very interesting talk much enjoyed by those present.

#### Abridged report courtesy of Helena Garcia MacLeod

#### THS BIG TALK AND AGM

The Society's AGM this year is being held on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The formalities should last less than 30 minutes. We are continuing to offer our Members 10% savings at Knight's Warlingham and Woldingham garden centres on all horticulturally based items. Also we have 50% discount off Sutton Seeds and 15% off everything else in their catalogue (except gift vouchers). Yes you have read this correctly!

My two-year term of office as Chairman is coming to an end and I thank you all for being so supportive at our shows and various events over the past two years and of course special thanks must go to my committee team and volunteers who have made 'The Job' a very pleasurable experience.

This year following the Society's AGM we will have a fun and illustrated talk by Dr Simon Charlesworth of Downderry Lavender Nursery. I last saw Simon at the Biggin Hill garden club last year and thought his presentation was outstanding. He was very amusing, informative and his slide quality one of the best I have ever seen. He is bringing his large screen plus an array of items to sell in the lavender theme. Good quality lavender plants, lavender oils, dried bunches of lavender, soaps, bath foam, shower gels, hand cream, pillow spray, popular lavender themed cards which are always popular and if you are feeling adventurous lavender cook books. Our daughter has cooked us a chicken recipe using dried lavender and it was delicious.

On the refreshment side there will be picnic nibbles, soft drinks, beers and wines all included in your ticket price of only £5.00, which are available from Sue Warren 542892 or on the door. If you are just coming on the night please do phone me beforehand, to help with seating arrangements and to ensure we have plenty of refreshments for all.

Please do support the society especially if you have never attended a horticultural event before. You will be made most welcome and we plan to finish by 9.30pm.

We look forward to seeing you all.

#### Sue Warren - Chairman

#### THE TATSFIELD GARDENER

At this time of the year I am asked to speculate about the kind of winter we are likely to have. The weather patterns are so unpredictable that by the time you read this we may have frost and snow on the ground! The very unusual early ground frosts in late September left many Tatsfielders (who were out and about very early) scraping their windscreens. The domination of high pressure over the UK may continue to be a feature and in November that means cold weather. A much more important question however is whether we are going to get a period of consistently, and much needed, wet weather. A wet and windy day here and there is not going to help much. Our total rainfall for September ended up at just 34mm in Tatsfield, that is less than half our long-term average and October looks like being below the long-term average of 98mm – so far, we have had just 13mm. Is winter coming early this year?

In anticipation of some good frosts this month, make sure to dig over your vegetable plot and leave it in rough clods for the action of the frost to break it down into finer particles and make it much easier to prepare for sowing and planting next spring.

I am often asked questions about the proper management of hedges. Hedges are very important wildlife habitats and yard for yard they are cheaper that putting up a fence or a wall. They are much more attractive to look at especially if you mix up the species to provide flower, fruit and different coloured foliage. BUT - remember that planting fast growing conifers will present you with a major battle to keep them in shape – they want to grow up to 30metres high (100ft)!! If your hedge is adjacent to a footpath it must be kept within your boundary; if it is allowed to hang over - and obstruct - the path you may be contacted by the Parish or County Council (see the letter from Cllr Hodge in the October Parish Magazine) requiring you to cut it back to your boundary. If you do not do this then they may do it and charge you! Now the big question - when should I cut my hedge? Your top priority is to avoid cutting it when there is a risk if disturbing nesting birds - that can be from February to July. If you must do it in this period then you must check the hedge very carefully to be sure there are no active nests. This is particularly important if you are carrying out heavy pruning to re-shape the hedge. Lastly remember that the top of a formal hedge should be narrower than the bottom to allow light and rain to reach the base. If your hedge is overgrown now is the time to get it cut back and reshaped!

Are you planning to buy plants, flower and vegetable seeds for next year? I have good news for you – Tatsfield Horticultural Society (THS) is now a member of Suttons Group Scheme; under this scheme members will receive 50% discount of their seed order and 15% off other products in the Suttons Catalogue. The 2019 catalogue will be available to members when they renew their membership early next year. For details on how to join THS contact Christine Stainer on <a href="mailto:christinestainer@yahoo.com">christinestainer@yahoo.com</a> or call her on 577803.

#### Jon Allbutt

# Non-native Species Alert

#### Japanese Knotweed Fallopia japonica



Often grows into dense thickets, outcompeting native flora, contributing to river bank erosion and increasing the likelihood of flooding. It can also cause significant structural damage to buildings and other structures.

Identification features (summer):

Stem: Up to 3 metres tall. Green, with red or purple specks. Hollow, bamboo-like nodes.

Leaves: Green, heart shaped. Up to 120 mm long.

Flowers: Creamy clusters. August - October.





Japanese Knotweed is among the most invasive species in the world. If left unmanaged, it spreads rapidly, and can be difficult and expensive to control.

Please help to prevent the spread of this plant.

If you have this plant on your property and would like further advice, please contact:

#### The Parish Clerk:

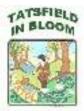
Samantha Head, 33 Alexandra Road, Warlingham CR6 9DW Tel: 07920 772880 or email <a href="mailto:clerk@tatsfieldparishcouncil.org.uk">clerk@tatsfieldparishcouncil.org.uk</a>



#### TATSFIELD IS BUZZING AGAIN IN 2018!

At the beginning of October the volunteers planted polyanthus in mixed colours together with dwarf daffodils in the Tatol bed and in the containers and





tubs around the Village Hall, noticeboards, the mangers on the Old

Bakery and the School. The cascade planter has been planted with mixed violas. The perennial bed on the Bakery lawn was being dismantled at the end of October and

spring planting added.



The Committee was meeting during October to discuss ideas for next summer before the designing and ordering of plants can take place.

On 28<sup>th</sup> September we held a Celebration Evening in the WI Hall to which all our volunteers, sponsors and friends were invited. Certificates were presented by

our District Councillor, Martin Allen, to Christine and Paul Stainer, Angela Sawyers, Pam Bishop, Marian Godfrey, Mary Smith, Carol and Steve Gaskell, Ian and Kay Longley, Crossways Court, Tatsfield Composting Scheme and Tatsfield Primary School.



It is a very worthwhile and satisfying experience helping to make our village beautiful and we are always looking for new volunteers to give up an hour of their time on a Saturday morning to come and help us. Please just turn up at 10.00am by the Bakery and we will greet you warmly!







#### COMPOSTER'S CHRONICLE

Well, what a year that was! Shredder problems dogged most of it but I am glad to say that we have finally solved the problem of the wearing input belt by having it removed completely. We have done a couple of Saturdays without it and, although there is a little extra effort required to get stuff into the machine, it doesn't seem to have had any great impact on the "throughput".

When I think back to the worst part of the summer when machine was out of action for about a month and the backlog reached its peak, I can't believe how lucky we were that the weather was so good. For two or three weeks I was slicing a cliff face off the mountainous piles with my most powerful hedge-trimmer to try to keep things moving – like slicing a doner kebab! If those piles were wet we would have been finished.

We are still waiting to hear whether or not we will get the grant for the new shredder but, hopefully, there will be fewer breakdowns with the current one now that the troublesome belt has gone. (Hope I am not tempting fate.)

The two receiving bays in the new "island" for the exclusive use of the allotmenteers have now gone over to "winter mode". This means that there is no need to sort the material into shredding or soft but it would help if really big stuff like sunflower stalks of sweet corn stems could be chopped up a little. In the spring this will be moved into other bins in the island ready for the usual summer allotment arrangements to commence again. Please continue to observe the rules about not putting in clods of turf, soil, stones etc.

I would also ask allotment holders not to put anything woody like fruit tree prunings or old blackcurrant or redcurrant stems in as these will not disintegrate sufficiently over the winter and will make emptying the bays very hard work in the spring. These bays will only take a little of what the allotments are capable of producing but we have to be realistic about what we can cope with and I would ask allotmenteers not to "overflow" them or put stuff in any other bin. More room will appear on the top of the bays as the waste rots down during the winter.

We intend to replace another third of the composting bins over the winter break and (possibly) the main receiving bays. I think the improvements will then really start to make a difference both in the running of the site and its general appearance.

Just a reminder that we are still looking for a little extra help for the fourth and any fifth Saturdays of the month.

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

#### THE NOVEMBER FILM



The November film has been attracting large audiences everywhere, so Curzon Country Cinema are showing it twice when it comes to the Village Hall on Saturday 17 November, with doors opening at 3.15pm and 7.30pm. It's "Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again". Tickets are £5. Pay at the door or reserve online at www.curzoncountrycinema.co.uk.



It is ten years since many sang and danced to the original "Mamma Mia!", a musical based on songs by ABBA. We are now invited to return to the magical Greek island of Kalokairi in the new film, which is both a prequel and a sequel. The soundtrack is full of ABBA songs not featured in the first film plus some reprised favourites.

I found the first film complicated enough but the new film's story is even more so, with the various entanglements of the different generations. But it moves along at a fast pace, featuring many of the original cast together with some new additions, including Lily James, Amanda Seyfried, Christine Baranski Julie Walters, Pierce Brosnan, Andy Garcia, Colin Firth, Stellan Skasgard, Cher and Meryl Streep.

Those who saw the first film will not want to miss this one. If you did not see the first one, try this one. You might be pleasantly surprised. One hardened critic wrote "I simply can't imagine how Mamma Mia Here We Go Again could be any better than it is. I love it to pieces and I can't wait to go again!".

What does "mamma mia" mean? It is an expression of surprise, used a lot by Italians.

#### **Bob David**

#### TATSFIELD ART GROUP CALENDAR

SESSION DATE	TUTOR & SESSION FOCUS	NOTES	
2018			
10 September	AGM 7.30	Springfield Cottage – Logo and ideas	
17 September	Members Annual Challenge		
24 September	Anthony Nield	Pen & Ink Demo	
1 October	Anthony Nield	Pen & Ink Workshop	
8 October WW1 theme			
15 October			
22 – 29 October	HALF TERM		
5 November	lan Henderson	Demo – Snow scene	
12 November	Ian Henderson	Workshop – Snow scene	
19 November	Adie Parker	Ink & Pastel Demo	
26 November	Adie Parker	Ink & Pastel Workshop	
3 December			
	WINTER BREAK		
2019			
18 February			
25 February	Marie Antonio	Demo – Abstract painting	
4 March			
11 March	Claire Murthy	Demo – animals in coloured pencils	
18 March	Claire Murthy	Workshop drawing animal of our choice	
25 March	EASTER HOLIDAYS		
29 April	EXHIBITION	PREPARATION	
4 & 5 May	TAG EXHIBITION		
6 May	POST EXHIBITION	ANALYSIS	
13 May	Mike Fryer	Knife painting – acrylic landscape demo	
20 May	Mike Fryer	workshop	
27 May – 31 May	HALF TERM		
3 June			
10 June	Paul Chambers	Demo – Reflections in watercolour	
17 June			
24 June	Tracey Bengeyfield	Demo/Workshop Watercolour/wax crayon	
1 July	Tracey Bengeyfield	Demo/Workshop Watercolour/wax crayon	
8 July			
	SUMMER BREAK		
9 September	AGM 7.30	Venue to be agreed	

Members Annual fee £150.00 Includes: All Demos and Tutored Sessions

Exhibiting at our annual Art Exhibition

Guests fee for Demos £10.00 Guests fee for Tutored Session £15.00 Guests charged a fee for exhibiting at our Art Exhibition

#### **NOT SO YOUNG CLUB**

Our numbers were even lower this month, with so many members either unwell or attending hospital appointments. Eventually there were 15 sat down to enjoy to the fish and chips lunch. I think everyone was happy with the meal and the very welcome cup of tea.

At our next meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> November, we have Mike Lambert coming to entertain us, so a fun afternoon!

#### Babs Heffernon (540602)



#### Christmas Fair in aid of Cancer Research UK Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018

The Grasshopper Inn, Moorhouse, Westerham Road, Westerham, TN16 2EU 10.00am - 3.00pm. £3 on the door. <a href="mailto:oxed.cruk@gmail.com">oxted.cruk@gmail.com</a>

Do all your shopping in the wonderful ambience of an old coaching inn. Our preview evening, on 6th November, is by advance ticket only, and the fair then continues all the next day. Tickets for the preview evening on Tuesday 6th November, 6 – 8.30pm, cost £15 to include bubbly and canapés and are available from <a href="mailto:debbieinnes@hotmail.com">debbieinnes@hotmail.com</a> or <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-fair-preview-evening-tickets-48087279347?aff=ebdssbdestsearch">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-fair-preview-evening-tickets-48087279347?aff=ebdssbdestsearch</a>



#### PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY TO



#### THE POPPY APPEAL IN TATSFIELD THIS YEAR

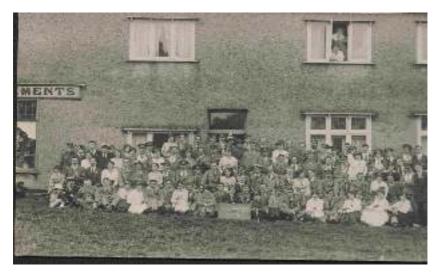
As reported last month, David Vale is organising the Poppy Appeal in Tatsfield this year. The Poppy Appeal is the British Legion's biggest fundraising campaign held every year in November to thank those who served in the armed forces and who sacrificed their lives. This year is a special one as it marks the centenary of the end of the First World War. You will be able to donate in collection boxes placed all over the village: at Tatsfield School, the Bakery, Ye Old Ship, Park Wood Golf Club, Grasshopper Inn, Aileen McHugo Building, St Mary's Church, the Village Club and the Village Hall. Collection boxes will be in place by the time you read this until 11 November. David will also be collecting at the Remembrance service in the village centre on the morning of Saturday 10 November.

#### ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

A total of 27 Tatsfield men were killed in the First World War: two more deaths were recorded in 1919. Many other men had been wounded. Four families had lost two or more members in the fighting across the world. The youngest to die was 17. More than half were under 30. The population of Tatsfield a hundred years ago was less than half what it is now, so doubling the casualty figures would give an indication of the impact of such a loss on today's Tatsfield, let alone the lasting grief of so many families and friends.

It was less than a week before Armistice Day that Private William Young of the Royal West Kent Regiment was killed – in India. He was one of 1,800 servicemen who died in India during the war and his death is commemorated at Kirkee Memorial in Poona. Born in Tatsfield in 1889, Pte Young was the son of Stephen and Elizabeth Ann Young (née Lee) of the Monks, Tatsfield Green and worked for Godstone Rural District Council.

As the war came to an end, some of the survivors of the 120 men who answered the call to the colours joined relatives and friends for a group photograph on Westmore Green outside the Bakery tearooms, then run by 42-year-old William Potter.



Three years later, in August 1921, Tatsfield's wartime sacrifice was to be recognised at a high level - by the presence of the Secretary of State for War at the unveiling of the war memorial in St Mary's church.

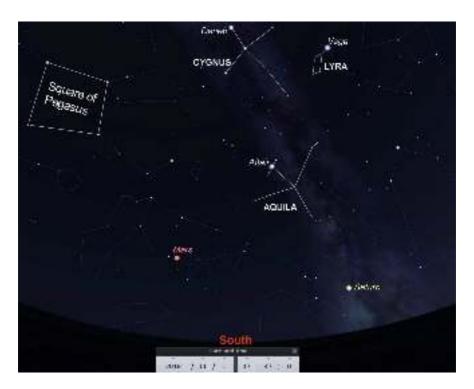
Ian Mitchell, Tatsfield History Project: Email: Tatsfield.history@talk21.com Tel: 577376

#### THE NIGHT SKY IN TATSFIELD – NOVEMBER 2018

The number of bright planets that we have enjoyed for an extended period in the evening skies is now dwindling as some move around the Sun to appear on the other side of it as morning objects. One such is Venus that passed between the Earth and Sun (known as inferior conjunction) at the end of October and now lies to the west (right) of our parent star. This means it rises ahead of the Sun so is visible in the mornings before sunrise. By mid-month Venus will be seen in the pre dawn skies as a brilliant object low in the south east.

However, in the evenings, we do still have Saturn and Mars on view though the former will become more difficult to locate and will set less than two hours after the Sun by the end of the month.

On the first of November the Sun sets at approximately 4.30pm and reaches twelve degrees below the horizon an hour and a quarter later: this is when nautical twilight ends and astronomical twilight begins. At that time Saturn will be ten degrees above the horizon in the south-south-west and will be, as I've said before, quite difficult to differentiate from a star. Mars, on the other hand, is considerably brighter and obviously orange/red in colour. On the same date it will be found due south and twenty two degrees in altitude a few minutes before 7pm.



At the moment Saturn appears to sit amongst the stars of the Milky Way, although this is only a line of sight effect because the planet is very much closer than the background stars. However, it provides a marker for the location of the Milky Way and from there the band of light rises to pass through the overhead point (the zenith). On its way there it passes along the bodies of two mythological birds, Aquila (the eagle) and Cygnus (the swan, sometimes referred to as the Northern Cross). After passing above our heads it makes its way through the "W" of Cassiopeia before reaching the north eastern horizon close to that little group of stars called the Pleiades or the "Seven Sisters". To see the band of the Milky Way you will need to view it from a reasonably dark site and be outside for at least ten minutes, longer if possible, to allow your eyes to adapt. The best place to look is the area around Cygnus as this is quite a bright section and it is high up at the moment.

The map is drawn for around 5.45pm on November 1<sup>st</sup> and shows an area that will be familiar to you if you remember the map in last month's Keys of the Summer Triangle. The constellation names are in bold with star and planet names in italic. I have only highlighted the brighter stars to avoid confusion.

#### **Brian Mills FRAS**

#### TATSFIELD PLAYING FIELD 100 CLUB

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

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Justin Naughton £49.50

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: David Parker £33.00ll

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Stuart Hendry £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: <a href="mailto:gazzaweaver@hotmail.com">gazzaweaver@hotmail.com</a>. We are a very friendly club and play matches on Sundays - enthusiasm is more important than ability.

#### Les Eames

#### FOR SALE

A riser/recliner beige coloured arm chair, with attached table for sale. £250.00 o.n.o. Telephone Ann on 577593.

#### Grants of up to £2,000 available to local good causes

Tandridge District Council is inviting local good causes to apply for grants of up to £2,000, which will be awarded to local charities and voluntary groups which can demonstrate the work they do helps support people living in the district.

Thanks to the success of the Tandridge Together Lottery, which launched in March 2018, the fund available to local good causes this year has increased. 10p from every ticket sold goes directly into the Tandridge Together Community Fund for the Council to distribute in small grants. This year, an overall fund up to £33,500 is available, made up of £16,500 raised by people buying tickets for the Tandridge Together Lottery and £17,000 from the Council's Small Grants Fund.

Local good causes are invited to apply for funding of up to £2,000 towards initiatives which will directly benefit residents through one or more of the following activities:

- · Supporting older people.
- Supporting people with disabilities.
- Helping to develop younger people.
- Improving community facilities.
- · Improving sporting facilities.
- · Environmental improvement and conservation.

The form is available at <a href="https://www.tandridge.gov.uk/communityfund">www.tandridge.gov.uk/communityfund</a> and applications must be submitted by midnight on 16 November, 2018.

The grant allocations will be decided by the Tandridge Health and Wellbeing Board by the end of January 2019.

Councillor Martin Fisher, Chair of the Tandridge Health and Wellbeing Board, said: "We are delighted to offer this sum of money to support the amazing work carried out by good causes in the district. Safeguarding and improving the health and wellbeing of our residents is a key focus of our work. We are really pleased with the ongoing success of the Tandridge Together Lottery which is proving to be a really positive way to help local good causes raise funds directly and also have the opportunity to benefit from this additional Community Fund."

# Tatsfield School Fireworks

Tatsfield School, Ship Hill, Tatsfield. Friday 2nd November

> Gates Open 6pm Fireworks commence 7pm

# BBQ, Tuck Shop, Bar, Glow Novelties!

Advance Tickets £5.50 per person, or family ticket £70.

Gate price £6 per person, £25 per family. Pre-school children free.

Family tickets admit up to 5 people.

Tickets can be bought from the school office or by calling 07939048979.

DUE TO HEALTH & SAFETY REGULATIONS, NO SMOKING IS PERMITTED ON SITE AND PERSONAL FIREWORKS ARE FORBIDDEN.

#### **NIGEL'S NATURE NOTES**

#### Correspondence:

Regular readers will know that as well as local observations, everyone's news, views and opinions are welcomed and included in Nature Notes, regardless of any personal opinion I or others may hold. The following letter, received from Christine Wareham, a Tatsfield resident, may upset or anger some of our readers. However, it is not abusive and clearly presents a different aspect of rural life; one which I have apparently neglected. A road name has been deleted in order to maintain anonymity of the landowner. (28.09.18):

'I was reading your Nature Notes in the October 2018 Parish Magazine. You mention you saw seven **Pheasants** running aimlessly in a panic. The reason being that there is a cruel Pheasant shoot that takes place every year in the killing fields along [] Road.

Pheasants are not native to this land and are reared in cruel factory farms in barren cages. They are subjected to wing-tying, beak-clipping and the use of plastic bits to prevent their beaks closing. 50% are reared abroad on factory farms and are transported over here in crates stacked on lorries, enduring 20 hours of travelling from farm to shoot. Then their first taste of freedom is short lived as they are beaten up into the sky and cruelly shot down by this cruel and unnecessary so-called sport.

I have driven many times down [] Road, as I live in the village, and seen cars dangerously swerving out of the way, so as not to hit the poor Pheasants, fleeing from the fields. Some are maimed, flapping around in pain. They are seen over spilling onto the grass verges of this very fast country lane, some cars regularly speeding up to 70mph and over. And as Pheasants have no road sense, they are running straight out in front of cars. Sadly, squashed Pheasants are a regular sight along that stretch of road.

Gamekeepers also set traps and wire snares to target animals such as Foxes, Stoats and corvids, such as Magpies. However, due to the indiscriminate nature of these devices, many non-target, protected and endangered species, such as Badgers and Hares get caught in these traps. (Gamekeepers also trap and poison thousands of rare birds of prey. [Consequently] the Hen Harrier is on the point of extinction.)

I would like to see you also write about this in your 'Nigel's Nature Notes', as this is the true reality as to what is really happening out there in Tatsfield's beautiful countryside. But I fear you will not mention this as you seem to want to show the nice face of Tatsfield's wildlife, and not what really is happening; the cruel, unnecessary slaughter of innocent birds for so-called sport.'

Unfortunately, Christine, I have insufficient evidence to know whether all of the statements within your letter are facts, hearsay or conjecture. Consequently, I am not adding my usual comments. Nevertheless, I feel sure our readers are grateful to you for expressing your strongly-held thoughts and concern. Hopefully, your letter will encourage others to likewise express their opinion.

#### Some final butterfly notes for 2018:

It's mid-October and I have just seen a wonderfully, fresh-looking, sulphur-yellow brimstone flit across the garden. Interestingly, this is not only the first butterfly to be regularly spotted in early springtime but also the last we can expect to see during the autumn. The extended warm period we are currently experiencing will, however, soon pass and any remaining brimstone's will need to quickly find a nice, cosy spot amongst some ivy where they will hibernate until next April, their leaf-like, closed wings hopefully providing the necessary camouflage to avoid detection by hungry, insecteating birds.

I expect most have heard about the mass migration of monarch butterflies, but while researching the 'white' butterflies last month I came across a couple of wonderful, historic reports that I think will interest you. I remember in my early teaching days there was quite an emphasis placed on inspiring children by ensuring an element of 'awe and wonder' in daily lessons. I feel sure that what follows will fill you with awe and wonder! This first account relates to an event from just across the English Channel:

'1508, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Year of Henry 7, the 9 of July, being relyke Sonday, there was sene at Calleys [Calais] an innumerable swarme of whit buttarflyes cominge out of the north este and flying south-estewards, so thicke as flakes of snowe, that men being a shutynge in St.Petars fields without the towne of Calleys could not see the towne at foure of the clock in the aftarnone, they flew so highe and so thicke.'

('Chronicles of Calais in the Reigns of Henry VII and Henry VIII'. Richard Turpyn.)

And now a report from this side of the Channel, near Dover:

'One of the largest flights of butterflies ever seen in this country crossed the Channel from France to England on Sunday last. Such was the density and extent of the cloud formed by the living mass that it completely obscured the sun from the people on board the continental steamers on their passage for many hundreds of yards, while the insects strewed the decks in all directions.'

(Canterbury Journal, 5<sup>th</sup> July 1846.)

White's aren't the only species to migrate in such large numbers. Painted ladies have been seen in fairly large numbers in our locality in my own lifetime. But it's all very hit and miss, largely dependent on the success of overseas breeding in a particular season. Personally, following this year's dismal showing, I will be happy if, during 2019, I see a couple of red admirals, a peacock and a smattering of small tortoiseshells!

In the meantime – has anyone spotted a Fieldfare, Redwing, Siskin, Redpoll ...? 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 November 2018 are as follows. Everyone welcome, including your dogs.



SUNDAY 11th November 2018

Leader: Richard Gadd

Start Point: 10.30am Westerham Green

Map Ref: TQ 446540 Postcode: TN16 1AS

Description: A walk to Limpsfield Chart via Hosey Common, Chartwell, Mariners Hill

and Crockham Hill common. We will stop for refreshment at The Carpenters Arms, Limpsfield Chart. Returning by a shorter, more direct route down Goodley Stock. Some quite steep hills. Predominately

woodland. 6½ miles in total 4 hours.

Sunday 18th November 2018 - 70's Saunter

Leader: Carol Vening

Start Point: 11.00am outside the Carpenters Arms Limpsfield Chart

Map Ref: TQ 424518 RH8 0TG

Description: Gentle walk round the Chart. A few small inclines but these will be taken

at a slow pace. We will return to The Carpenters for refreshments.

Approximate total distance 2½miles 2 hours.

Sunday 25th November 2018

Leader: Mary Hayward

Start Point: 10.30am Bough Beech Reservoir (Winkhurst Green) – parking on

the road that crosses the top of the reservoir

Map Ref: TQ 496492 Postcode: TN14 6LD

Description: A 7 mile walk 4 hours starting at the top of the reservoir, passing

through Bough Beech and Hever Golf Course and back through the nature reserve. We stop for refreshments at The Wheatsheaf,

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#### **FIVE MINUTES WITH.... SUE BEY**

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

#### What is your connection with Tatsfield?

I grew up in Tatsfield. The Gascoynes were one of the first families to move into the brand new Shipfield Close in 1967. It was a lovely place to grow up, with lots of other young families - my sister Gaye and I would ride our bicycles around and around the close. For a few years, we had New Years Eve parties in the close. There would be different things going on in several houses and we



would all end up in one house for the disco and dancing in the New Year. We had little street parties for various other celebrations in Shipfield Close too. We knew everyone that lived there and the Mums would be popping in and out all the time for a cuppa. In 1976 we moved to Paynesfield Road with my baby sister Nicky, and that was a lovely place to live too. The 'Paynesfield Road Gang' were very busy building the most elaborate floats for the Westerham Carnival each year. Although, I now live in Westerham, both of my sisters Gaye and Nicky and my Mum, Christine still live in the Village, so I am a regular visitor.

#### What are your favourite memories of the Village?

My mum was very involved in the Horticultural Society, so my sisters and myself would always be baking, growing and making things for the Horticultural Society Shows twice a year. I think my sister Gaye won the cup almost every time. I remember going to these wonderful garden parties at Beacon Shaw, just outside the village opposite where Beaver Water World is. I was part of the maypole dancing in the beautiful gardens at Beacon Shaw and remember it being a fabulous party for the village. I remember picking bluebells in the woods and selling them door to door in Shipfield Close. I also used to weed peoples flowerbeds and wash cars. I was keen to earn a few pennies from a very early age. I can't remember the year, but think it might have been early 80's when we had lots of snow and the village was completely snowed in and cut off. I recall a helicopter coming to rescue a lady who had gone into labour and the pub ran out of beer! The hurricane in 1986 was quite dramatic too and a tree crushed my beloved VW Beetle! Walking around the village after the hurricane had passed was incredible. Many cars had been squashed, roofs blown off, buildings damaged and so many trees had fallen in all directions.

#### What do you do now?



I have my own little business called 'Bey Tree'. I travel around with my Pop Up Shop selling wonderful ladies clothing, jewellery, accessories, candles and even sheepskin rugs. I had a pitch at the last two village Scout Fetes which was wonderful. Quite a few Tatsfield ladies are regular customers to Bey Tree and some have hosted parties in their homes, just like my Mum used to do in Shipfield Close. In those days it was 'Tupperware' and 'Pippadee' parties - a nice way of getting your friends over for a catch-up and a spot of retail therapy too.

#### What made you set up Bey Tree?

Buying and selling was what I had been doing for many years - travelling around selling numerous things - but when we had our two children Stan and Lily, it wasn't so good for me to be away from home so much. I stopped the travelling while the children were young, so when they were both at secondary school I set up Bey Tree. I thought about what my circle of friends and my many connections would be interested in buying at that time. Most ladies are pretty much always interested in buying clothes and as I don't have the overheads of a shop, I can sell it very reasonably, so my customers really appreciate the savings they can make.

#### What do you like about your business?

It is a very sociable job. I am always meeting new people and visiting new places. Some of the houses I have had parties in, are magnificent and very interesting

and I have stalls in places like Chiddingstone Castle, Penshurst Place and Hever Castle. I really enjoy the buying part of it too. I go to many trade shows all over the country to find new and interesting suppliers. This year I have been importing clothing from Paris and New York. I think I might have to get a trip to Milan in soon too....



Look at Sue's facebook page 'Bey Tree' if you want to see some of the wonderful things in her collection.

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



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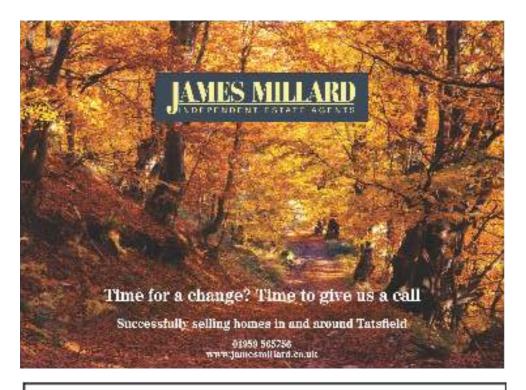
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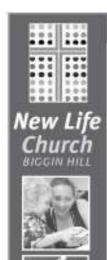


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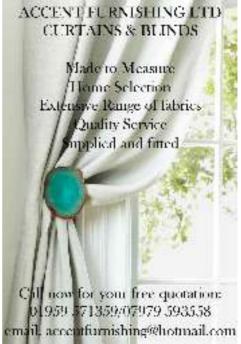
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