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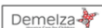
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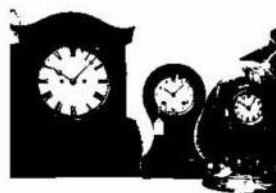
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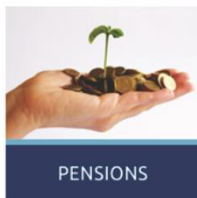
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## EDITORIAL

In this 200th year since her birth, I recently had cause to reflect upon the faith of Emily Brontë, poet and author of *Wuthering Heights*, as one of my sisters was giving a talk about her at the Brontë Parsonage Museum at Haworth. Whilst Emily's father was an Anglican clergyman, she is difficult to pin down, since she regarded faith as a private thing and she had some misgivings about the Church. However, her poem "No Coward Soul is Mine" includes parts that could be interpreted as reaching out to the God who is behind and beyond all things and acknowledging the God within. In the poem she speaks of god, deity, spirit, being and breath, as well as addressing the subject of death (although it is not certain which of these were given a capital letter in her original handwritten version).

In spite of the poem, Emily's faith and the kind of God she may have believed in, remain something of a mystery. However, as we approach the celebration of Christmas, the good news is that God has freely allowed us to "pin Him down". The Christian belief that Jesus Christ is fully God and fully human, means that His birth in Bethlehem some 2000 years ago signals the introduction of God to us in a way that we might more easily comprehend. If we believe this, then we can more readily learn what God is like, as we reflect on the life, words and deeds of Christ.

During this autumn term, some will lament just how early the Christmas advertising begins but even here there is perhaps a reminder that a significant event lies behind the celebration and the accompanying season of giving. As Jesus Himself speaks of loving God and neighbour, so we might respond by striving for love and peace in the world, and increasingly there are opportunities to do this as part of our Christmas observance. There are some very good charitable activities to care for the homeless and there are organisations that offer gifts that will serve or help the poor in other parts of the world.

We warmly invite you to join us at St Mary's Church and or Tatsfield Primary School for our Christmas services, which are detailed in our Christmas card accompanying this issue of the Tatsfield Parish Magazine.

With my best wishes for a Happy Christmas and New Year.

**Vince Short**

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Of course, I have been fortunate to work with Bob David and Martin Allen and all the friends who stood as Parish Councillors, not forgetting so many lovely people across Tatsfield. I have been a very lucky councillor to have represented you all. I do accept that I have not achieved everything, but I have always tried my best.

Together we have a new school which is doing an outstanding job, so thank you Kevin and all the team who make a daily difference to the children. With Bob David leading the charge we have created new social housing in the village. So many Tatsfield residents were involved in creating the Tatsfield new allotment centre and moving the recycling centre to Approach Road next to the allotment site. I have enjoyed a number of teas when visiting. Together we have secured new equipment that makes for faster work on site on Saturdays. I was delighted to see young people doing Duke of Edinburgh awards on Saturdays at the recycling centre making a difference as well. I was pleased to be able to ensure a significant number of roads have been resurfaced through the village - Ship Hill the latest. There have been so many changes in the village over the last 13 years which is a tribute to all of you. There are still other opportunities for more improvements and this will continue.

The village has such an amazing array of events: clubs, organisation, links to France, music evenings, yes even the odd political event, the Tatsfield in Bloom contribution annually, and a key component of the village is your Parish Council. I have had the privilege to witness so much work to the village, by so many different volunteers and, in particular, may I say a real sincere thank you to all those who have served as your Parish Councillors. I know just how much work they contribute to the success of the village. I hope you do not mind if I single out your outstanding Parish Clerk, Samantha, who goes the extra mile in her role in supporting the village.

With the prospect of colder weather and probably snow as it hits Tatsfield first, do please continue to look out for those that may not be able to get out and shop and offer your normal Tatsfield helping hand.

In my role as your County Councillor in Leading Surrey County Councillor I hope you feel that I have never forgotten my basic duties to you all as your County Councillor.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the next Parish Meeting, the day before I stand down as Leader at Surrey County Council.

**Kind regards, David Hodge**

**Dear Editor,**

At Christmas time, it's a period to be with loved ones, to wrap up as we go outside in the cold and a time to reflect on the year that has been and what lies ahead.

As I personally look back on 2018, I see a year that has been filled with inspiration, dedication and remembrance.

In January, I was promoted to Universities and Science Minister and, in this role, I have met some truly inspiring people. From scientists striving to develop new treatments for diseases like cancer and Alzheimer's to researchers making breakthroughs that could change the way we live our lives, I have seen the true potential of the human spirit for ingenuity and innovation.

Dedication is something I have seen every time I meet constituents or travel across East Surrey. From the passionate campaigners at the Douglas Brunton Centre in Caterham to the Tatsfield Fairtrade group, I feel lucky to represent communities brimming with hope, energy and enthusiasm for so many worthy and important local causes.

This year we commemorated the centenary of the end of World War One and to mark this I launched a special campaign inviting schoolchildren from across East Surrey to use their imagination to help remember the role our communities played in the Great War. I was so moved by the hundreds of entries I received and was particularly impressed by two powerful and beautiful acrostics from two pupils from Tatsfield Primary School. It was my honour to host a reception in the Houses of Parliament for the pupils whose entries will be preserved forever in a special book to be housed at the Surrey History Centre. This campaign was our tribute to those who gave their tomorrow for our today.

As we look to the year ahead, I hope all of you find some form of inspiration, experience true dedication and remember those who we care about most.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. **Sam Gyimah MP**

**Dear Editor**

I would like to express gratitude to all those involved in organising and being involved in the Remembrance Service in the Village on 10<sup>th</sup> November. The turnout was fantastic and it ran like clockwork. Excellent brass band, choir and hats off to the Biggin Hill Cadets and our Scouts and Beavers and all those involved in making it such a moving occasion.

**Ian Godfrey**

**Dear Editor,**

I would like to thank Rob Thorpe so much for coming out to the WI Hall and fixing our plumbing on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November. For finding a plumber at short notice the parish magazine was a godsend so thank you parish magazine and Rob. **Pat Walsh**

**Dear Editor**

I am delighted to tell all those generous friends that supported our “Think Pink” coffee morning on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October that, by the end of the weekend, the team raised £340. The visitors had a natter with their coffee and met others who they may not have known well; so, when our new shop is open in the village, they will not be shy to say hello to anyone they met here at our bring and buy event. Thank you all for your generosity. I have no doubt, someone will be tempted to do something “Think Pink” next year, as everyone seemed to engage with the concept.

If you think it is something you could do, we are happy to share tips with you. We had twenty four visitors on the day, which was only held for one and a half hours. Neighbours were happy to share parking space. It was by invitation only, so we had an idea how to cater. We borrowed coffee cups and an urn, very useful.

It was a gloriously sunny Saturday and the team were very pleased with their displayed items for sale at very reasonable prices.

A very big thank you to Elaine Edwards and Pat Coombe who were so clever at everything they did to make it a day to remember. **Dawn Forrester Groom**

**Dear Editor,**

Surrey County Council are proposing to close all but one children’s centres within our borough. Tandridge Council are running a consultation at the moment and I would urge all residents who have benefited from the children’s centres within the area, to respond.

The council seem to be basing their proposals around financial means. However, the centres are a lifeline for new or existing mums who are lonely, depressed, worried or struggling to cope; they provide a much-needed network of other mums, advice and support. When I had my son three months ago I was struggling with postnatal depression and the centre at Hurst Green was the first step to me feeling better and obtaining help.

Please take a look at the consultation website and have your say, it is important for us all: <https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/have-your-say/consultations>.

**Louise Tanner**



**On behalf of the Parish Magazine,** we would like to thank Dave Bishop for his time and dedication to organising the Tatsfield Village Remembrance Service on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November. It was a very moving service and a fitting reminder of all those from Tatsfield who gave their lives in the two world wars.

Dave is pictured here with Neil Warren and Veronica and Vince Short.

## Dear Editor,

In July this year I was lucky enough to travel with my school to Ecuador. The trip was organised by Camps International. This organisation works in some of the poorest village areas and in the Amazon to help improve and educate about health, hygiene and nutrition, and vitally to help combat deforestation.

We spent the first week in the Cloud Forest, just north of Quito, where we helped develop sustainable business in the area, such as coffee harvesting, tourism and tree conservation. Sadly, the spectacled bear didn't make an appearance, but we had some amazing views and saw all the different birds and wildlife very close to the camp.



Our work in the Amazon was quite similar, although we switched camps halfway through. In one place, we constructed a septic tank



and chicken house for an old woman in one of the tribes, and we began to lay the foundations for a community centre and water system in another. On top of this, we were educated about the threats to the rainforest and did some conservation work. One shocking threat to the Amazon is big businesses venturing in to exploit the people and the forest for resources. One such example is a huge road which a business created, intending to access a mine, but went in the wrong direction so simply bulldozed a kilometre of forest without repercussions. Whilst we did help to make some change in the Amazon, it is clear that a lot more needs to be done to preserve it.

The big physical challenge was five days of trekking. The first two days took us to base camp and then on the each of the following three days we climbed a mountain.

- Day one - Tolillas, 3995 metres high.
- Day two – Cerro Negro 4245 metres high.
- Day three we were aiming for the summit of Fuya Fuya which is 4270 metres high. Unfortunately, we didn't make it to the top. At 4003 metres some of the girls in my team became very ill with altitude sickness and it was clear they had to be taken down the mountain immediately. With limited teaching support staff, the team could not be safely split and so the remainder of us were unable to continue the climb. However, this was an important lesson – our friends needed our support and the experience reinforced the importance of teamwork. Maybe one day I will get the chance to go back and complete the climb!



Tatsfield very kindly supported me, as I raised the funds to go on this trip. I was allowed to advertise my hand stencilled pillowcases in the Parish Magazine, and to sell them at the Horticultural Society Spring Show, the St Mary's Church Teas and the Tatsfield School Summer and Christmas fairs. Thank you to you all for helping me have this extraordinary experience. **Caitlin Barry**

TATSFIELD EXPLORERS

*Christmas*  
**TEA & CAKE  
AFTERNOON**

SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER  
MILLENNIUM HALL 2-5PM

RAISING FUNDS FOR OUR NEW  
EXPLORER SCOUTS SECTION

RAFFLE FOR HAMPER

## **TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

I was honoured to be asked to lay a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council at the Remembrance Service in the village on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> November. Dave Bishop and the volunteers worked extremely hard to enable this event to take place and I would like to thank them on behalf of the village for all that they did and continue to do.

I am sure you will all be pleased to hear that we have, hopefully, found a solution for the pond. As you know, it has long been at the forefront of the Parish Council's mind. Urgent works have diverted funds and conflicting opinions have delayed proceedings. Towards the end of summer last year, the Parish Council contacted a highly recommended expert to conduct an ecological survey of the pond. However, due to seasonal timing, it was advised that the best time to carry out the survey would be May. The survey was undertaken on 9<sup>th</sup> May this year and should you wish to read it, a link can be found on the Parish Council website's homepage. In very exciting news, the Parish Council was approached over the summer by the owner of Tatsfield Aquatics who has volunteered to clear, re-line and replant the pond, subject to the Parish Council funding a new liner and underlays and the project to bring the runoff rainwater from the Village Club roof. The Parish Council has gratefully accepted Ian Hayman's generous offer and readily accepted to fund the liner and rainwater projects. By the time you read this, work should have begun. Replanting of the pond will take place next spring. Many thanks to all those who have been involved and will continue to be involved with the pond. We are all looking forward to seeing the pond renewed and resplendent as the centrepiece of the village.

Our District Councillor, Martin Allen, and I have, since the beginning of the year, been trying to find a solution to concerns about the gritting of roads. We have approached both Surrey County Council and The London Borough of Bromley to see if the route along Lusted Hall Lane and the circuit down Westmore Road along Crossways and back up Paynesfield Road could be added, if the additional costs were covered by the Parish Council. We have at last found out that, sadly, it's a negative from both. We are speaking to local farmers and very much hope that we will be able to agree a private contract to cover these routes over the winter period.

In the meantime, Surrey County Council should have filled all the grit bins by now. A gentle reminder please that the grit in the bins is not for private use and to be used only on pavements and roads. Please also use it sparingly as a little goes a long way. If you find that a bin near to you is empty please email the bin number to Samantha, our Clerk, and she will ask for it to be re-filled. Please be aware though that this cannot be carried out every day.

The Parish Council is also obtaining some additional grit to be used for the school car park and walkways around the Village Hall. We have a list of volunteers who come out to help clear snow, but we are always looking for more hands so if you are able to help

please do let me know. If we all work as a team then, hopefully, we should be able to keep Tatsfield open this year.

On 1<sup>st</sup> December the Christmas tree lights will be turned on and I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the Parish Council sponsored Christmas Carol Service arranged by Dave Bishop on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at the Aileen McHugo Building on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 8.00 pm. As always, the agenda will be made available on village notice boards and at: [www.surreycommunity.info/tatsfield/](http://www.surreycommunity.info/tatsfield/)**

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

## NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

As we come to the end of the year it is a good opportunity to reflect on our journey to produce a Neighbourhood Plan that sets out our vision for how we see Tatsfield developing over the next twenty years. An opportunity to set down clear policies about our built and natural environment, local business, transport and infrastructure and community facilities.



The Parish Council, our District Councillor Martin Allen, and members of the Tatsfield Community formed the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group that meets regularly, and these meetings are open to the public. A website <https://www.surreycommunity.info/tatsfieldneighbourhoodplan/> is set up so that the community can keep up to date with our progress and if you would like to comment or ask a question you can email us on [tatsfield.plan@btinternet.com](mailto:tatsfield.plan@btinternet.com) Those who wish to ask questions or contribute to the discussions may also contact Martin Allen (Chairman of the Steering Group) by telephone on 577201.

Each Topic Group has produced a draft report and these documents were made available in our public consultation sessions and more of these are planned. As a result of our consultations these reports are being revised and will be available on the website in the near future. In January we will be circulating more surveys and also a 'Call for Sites' that give landowners the opportunity to register their interests.

A vital factor in the development of our Neighbourhood Plan is to have evidence that the Steering Group has consulted the community and that the results of these consultations is incorporated in the final draft Neighbourhood Plan. An important part of this process was the circulation of a local Housing Needs Survey. **784** copies of the Survey were posted to all the households in Tatsfield and we are now in the process of analysing the results:

- **784** survey forms were posted to each household in Tatsfield
- To date we have received **271** completed forms
- The form offered the option of filling in the survey by logging on to [www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Q8DSM5L](http://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Q8DSM5L) - to date we have received 92 response
- Taken together we currently have almost a **50% return!**
- **It is not too late if you want to complete the Housing Needs Survey but please make sure you do so this month!**

## TANDRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL



Since last month's report I attended Community Services, Community Infrastructure Levy, and Strategy and Resources Committee Meetings. A Finance workshop meeting, a briefing on Caterham Masterplan, and finally a call over regarding the Community Waste Contract for 2019. I invited Peter Trowbridge Development manager (Housing) from TDC to the village and showed him around "possible housing areas" with Althea Davies.

There are still a large number of voting forms still outstanding and the next stage will be a knock on the door from Council Officers. To avoid this please send off your returns right now.

The Winter issue of Tandridge Magazine is due to be received from 12<sup>th</sup> November and I will be keeping an eye on the success or otherwise of the deliveries to Tatsfield as in has been poor at best in the past. If you have not received your copy by the time you read this then please contact me.

The new wheeled bin service was advised in last month's magazine, if you have not read please do so early so there is no confusion later even though it will not come in until Autumn 2019. And remember 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 [www.tandridge.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.tandridge.gov.uk/recycling). More rubbish costs - more recycling saves it is any easy option.

### **Biggin Hill Airport**

In the last month or so I have reported a further three over flying aircraft to the BHA Noise and Safety control committee in advance of my BHACC meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> November and I have emailed the MD to seek the Tatsfield figures and what has been done about the proven overflights.

### **Matters closer to home.**

**Fly tip** of cement in Ricketts Hill Road – it is regrettable that despite the photographs and a clear number plate being seen Tandridge were unable to pursue the owner of the vehicle to court as he simply denied being the driver at the time.

However, in October at Guildford Magistrates Court a Smallfield resident was convicted, fined £450 and order to pay £45 plus the Council's costs of £300; and an Edenbridge resident was fined £500 with £500 costs. The waste came from as far as Thames Ditton and Ealing.

There is no need to flytip in or from Tatsfield, the next Bulky Waste collection will be on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018. Usual time. Usual place.

Moorhouse – The Officers Applicant and both County Highways met in November and I and other local Councillors are awaiting an appointment to know the outcome of this meeting.

Offending of parking on the pavement in Westmore Road. I have received no further complaints since my last article, so I hope the situation has improved along this road. If not, I repeat, I would urge you on any matters like this are reported using the online reporting service via the Surrey police website or through calling 101.

At the time of writing the uncut area of Land at the Junction of LHL / RHR and the poorly completed section of the slurry work in Westmore Road. Have not been resolved but I expect them to have been completed by the time you read this, I will of course be checking.

The Parish Council Chairman and Clerk and I had an update meeting with Surrey 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; we will continue to press for them for an additional service.

On the positive side Ship Hill was re-laid and I sent our thanks off to the Highways Team as I was advised the contractor proved very helpful and understanding over the access issues whilst the road was closed. And areas of Titsey Road were "filled in". There is a Speed Reduction Notice coming in force for Titsey Hill from 30<sup>th</sup> November due to the uneven road surface. If you use this road you know how bad the unevenness is, so please do stick to the speed limit for your own safety.

### **Oxted Quarry**

I guess we have all run in to the monster lorries that come up Chalk Pit Lane to the quarry so there has been a small success by the Leader of the Council and our local MP to have the daily cap restricted 112 rather than 156. But this does not mean we can afford to drive without due care especially where the road narrows dangerously just off a bend. Please be safe out there.

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. **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE IN THE TDC EMAIL ADDRESS AS THEY ARE NOW OPERATING A DIFFERENT SYSTEM**

### **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.

This is the message that I sent out some two months ago and in response I received an enquiry from a parishioner as to why if someone has been in the same house for twenty years, and has had no change of circumstances, why is this necessary and must be an unnecessary cost. I did not know the answer, so I asked someone who I thought would know and here is the answer.

*"These are interesting questions that are being discussed nationally with electoral services, the Cabinet Office and the Electoral Commission. They are planning to review the canvass over the next few years.*

*There is a legal requirement to conduct an electoral canvass each year in order to publish the electoral register on the 1<sup>st</sup> December.*

*The legislation states that every property must be sent a paper form which is prescribed. Electors can respond to the form by text, automated telephone or online to save money on postage for returns. We have seen an increase in the number of automated responses in the last few years and aim for this trend to continue.*

*The legislation also states that the Electoral Registration Officer cannot include other, non-electoral documents in the envelope, as they are being sent to the elector's name and address using information from the Register which is to be used only for specified (electoral) purposes. On that basis it would be wrong to send them out with the Tandridge magazine or instance.*

*The cost of the annual canvass last year was £27690.48. We anticipate that the costs to be similar this year."*

So again, a simple message from this - if we all sent the form back first time we would reduce the amount of money spent on this exercise.

I thought it would be interesting for you all to know this.

Cllr Martin Allen 01959 577201 [cllr.martin.allen@tandridge.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.martin.allen@tandridge.gov.uk) Or [martin\\_allen@talk21.com](mailto:martin_allen@talk21.com)

### **Oxted gasholder demolition starts January 2019**

Work to demolish the gasholder in Oxted will begin in January 2019. This follows the decision of the High Court to refuse a judicial review claim from a resident, in relation to the Council's decision to grant permission for new housing to be built on the land at the gasholder and Johnsdale car park site.

St William Homes LLP has set a new start date and demolition will start in the New Year. Work to prepare the site including site surveys, ground investigations and hoarding installation began in November. In June 2018 the Council granted the developer permission for a planning scheme comprising 111 one, two and three-bedroom

apartments, with landscaping and car parking. St William Homes LLP is committed to the purchase of Johnsdale car park from the Council and is expected to complete this in the next few weeks. St William Homes LLP will cover the costs of the remediation of the car park site, which forms part of the gasworks.

The demolition of the gasholder and its replacement with a high-quality housing scheme will enhance Oxted town centre and forms part of the Council's regeneration plans for the area. The Council will be working with key stakeholders to minimise disruption to the town centre, especially as the Ellice Road car park redevelopment will be taking place at the same time.

The Council will support the "Love Oxted Business Improvement District" by publicising a *"We're open for business"* initiative to encourage local people to continue to support the shops and businesses in Oxted while the building work takes place.

Councillor Martin Fisher, Leader of the Council, said: "The demolition of the gasholder has been a long-held ambition of the Council and we are pleased the project is back on track. It forms a key part of our RegenOxted programme which will help Oxted remain a vibrant and economically prosperous town for years to come."

Details of the scheme can be found at [www.oxtedgasholder.co.uk](http://www.oxtedgasholder.co.uk). To keep up to date with the RegenOxted project, please sign up for the Council's e-mail newsletters by visiting [www.tandridge.gov.uk/signup](http://www.tandridge.gov.uk/signup).

Party spokesperson: Councillor Martin Fisher (Con) 01883 712263, Councillor Chris Botten (Lib Dem) 07917 862130, Councillor Martin Allen (Ind) 01959 577201.



### POPPY APPEAL 2018 IN TATSFIELD



In his first year as Poppy Appeal organiser for Tatsfield, David Vale reports that the grand sum of £1658.85 has been collected in the village. This came from collection boxes which had been placed in Tatsfield School, the Bakery, Ye Old Ship, Park Wood Golf Club, the Grasshopper Inn, Aileen McHugo Building, St Mary's Church, the Village Club and the Village Hall. The sum includes the collection David made at the Remembrance service in the village centre on 10 November and the proceeds of the Buffet Meal at St Mary's Church on Remembrance Sunday (when £509.85 was raised). The funds raised are used by the Royal British Legion to support the welfare of the Armed Forces.

David is grateful to all the organisations where funds were raised and the village in turn thanks David for taking on this job.

## MESSAGE FROM SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

On Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October the county council launched a series of resident consultations designed to help shape the future of a number of our services across Surrey. Our objective is to transform the support provided to residents and communities so that no one is left behind, in line with the shared community vision for 2030 that we spent the summer developing. To get there we'll need to take some very difficult decisions and transform the way we work with you and our other partners to put our services onto a sustainable footing. We are all very familiar with the challenges facing councils, especially the growing number of people who need support at a time of reducing funding for public services. In this series of consultations, we want to hear residents' views on changes to five areas:

- Children's Centres
- Concessionary fares on Surrey buses
- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
- Libraries
- Community Recycling Centres

With children's centres, the focus is on moving to a network of hubs and satellites, which will involve some closures, but with strengthened outreach and partnership work to support the most vulnerable families.

On concessionary bus fares, the proposal is for Surrey to align with the national scheme operated by most other areas.

With more people using our online services and fewer visiting libraries in person, we want to hear people's views on how to reshape library services – such as whether libraries could bring together a range of local services under one roof.

The SEND consultation is around shifting investment to strengthen early identification of needs and support closer to home for children and families, as well as plans to provide hundreds of more specialist school places next year.

The scale of the county council's financial challenge means we also have to re-visit proposals to close some of our less used recycling centres that process far less waste than other sites.

These proposals will provoke debate, but the county council as an organisation has to change the way we do things. I know, like me, you have your residents' best interests at heart, and I would like to thank you for your interest and support for the county council's transformation agenda.

Residents are encouraged to give their views at: [surreycc.gov.uk/consultations](https://surreycc.gov.uk/consultations).

You can find out more details about the consultations by following this link: <https://news.surreycc.gov.uk/2018/10/29/public-consultations-launching-on-plans-to-transform-services-in-face-of-financial-pressure/>

## **POLICING**

Festive greetings Tatsfield!! A special hello if your name happens to be Holly, Ivy or Carol.

We know the day is getting closer when the pretty lights go up, turkeys get nervous, and the fragrance adverts appear on TV.

Tis the season to be jolly.....hacked off with any crime whatsoever. Normally there is a spike of burglaries during November.

We have had a few around North Tandridge, but not during the previous month in the village. However, the one type of crime we have had is TFMV (theft from motor vehicles), back in November. Firstly, two power drills were taken from a works van whilst parked on Crossways. Sadly, no witnesses or forensics on this one. In Paynesfield Road, two vans parked on driveways had attempted entries where windows were smashed, but thankfully no entries were made, and nothing taken.

On the same evening, a Tatsfield Talk contributor mentioned a suspicious vehicle with three males on board around the village, and this sighting may well have been linked. A partial plate number was given, and checks made on regional ANPR cameras, but nothing matched up. Otherwise, there were no lines of enquiry to go on. Well done to the two van owners who had alarms fitted which deterred the offenders.

Regarding pavement parking on Westmore Road, and previous mentions of it by myself and others in the magazine, I would say it has been quite a while since finding any vehicle offended by completely blocking, so the message I hope is 'getting through'. As long as larger vehicles like an ambulance and fire engine, as well as pedestrians, can all 'get through', we will all be quite happy. This will continue to be closely monitored, so please be sensible and considerate when parking there. Many thanks.

Lastly, a suspicious white Transit van has been seen snooping around the village, with males looking for scrap items to steal. If this vehicle, registration starting HG04 (or any vehicle) is seen acting suspiciously in the village, please call 999 immediately. Cheers!!

Kids: enjoy your presents, but remember that it's better to give than receive. So, get shaking those piggy banks now.....

That's all for now folks..... see you around the village (covered in tinsel).

**Rupert, PCSO 12599 KELLEY, Surrey Police**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE TANDRIDGE SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM

Christmas is now only a few weeks away and each year finds a definite increase in opportunistic burglaries during this period. Here are just a few reminders from your Tandridge safer Neighbourhood team.

- Lock your doors and windows every time you leave the house, even when you are briefly outdoors, remembering to double-lock UPVC doors (lift handle and turn the key).
- Hide all keys, including car keys, out of sight and away from the letterbox (remember a device could be used to hook keys through the letterbox).
- Install a visual burglar alarm and good outside lighting.
- Ask a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on your property.
- Leave radios or lights in your house on a timer to make the property appear occupied.
- Make sure the fences around your land are in good condition.
- Secure bikes and smaller farm equipment, by locking them to an immovable object inside a locked shed, barn or garage.
- Keep ladders and tools stored away; don't leave them where they could be used to break into your home.
- Ensure side gates are locked to prevent access to the rear of the property and rear fencing is in good repair.
- Improve natural surveillance at the front of your property i.e. trim high hedges
- Mark your property with postcode and house number and register your property for Immobalise.
- Consider joining or setting up a Country Watch scheme.
- Remove valuables from view of ground floor windows.



### TATSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL FAIRTRADE COOKERY BOOK

As Christmas is approaching, this cookery book, which is jam packed with delicious goodies, would make the perfect present for friends and family. Priced at £10 this high-quality recipe collection is available to purchase at the school office.

Tel: 01959577356

## TATSFIELD'S FALLEN REMEMBERED

Saturday morning 10<sup>th</sup> November dawned bright and almost cloudless which was a joy after such heavy rain and a very strong wind the previous day that went on well into the night. That said a record crowd attended the second Remembrance Service held in Tatsfield's village centre. All had assembled to celebrate the special 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary marking the ending of the First World War. 10.30am was the kick-off time when thirty one wreath layers gathered together to be shown what it was that they had to do when the Wreath Layers list was read out by Trevor Smith on the DB Sound PA system. Thanks to the Tatsfield community Volunteers the area around the new Remembrance Stone looked pristine which was built last year by the local builder Peter Ling. Ted Bonwick and Dennis Tapsell must be thrilled to see their dreams come true after wishing for a Remembrance Stone in the village centre. Sadly, Dennis Tapsell was unwell and couldn't attend. Ted Bonwick accompanied by his wife Sheila, was wearing his military beret, blazer and medals.

I opened the event by welcoming and thanking everyone who had come to the service including some families of the Fallen who had travelled many miles to remember their relations and loved ones. The Remembrance Service was conducted by Reverend Vince Short and the readers were Martyn Saines who read out the list of the forty Tatsfield persons who had given their all. Neil Warren announced the "Fallen" poem followed by the Last Post played by the bugler Tim Hayward of the Locke Brass Ensemble. The music conductor was Leslie Lake who chose an excellent selection of appropriate tunes that fitted the occasion perfectly. The Kohima prayer was read out with great feeling by Neil Warren and the Reveille followed by Tim Hayward. Next came Trevor Smith who read out the long list of wreath layers as follows; Ted Bonwick, Nichola Stokoe, David Munro, Martin Allen, Sue Warren, Tina Stracey, Andrew Bond, Simon Stacey, Alan Armitage, PCSO's Lorraine Wells and Stuart Wren, Mr Kevin Bellinger, Edward Taylor, Melanie Rose, Mark Gale, Ian McAffer, Barry Bull, Jill Hancock, Sheree and Simon Cook, Helena Garcia-Macleod, Eddie Leeves, Sue Smale, Harry Christopher Boys, Doug Freeze, Ian Beagley, Val Bagshaw, Kim Jennings, Julie Barlow, Salvo Maso, Colin Streets, Lin Saines, Owen Miller, Dan Rushen, Flt Sgt Moore and Sgt Bell. A large group of the talented Tatsfield Singers led the two hymns "Abide with me" and "Oh God our help in ages past," plus the National Anthem. The event ended with a final prayer and Blessing. I then asked the crowd if they would like the event to continue next year to which there was a very positive reply.

Ye Olde Ship pub was opened especially by the manager Tina Stracey for the event from 9am onwards for the many attendees' food and drink requests. In addition, the Fairtrade team opened up for people to enjoy free coffee, tea, hot chocolate, soft drinks and biscuits - they had many customers!

Thanks must be given to everyone including the Tatsfield Parish Council team under the chairman Nichola Stokoe, and also to the Surrey Council Members Community Allocation for their part sponsorship of the event. The Parish Council has had a new flag pole

installed by local engineer Dave Mitchell on which a Union flag was mounted. A video recording of the inaugural Remembrance Service held last year is now completed and will be sealed into a phial and then it will be concreted inside the Remembrance Stone until the year 2037. It will then be opened by two local Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award chaps Harry Boys and Adam Dennis for whoever will be residing in Tatsfield Village at that time.

**Dave Bishop**



The Remembrance Service parade line up for the two minutes silence with the 2427 Biggin Hill ATC Cadets and Tatsfield's 1<sup>st</sup> Group Scouts.

Seen laying a wreath at the New Remembrance stone built by Peter Ling is the 1<sup>st</sup> Tatsfield Scout group leader with help from three of his troop.



The Tatsfield Singers enhanced the whole broadcast at the Remembrance Service on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November, Outside Ye Olde Ship pub.

## LITTLE ACORNS PRESCHOOL

### Term Topics

This half term we've been having lots of fun learning about different celebrations including Diwali, birthdays, Thanksgiving and Christmas! We were honoured to be able to present the children's handmade poppy wreath at the Remembrance service in the village on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November.



Preparations are now well underway for our end of term Nativity and Christmas party for the children, along with lots of Christmas crafts for the children to take home on the last day of term. Before Christmas we'll be busy posting our letters to Santa, having our Christmas photos taken in preschool, holding our Christmas jumper day and looking forward to our Crafty Christmas fundraising event on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December!

### Fundraising

We were very pleased to support Children in Need on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November with our children and staff wearing something spotty to the session and donating to Children in Need!

We were also very grateful to benefit from the fantastic craft and shopping evening held at The Ship in November- thank you to Ann Chapman for supporting Little Acorns with the craft fair raffle and to everyone involved on the evening!

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December we are excited to be hosting our ever-popular Crafty Christmas event in the Village Hall between 10am-12pm! It's a great event for the whole family with ten Christmas crafts for children to make and take home, live festive music, face painting and hot food and drinks available to buy! Tickets are just £7 per child with adults free, available from the preschool or by emailing our committee chair Jenny Bradshaw on [chair@littleacornstatsfield.co.uk](mailto:chair@littleacornstatsfield.co.uk)- we hope to see lots of you there!

Thank you for reading and we wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us at Little Acorns!

**Mareka Newberry**

**Office Manager at Little Acorns Preschool**

***[office@littleacornstatsfield.co.uk](mailto:office@littleacornstatsfield.co.uk)***

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## TATSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November, Year 4 visited the Horniman Museum to enrich their learning of the Ancient Egypt topic.



The children got to handle and explore ancient artefacts as well as having a look around the Natural History part of the museum.



All the children had a wonderful time and they were a credit to Tatsfield Primary School.



The children have also produced a number of Egyptian themed pieces of art, most of which are now decorating the classroom walls!

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



Since returning from half term we had a Glitter Box workshop making Halloween Slim – they all really enjoyed getting their hands messy. Halloween would not be fun without making our very own pumpkins, each section created a very different face and at the end of the evening we turned the lights out and enjoyed



the glow. Our joint firework and Remembrance evening was very busy, and it showed what can be achieved in just one hour – firework paintings, chocolate apples, Remembrance wreath making, and poppy stones and also have the fun of sparklers outside at the end of the session.

On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 10.40am the 1<sup>st</sup> Tatsfield Scouts Group – Explorers, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers took part in the Remembrance service on the Green to mark the forty Tatsfield people who lost their lives in WWI and WWII. It was a very moving service, and despite the cold, all the young Scout group did us proud.

It is strange to think that in six weeks we shall be celebrating Christmas, before then we shall be completing our cooking and creative badges, working on our Emergency Aid Badge and visiting St Mary's Church where we shall be making Christingle with the help of Rev Short. We shall end the term with our Christmas Party and saying farewell to two Beavers who shall be moving on to Cubs.



If you would like to add your child to the waiting list for Beavers (6-8 years old) please contact Jenny Snelling on 07510286313.



Cubs ended the half term with a visit from the Bat Lady. It was a great opportunity to learn about bats, what they eat and how to spot them in the wild and be able to see them, which for most was the first time. World Badge was an opportunity to learn games from other countries. The rest of the term the cubs will be making puppets for their Entertainer Badge, attend a cinema afternoon with the rest of the District Cubs and they end their term with a Christmas Party.



Like the Explorers the start of term was all about carving pumpkins, each Scout had the chance to show who was the most creative. The night hike was an enjoyable experience, especially as it was the first one without the Explorers (who would have still been Scouts last term). The rest of the term Scouts will be working on their Morse Code skills which forms part of the Communication Badge, What's in the Bag – cookery badge, and having their Christmas Party where they will be able to wear their Christmas jumpers.

If you would be interested in joining Scouts please contact Jo Turner, Scout Leader on 07415 855023.



## EXPLORERS

This half term the Explorers attended the first district Frightex 24 event. This camp took place from 10am Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> until 12 noon on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October at Bentley Corpse near Guildford. The theme was Halloween. All 200 district explorers had the opportunity of taking part in lots of activities – climbing, zip wire, maze, Jacobs ladder and much more, although very cold weather all nine Explorers had a brilliant time.

If there was a competition for the biggest pumpkin I am sure Explorers would win. Sam Frost, Explorers Scout Leader was able to obtain this huge pumpkin and the Explorers had a great time carving out a face. To show how huge it was they placed a normal size pumpkin inside. I am sure you would agree it was huge!



On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November all 11 Explorers were invested while on a night hike. The scarves that each Explorer was given had been designed by themselves and purchased with the money that the Tatsfield Parish Council had granted them back in September. It was great to see them all looking so smart in their new uniforms at the Remembrance service.

On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December the Explorers will be running a fundraising event at St Mary's Church Hall. We shall be serving afternoon tea and cake as well as running a raffle to win a hamper and Christmas tree. We really hope that as many people as possible will pop down to enjoy a homemade cake (or two) and help us raise some important money for our new Explorers Section.

If you are interested in finding out more about joining the Explorers Section (14-18 years old) please contact Sarah-Jane Mumford on 07966 227202.

**Jenny Snelling**

**1<sup>st</sup> Tatsfield Scouts Beaver Leader**



## THE 14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGALONG

Well it's that time of the year again when we need to get into the spirit of Christmas. What better way to celebrate than to come to our 14<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Carol Singalong. The event is sponsored by the Parish Council and will be staged outside the Ye Olde Ship pub. Date, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December, starting at 7pm sharp. It's the same old – same old, with fifteen well-known carols and every one of them are written in the supplied song books. At one time during the programme the children will be asked to sing the moving carol "Away in a Manger" and that will be an invite for Father Christmas and his two Elves to bring all of the children a present. We will have a Christmas message from our Parish Council's wonderful chairman Nichola Stokoe and a Christmas Blessing from the Reverend Vince Short. Tina at Ye Olde Ship will have plenty of mince pies to offer along with mulled wine. It kind of (sometimes) gets a wee bit chilly there - bring your warm gloves, hats and good coats, your thermals, and a lantern and maybe a brolley. As well as all of that, we have the super band of Tatsfield Saints to play under the leadership of the gifted Leslie Lake. So, what more do you want to get you in the mood for Christmas? See you there and it will take place whatever the weather because we are Tatsfielders's. Right!

**Dave Bishop**



**THANK YOU to everyone who supported Tatsfield Beer Festival 2018.** It was a great success and such an enjoyable day for all involved. As a result of the support from our wonderful sponsors, local businesses, donators, bands, vendors, volunteers and most importantly all of the beer drinkers, we were able to raise **£14,000** for Tatsfield Primary School. We look forward to seeing you again in 2019!

### "TATSFIELD BLOOMS"



Lesley Bennet has opened a new florist at 1 The Parade in the village centre.

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## NORTH DOWNS SINFONIA



On 10<sup>th</sup> November, we were delighted to welcome a capacity audience of more than 120 people, who came out on a horrible evening with torrential rain – there were no more seats available! To start the evening, which included a commemoration of the WW1 Armistice, they were treated to a most delicately played rendition of Vaughan Williams 'The Lark Ascending' by the astonishingly talented guest violinist Haru Ushigusa. Every note was played with exquisite sensitivity, and even the heathens among us (of which I am certainly one) were transported high into a beautiful blue summer sky. Those who truly love the work were not disappointed either and could only marvel at Haru's rendition of an all-time favourite. This followed on from

the ever-popular Vaughan Williams 'English Folk Song Suite', which includes 'Seventeen Come Sunday' and 'Folk Songs from Somerset'. The early Holst work 'Suite de Ballet' completed the first half. Even though this is rarely played, it contains music that seems very familiar and received unanimous positive comment from the audience, who all agreed that it deserved much wider recognition.



The second half began with George Butterworth's 'A Shropshire Lad'. Although this was written before the first World War, with its atmosphere of desolation it foreshadows the conflict to come. The orchestra accurately and sensitively described the themes of life, death and suicide in war depicted in AE Housman's Poems that included 'A Shropshire Lad', with some beautiful climaxes before the sombre ending. Butterworth himself was killed at the battle of the Somme, and a minute's silence was observed at the end of the piece to conclude the Armistice commemorations.

The mood was lifted by Coates 'Everyday London Suite', with well-known movements such as 'Covent Garden' and 'Knightsbridge' received with much head bobbing and toe tapping from the audience.

And how could you have a concert of English works without one by Elgar? The concert finished with his 'Pomp and Circumstance March No. 4', which was encored, to round off a thoroughly enjoyable evening.



An enthusiastic conductor and orchestra, a capacity audience, a varied programme of beautiful music – what's not to like? It was unfortunate that we could not find an independent reviewer for this concert. If you think that you would like to do it – and it will guarantee you two prime seats with free tickets – please contact any of us at [northdownssinfonia@gmail.com](mailto:northdownssinfonia@gmail.com). In-depth knowledge is not needed, just an appreciation of classical music. We would be delighted to hear from you!

**Young Soloists Concert.** As is now our custom, NDS will be holding a short, totally informal concert on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January at the Village Hall. This will feature the young and very talented Jonathan Hayward playing the Mendelssohn violin concerto. The orchestra will follow this with Beethoven's Coriolan overture.

Tickets cannot be booked, but will be available on the door for £2 each, or FREE for all students and under 16's. The concert will start at 4pm, but if you arrive at 3.45pm there will be free tea, coffee and biscuits, plus a chance of course to chat to the orchestra members. **Peter Maynard**

## TATTY KNITTERS

Hi everyone, it doesn't seem possible to be writing about the Christmas meeting, it's come around so quickly.

We are, as usual, having a meal with added fun and games for our December get together.



At the time of going to print a date has not been decided for the meal, but if you'd like to join us please ring either myself or Andrew in the Bakery for details. The cost of the meal will be £25 plus drinks, but a fun evening is planned. The usual time of 7.30 start.

Happy Christmas! **Val Quick 07761 571071**

## TATSFIELD WI HALL IS AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

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For further details contact our Booking Secretary: **Sheila Cook Tel: 01959 577443**

## HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY – DELIVERY OF YEAR BOOKS 2019 – HELP!!

As I am sure most of you are aware, the Horticultural Society Year Books are delivered each year between the months of January and March to your door by our wonderful volunteers. Our volunteers are brilliant but, as we all know, either age or family commitments can take up any spare time we have. We do now need some new volunteers to help us deliver these magazines.

It involves delivering the Year Book in a specified road/s. The full round only needs to be carried out once, at a time to suit yourself, and when you think most people will be in. A knock on the door – hand over the Year Book – take the money/donation and leave. A note is provided for you to put through the door should they be out, and they can then let you or me know if they want a book by telephone. Very easy and not too time consuming - you can make it what you want – there is no pressure – you have approximately two months in which to choose when you wish to deliver the magazines.

The more volunteers we have the shorter the rounds. If you feel you would like to help – I would love to hear from you either by telephone or by e-mail.

**Christine Stainer, Subscriptions Secretary (577803; [christinestianer@yahoo.com](mailto:christinestianer@yahoo.com))**

## WORLD POLIO DAY

Oxted School Students on behalf of the Rotary Club of Oxted held a 'purple mufti day' for World Polio Day on 15<sup>th</sup> October. The colour purple was chosen because when children are immunized one of their fingers is marked with a purple dye.



A record sum of £1523.53 was raised, to which the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation will add £3047.06, bringing the total they raised £4570.59.

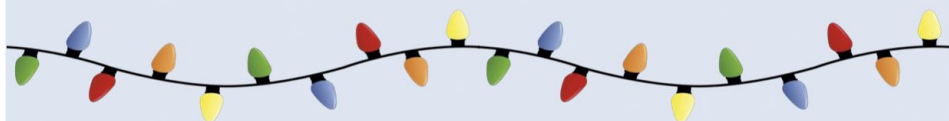
The students dressed in purple, but the six-form students chose to wear their old school uniform. Since Rotary and its partners launched the Global Polio Eradication Initiative thirty years ago, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent, from about 350,000 cases a year to just 22 cases in 2017. To sustain this progress, and protect all children from polio, Rotary has committed to raising US\$50 million per year in support of global polio eradication efforts. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will match Rotary's commitment 2:1. Without full funding and political commitment, this paralyzing disease could return to previously polio-free countries, putting children everywhere at risk.



**Little Acorns Preschool Presents**



# Crafty Christmas



**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

**Tatsfield Village Hall**

**10.00- 12.00**



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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	9.00am		Senior Circuits – WIH
	9.15 am		Hiit/Circuits & Abs – SH
	9.30 am		Tots on Top – CH
	10.15am		Senior Circuits – WIH
	11.30am		Seated Chairobics - WIH
	1.30 pm		Bridge Club – WIH
	7.15 pm		Adult Ballet - TPS
	7.30 pm		Art Group – VH [Term time]
	8.15 pm		Bingo – TVC
Tue	9.15 am		Boxing (SH)
	1.30pm		Whist – WIH (Last Tuesday of the month)
	5.30pm		Beavers – SH
	7.00 pm		Scouts – SH
Wed	9.15am		Lift to Lean (full body workout) – SH
	10.00 am		WI Pop In – WIH
	1.30 pm		Short Mat Bowls –VH
	6.00 pm		Cubs – SH
	7.00pm		DnB Workout – VH
	8.00 pm		Yoga – VH
Thu	10.00 am		Over 50s Yoga – WIH
	1.30 pm		Hear Here – AMB (1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month)
	2.00pm		Scrabble at AMB (2nd Thursday of the month starting 8 <sup>th</sup> November)
	4.30 pm		Under 8's Judo - SH
	5.45 pm		Over 8's Judo - SH
	7.15pm		Adult Ju Jitsu - SH
	7.30 pm		Duplicate Bridge – WIH
	7.30 pm		Tatsfield Singers - TPS
	8.00 pm		Table Tennis – VH
Fri	10.00 am		Pilates – WIH
	10.00 am		Self-defence and HIIT, Tatsfield Martial Arts (SH)
	11.00 am		Pilates – WIH
	1.30 pm		Short Mat Bowls –VH
	5.30 pm		Badminton club for Juniors – VH
	6.30 pm		Over 10's ju jitsu
	8.00 pm		Badminton Club – VH
Sat	9.00 am		Under 8's Judo – SH
	10.00 am		Bootcamp (TPS outside)
	10.15 am		Over 8's Judo - SH
	11.00 am		Parish Council Café -The Bakery [to noon]
	11.30 am		Adult Judo – SH

## UPCOMING EVENTS – VILLAGE AND BEYOND

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

### DECEMBER

<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sun</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Advent All Age Service, StM</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Tues</b>		<b>WI Christmas Party. WIH</b>
8 <sup>th</sup> Sat	7.30am	Bulky Rubbish Collection, Village Hall Car Park
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Sat</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Daffodil Planting, Westmore Green</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Sun</b>	<b>2.00pm</b>	<b>Tatsfield Explorers Xmas Tea &amp; Cake, MH</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> Mon</b>	<b>8.00pm</b>	<b>Parish Council Meeting, AMB</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Tues</b>	<b>1.30pm</b>	<b>Not So Young Club Christmas Buffet</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Fri</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Tatsfield Christmas Singalong, Village Centre</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Sat</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Little Acorns Crafty Christmas, VH</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Sat</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Tatsfield Singers Christmas Concert, VH</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> Sun</b>	<b>4pm</b>	<b>Candlelit Carol Service, StM</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> Tues</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Land of Hope &amp; Glory, Animal Farming Film, VH</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sat</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Christingle Making, TPS</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Mon</b>	<b>4.30pm</b>	<b>Christingle Service, TPS</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Mon</b>	<b>11.30pm</b>	<b>Midnight Holy Communion, StM</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Tues</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Family Christmas Service, StM</b>

### JANUARY

<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sun</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Epiphany All Age Service, StM</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Sun</b>	<b>4pm</b>	<b>Young Soloist Concert, North Downs Sinfonia, VH</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup> - 19th</b>		<b>Robin Hood Pantomime, Barn Theatre, Oxted</b>

#### 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 Club • TPS - Tatsfield Primary School • VH - Village Hall • WIH - Women's Institute

If you would like your event included in this diary in future, please send details to:

**tatsfieldpm@gmail.com**

## 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.

## ST MARY'S NEWS

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

Following the success of the Service of Remembrance and wreath laying in the village centre on Saturday 10th November, our annual service at St Mary's took place on Sunday 11th November. This year, for the centenary, we were very grateful to have a Remembrance Flower Festival with beautiful themed displays from the Flower Arrangers; inspiring paintings from the Millennium Art Group and the Tatsfield Art Group in both the church and the hall; and a lovely and meaningful display of work by the pupils of Tatsfield Primary School in the Hall. Following the service, the Remembrance Buffet lunch was enjoyed in the Millennium Hall, with thanks to all who contributed and attended, and this, together with the collection in church, raised over £500 for The Royal British Legion, which in turn will be added to the total from this year's poppy collection appeal at St Mary's. The



Commemoration was completed with the church bells being rung for 100 tolls at 7.05pm as part of a national event involving over 1000 churches and cathedrals.



### Flower Arrangers

Thank you so much to the talented Tatsfield flower arrangers who decorated St Mary's to commemorate particularly the end of the 1914-1918 war and all who

suffer as a result of wars, wherever they may be. So, Tina Boys, Pauline Conlon, Kay Longley, Wendy Maddison, Jan Maynard, Kay Roberts, Pat Walsh, and Sue Warren, my gratitude for your support, arrangements and ideas. Tea and coffee, delicious cake supplied by Veronica Short was gratefully imbibed plus help especially with tidying. And thank you also Sheila Cook for your interest and suggestions! Thank you too, Christine Rosenbaum and Jan Maynard for the beautiful displays during October. During early Advent, only the Advent Candle will be decorated. On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December we will decorate for Christmas when everyone is welcome to help create beautiful displays plus; there will, of course, be drinks and cake!

**Ann Vatcher**





*With thanks to Peter Boys for his photos*

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

95. N Ellis £24.25    26. B Budgen £14.55    71. M E Miles £9.70    St Mary's £48.50

### **Records**

18<sup>th</sup> October      Interment of ashes of Jean Crouch

27<sup>th</sup> October      Marriage of Dean Machin and Kylie Story

### **Christmas Food Bank Delivery on Monday 10th December**

Please support this by donating non-perishable food and toiletries into the box provided, located in the Narthex at the back of the church. You can leave donations any day of the week, not just Sundays. I will also be putting a small money box out on Sunday mornings, during the service, for anyone preferring to donate in the monetary way, this will enable me to buy further food supplies. It would be great to take a good quantity of food with our Christmas wishes! Any questions, please do ask me. Thank you for your support.

**Hilary Vale**

### **Christingle Making at 10am on Saturday 22nd December at Tatsfield Primary School**

Please come and help us turn oranges, sweets, fruit and candles into these symbols of the Christmas festival in preparation for our Christingle service on Christmas Eve – fun for all the family.

## **Christmas services**

These are listed on the Christmas card accompanying this magazine and we hope to see you at one or more of them. At the Candlelit Carol Service (4pm on 16<sup>th</sup>) we will be joined by The Tatsfield Singers, our Community Choir. Mince pies and mulled wine will follow. For the Christmas Eve Christingle Service at 4.30pm at Tatsfield Primary School, children are invited to come dressed as shepherds, angels or wise men. The crib figures of Mary and Joseph will be welcomed back at the end of their Posada journey round homes in the village during Advent. This joyful service is a great way to start the celebration of Christmas. There will also be our annual 'midnight' celebration of Holy Communion at 11.30pm and a service for all the family on Christmas morning at 10am. Collections taken at all our services over the Christmas period will go to The Children's Society, which is a national charity that runs local projects to help children and young people when they are at their most vulnerable, and have nowhere left to turn.

## **Nativity Tableau**

We are delighted that Sauro Gabelli will again be building a nativity tableau in the entrance area of the church. This is a well-established Italian tradition and Sauro's creations, different every year, are always much admired. The tableau should be in the church towards Christmas time – do pop into the church, spend a few quiet moments and enjoy! The church is usually open in daylight hours. Donations to The Children's Society are invited.

## **2019 Diaries**

At the time of writing these have yet to be received. By the time of publication, there should be some spare diaries, available free of charge, at the back of the church.

## **We warmly invite you to our upcoming All Age services**

On Advent Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, there will be a collection of new (or very nearly-new) toys to be taken to our link church in Brixton along with the food delivery (see below). At Epiphany, 6th January, we'll remember the wise men bringing gifts to Jesus.



## **Robes Project – Southwark Cathedral Friday 30th November**

I'll be joining Robes for their eighth annual SleepOut on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018 in the grounds of Southwark Cathedral in aid of the winter night shelter. Churches in the Southwark Diocese take turns to host these night shelters which allow up to thirty five individuals a safe place to sleep every night during the coldest twenty two weeks of winter. The 2017 SleepOut raised more than £140,000, an amazing amount where the money not only helps address the immediate need and basic human right for shelter but also creates opportunity, hope and a stepping stone out of homelessness. If any would like to support this project, I've set up a justgiving page [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Susie-Cook5](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Susie-Cook5)

**Susie Cook**

**St Mary's Church Website: [www.lttm.org.uk](http://www.lttm.org.uk)**

## A TRAIDCRAFT CHRISTMAS

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Wishing you all a very Happy and Fairtrade Christmas.

**Barbara Hester**  
**Tatsfield Fairtrade Group**



## TATSFIELD ART GROUP

We are now on our winter break.

Term will start 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019.

- Mario Antonio - 25<sup>th</sup> February; abstract painting demonstration
- Claire Murthy, Animals in Coloured Pencils
  - 11<sup>th</sup> March, demonstration
  - 18<sup>th</sup> March, workshop drawing animals of our choice



**(Ring Carol Gaskell – 577724 / Christine Stainer – 577803 for information).**

## TATSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



The Society's AGM on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm, was our final event of the year, with over seventy people attending. Thank you to everyone for coming, and especially to those of you who have attended at least one of our events during the year.

We have had another successful year and I ran through a calendar of events which will be printed in the 2019 Year Book.

The Treasurers report was read out by Martin Allen. The Society has donated £500 to S & SE in

Bloom again this year, £250 to the composting group for timber to build new bins, and a £25 donation to the Parish Magazine. Much of the Society's income comes from sales of the Year Book, donations from retired Members, and from Advertising carried in the Year Book. Not only do you receive a colourful Year Book, but you receive 10% off anything horticultural from Knights Garden Centres at Woldingham and Warlingham, plus an amazing 50% off Suttons Seeds and a further 15% off all other items in their catalogues. So, the £5.00 Membership fee would therefore be quickly recovered. We have the code for next year, and if you contact Christine she will pass on the code if you are already a Member. Our Accounts have been agreed and audited by Teresa Watts. A small presentation was made to Teresa with our thanks.

I then had the pleasure of nominating Angela Sawyers as a new Vice President. Angela has served on the committee since 2002 and became Show Secretary in 2009. Angela has worked tirelessly throughout and has been a committed committee member and officer. Her Show organisation skills work like clockwork and her lemon drizzle cakes legendary. We presented Angela with a special painting of a "Bowl of Cyclamen" by Carol and some garden vouchers.

Following on from the meeting the members were encouraged to top up their glasses and enjoy some picnic nibbles supplied by the committee.

Then it was time for our 'Big Talk' and we were in for a treat!

I welcomed Dr Simon Charlesworth from Downderry Lavender Nursery, near Hadlow. Simon began growing lavender in 1991 and this enterprise took over both his front and rear garden. He then moved to Downderry Nursery and has been instrumental in turning around the old-fashioned perceptions of growing lavender and now holds the National Collection. His slide presentation was one of the best we have ever had. He was very amusing, demonstrating at the beginning wearing different hats, to explain how lavender grows. He spoke about all the various plants in detail and where they originate from, going on to care and the most important tip was pruning back in August for some

varieties and September for others. Never leave it later than the end of September, otherwise the ends don't seal and the cold wet water penetrate the plants during the winter and then they die. Simon has also grown and taken his plants to the Chelsea Flower Show on quite a few occasions and been awarded Gold medals. Simon and his wife Dawn had Lavender plants for sale along with bath foam, hand wash, hand cream, Lavender oils, soaps, and bunches of dried lavender. It was a superb talk and a very interesting and informative night.



This was my last evening as your Chairman. I am continuing on the committee as your Vice Chairman and our horticultural expert Jon Allbutt has kindly now taken over as your Chairman.

**Sue Warren**

## CHRISTINE GASCOYNE AND THE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



In the interview with Sue Bey in the November magazine, Sue said that some of her favourite memories of her childhood in the village were of taking part in activities of the Horticultural Society, in which her mother, Christine Gascoyne, was very much involved. The Gascoyne children, and many others, used to enter the annual spring and autumn shows in which they would bake, grow and make all sorts of things and they would also take part in workshops in the Village Hall where they would be shown how to bake, grow and make. Christine was a leading light in all of the shows and workshops of that time.

A search of the Society's records has turned up two photos of those days showing not only Christine but also some of the children taking part. Both are of workshops held in the Village Hall, one in 1983 and the other in 1985 (these of course were in the "old" Village Hall before it was re-built and extended). Does anyone recognise any of the children – or perhaps do any of the children recognise themselves?



**Bob David**

## THE TATSFIELD GARDENER IN DECEMBER

At last the long period of dry weather has broken but as I write I can confirm that the soil in my garden is dry as a bone just 6" deep! October rainfall was only 49mm (average is 98mm); so far in November we have had 88mm (average is 89mm); on 10<sup>th</sup> November we had 20mm in just 24 hours! In 'old money' an inch of rain is approximately equal to 25mm. We had more ground frosts in October but only one air frost (when the temperature reaches zero). November so far is mild, but we are expecting drier conditions and colder weather in the second half of the month. As for December, forecasters are, as usual very cautious, but we can surely expect some cold spells, especially if the high pressure remains to the north and east of us.

What do you buy that person who is a keen gardener who has a shed full of tools and gadgets, and boasts a good knowledge of plants? A great idea would be to buy them membership of the Royal Horticultural Society ([www.rhs.org.uk](http://www.rhs.org.uk)) a monthly magazine full of information, access to the RHS advisory services, early notice and special members deals on shows all over the country, free entry to gardens on members days – great value!

It is hard to resist those pots of lovely fresh herbs on offer in garden centres and the shops; nothing like fresh parsley, coriander, chives, sage, mint, thyme, basil and many others for real flavour but how do we keep them from going yellow and drooping over the edge of the pot? In nature they want to be cool with good light, so why not keep them outdoors in mild weather and bring them in when needed – even a day outside will make all the difference - great idea as a present for the keen cook.

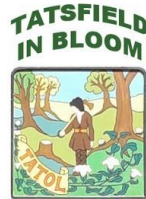
Planting violas and pansies for winter and spring colour is a great idea especially if they are in a fairly sheltered sunny spot and free of a risk of waterlogging. They will try to make a lot of seed pods that will drain energy from the plant and that in turn will reduce the amount of flower; have a look at them each week and nip off all old flowers and remember to avoid any feeding until late March to give them that early boost to make a big spring show.

It has been a superb autumn, our local hedgerows and garden plants have provided an abundance of berries for our birds, but have you noticed that many of them are moving into our gardens now that they have eaten their fill? Please do not forget them over the next three months or so especially if the weather is cold. Why not buy a new bird table and feeders as a present; children love to watch the birds busy on window feeders or squabbling over peanuts and fat balls.

**Jon Allbutt**

## TATSFIELD IS BUZZING AGAIN IN 2018!

Now that the Autumn planting has been completed, the volunteers have been busy over the past month trying to keep the fallen leaves under control around the village centre. This helps to protect the grass and also keeps the gutters and drains clear so that rainwater can clear away. The team were out in force clearing the village centre of leaves and tidying the Bakery Lawn beds before the Remembrance Day service.



Another job tackled by the volunteers over the past month has been the continued clearance of the reeds at the edge of the pond in readiness for the work to be carried out by the Parish Council. The Committee have been discussing our schemes and themes for 2019 which include the ten-year anniversary of Tatsfield Fairtrade and the centenary of The Forestry Commission.



The volunteers will be planting daffodil bulbs on Westmore Green on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December to infill the gaps. We would be very pleased to welcome any families who would like to help us with this task. Please just turn up at 10.00am with a spade or trowel, kneeling pad (if required) and wellies. We look forward to seeing you there!

Jill Hancock - Tatsfield In Bloom (577622)

### 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	£33.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize:	Stuart Hendry	£16.50

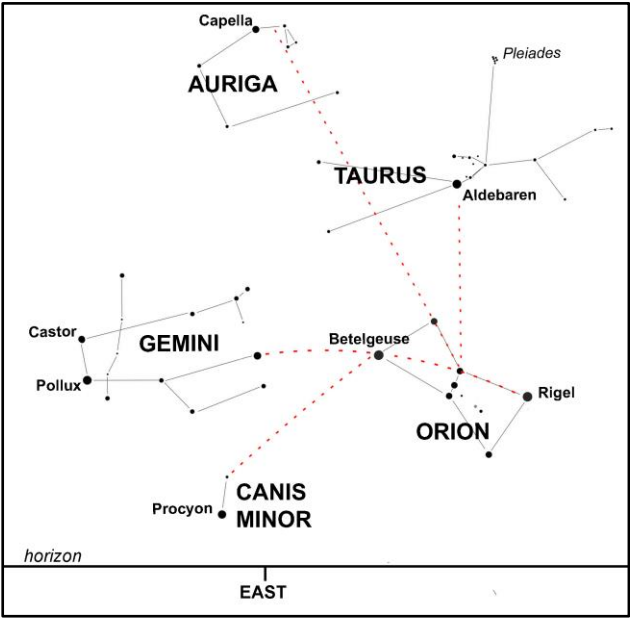
Thank you for supporting sport in Tatsfield. If you know of anyone who wishes to join the 100 Club (for a modest £6 per month) or if you would like additional numbers then please contact me on [les.eames@ntlworld.com](mailto:les.eames@ntlworld.com)

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](mailto:gazzaweaver@hotmail.com). We are a very friendly club and play matches on Sundays - enthusiasm is more important than ability. **Les Eames**

# THE NIGHT SKY IN TATSFIELD – DECEMBER 2018

Of the bright evening planets that have been on view recently, only Mars remains though thanks to its increasing distance from us both its apparent size and brightness are diminishing. In the morning sky Venus now dazzles before dawn. At the start of the month it rises almost four hours before the Sun and by 7am it is over 20° in altitude in the south east. Jupiter has also recently passed the Sun and is now visible before dawn although it will be lower in the sky than Venus and less bright. It will become better placed by the end of December and into the New Year.

Whilst thinking of the New Year, what does it hold for us astronomically speaking? There is a total eclipse of the Moon on January 21<sup>st</sup> although unfortunately it occurs in the early hours of the morning. There is another chance to see a lunar eclipse on July 16<sup>th</sup>, and though this is a partial one it occurs in the evening starting at just after 9pm. Then there is a transit of Mercury on November 11<sup>th</sup> which begins soon after midday and continues until after the Sun has set as seen from the UK. Because Mercury is so small this is an event that needs a telescope to observe but requires extreme care if eyesight damage is to be prevented. We will discuss this more nearer the time.



Of course, 2019 brings the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the manned landing on the Moon by the Apollo 11 astronauts, Armstrong and Aldrin, when their capsule “Eagle” landed in the Sea of Tranquility. It’s hard to believe that it is now 46 years since man last walked on the surface of our satellite.

However, back to this year and the brilliant winter constellations are becoming more prominent in the east. By 9pm at the beginning of December Orion (the hunter) and a

number of his retinue, though not all, have risen. You can see from the map that once Orion has been found a number of other bright stars and hence constellations can easily be located. The only member of Orion’s entourage that is still below the horizon is Sirius in Canis Major, but as the month wears on this bright group of constellations rises higher and higher until by 11pm on the last day of the year Orion lies due south on the meridian. By then Sirius, the brightest star in the night sky, is 20° high and can be found by

extending a line through the stars in the hunter's belt and continuing it down towards the horizon. The line will pass close to Sirius.

The year's most active meteor shower, the Geminids, reaches its maximum on the morning of 14<sup>th</sup> December so it would be wise to watch on the nights of the 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>. Gemini is shown on the map, although it isn't necessary to look towards that area of sky to see any meteors as they travel over a wide area.

**Brian Mills FRAS**

#### **SUPPORT LOCAL GOOD CAUSES TO WIN AN EVERYMAN CINEMA MEMBERSHIP**

Anyone taking part in the Tandridge Together Lottery between now and Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> December will not only be in with a chance of winning £25,000, but could also win a 12-month Everyman Cinema membership entitling them to seven free tickets, 10% off food and drink, no online booking fees and can bring a guest for free on Mondays.

Lottery tickets cost £1 and all profits go to good causes in the Tandridge district. Anyone buying a ticket can select the local good cause they want to support from those registered. Winners are drawn at random every Saturday.

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REDUCE THIS? *WE CAN START BY OPENING OUR EYES.***

**COME TO WATCH AN UNDERCOVER DOCUMENTARY  
ABOUT THE HIDDEN TRUTH BEHIND ANIMAL FARMING IN THE UK.**

#### **LAND OF HOPE AND GLORY**

The documentary lasts 50 minutes and **shows distressing scenes and violence against animals**. This is their reality. If you do not want to see it in front of people on a large screen, which is completely understandable, it can be watched for free on YouTube or visit: [www.landofhopeandglory.org](http://www.landofhopeandglory.org).

**Where?** Tatsfield Village Hall. **When?** 18th December 7:00pm  
Free snacks will be provided!

Any questions please contact Archie: [archoy123@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:archoy123@hotmail.co.uk) or 07889786826

We were very grateful when Lin Saines, Tatsfield's own Herbalist, kindly stepped in after our booked speaker for November had to cancel. Her subject was Inspirational Herbs and she certainly inspired us with her extensive knowledge.

She told us the history of herbs, mentioned in ancient documents way back in time and brought us through the years with photos of Michelham Priory physic gardens where the herbs were used for both medicinal and culinary purposes. The reconstructed Winchester Royal herb gardens clearly illustrated how important herbs continued to be through the centuries. The Crusaders brought back knowledge and specimens from the Islamic world. The herb garden and still room at Rye Castle are Lin's personal project. Lin then described the herb year; what is growing each season and how it can be used in our homes and kitchens today. She also shared her favourite recipes, which looked delicious.



Our next meeting will be our Christmas Party on 4<sup>th</sup> December when we anticipate a delicious festive buffet and seasonal entertainment.

If you would like to share our activities and hear our various speakers do come and try out our meetings, you might enjoy it. 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



This month we were lucky enough to have Mike Lambert to entertain us and he played some jolly songs from around Europe and some we were able to sing to. It was a most enjoyable afternoon, with the usual tea and chat. Many thanks Mike.

At our meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> December, we will be celebrating Christmas with a finger buffet and I hope we will be seeing rather more of our members this time. Please can you get to the hall for 1.30pm.

If you have any greetings cards, they can be left at Jean Chorley's porch in Westmore Road, so long as they are there well before 11<sup>th</sup> December.

**Babs Heffernon (540602)**

## TATSFIELD MARTIAL ARTS – ANNUAL JUDO COMPETITION



On Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October, Tatsfield Martial Arts held its annual judo junior (under 15's) competition. Unlike in previous years when the club competition was just for our club members, this year we invited some other clubs to take part – so the children could gain extra experience from fighting against opponents they didn't know. In total we had seventy

four children enter the competition and, as a result, we held it in the village hall rather than the scouts hut so that we could accommodate all the spectators.

The children were placed into pools based on their weight, age and grade. The pools ranged from 3-5 children and everyone in the pool won a medal, the colour of which depended on how well they did in their contests.



In total 25 TMA judoka entered. There was some fantastic judo on display, along with great attitude and



determination. The spectators were brilliant, all the children were cheered on regardless of

clubs and at the end of the event, everyone got to stand on the podium and receive a huge round of applause. The results were:

### **GOLD**

Kayden Plinston  
Bobby Holt  
Anya Devaney  
Sam Walsh  
Reggie Ruggins  
Stevie Ruggins  
Khyan Dixon  
Matthew Parker

### **SILVER**

Will Gregory  
Edie Plinston  
Ellie Surridge  
Thomas Gregory  
Lizzie Merredew  
Bella Mumford  
Seb Sanchez  
Sam Stewart

### **BRONZE**

Lenny Stones  
Ollie Alexander  
Connor Philip  
Zach King  
James Troake  
Gemma Merredew  
Aaron Mumford  
Thomas Alexander  
Harry Shadrach

## NIGEL'S NATURE NOTES

### Correspondence:

When writing with passion it is easy to make errors. Christine (Wareham), who wrote about the plight of Pheasants last month, has asked me to correct a couple of mistakes that appeared in her letter and may have made her whole message appear factually incorrect: Following the word 'Magpies' should be the words, '**deemed to be a threat to the Pheasants**', and the number of birds of prey that are poisoned and trapped should read, '**hundreds**', not 'thousands'. Thank you for these revisions, Christine.

Having experienced a dearth of news during the summer months I've suddenly received several outstanding emails and letters. The first of these arrived from Martin (Allen) and Julie (Jewell) in Paynesfield Road (15.10.18). It seems I wasn't the only person who noticed that our regular garden visitors had disappeared:

*'Over the last few months we have not even seen our regular **Blackbirds** in the garden and the currants that we bought for them remained unopened. The sparrows that nested in our hedge and the eaves of the roof seem to have all disappeared at the same time. Our Nijer feeder and our sunflower seed holder, all which used to empty in a week, were never refilled in the last couple of months. The peanuts continued to disappear though because a **Wood Pidgeon** had found a way of standing on a branch and getting his head inside the outer bars. We did see **Magpies** regularly, other than that a real bird drought. However, I am now pleased to report that things are improving, even if in only a small way. A **Blackbird** and a **Robin** have returned, along with the **Sparrows**, although in smaller numbers. We have just recorded a **Nuthatch**, last seen in January, a couple of **Goldcrests** not seen since March, from our lounge window a **Red Kite** flying over the Westmore Road area, and a **Grey Heron** sitting atop the house across the road.*

*On Saturday at the Compost Site, those there at the time were lucky enough to see a low flying Red Kite, really majestic. I was told at the 'Garden Club' by Robert Kilby that they have recorded sightings of 13 of these beautiful birds around Cheverells Farm, along Limpsfield Road. One time we all used to marvel at the single sighting. The compost site has also seen some wildlife in and around the compost bins, including **shrews** and **frogs**. Let us hope this is a good sign for the sightings around the village and the reports start rolling back in. I will certainly let you know if/when we see the Redpoll and Siskins that were sighted last January and hope to see more Fieldfare in March.'*

I've beaten you to the **Fieldfare** sighting, Martin! Two flew over this morning (11.11.18). There was no mistaking their characteristic call. Thanks for the update.

And now for some eagerly anticipated notes from Ruth (Yeeles) (07.11.18):

*'For those of you that don't know, Hill Park is a designated local nature reserve, to the south of Chestnut Avenue, that is owned by Surrey County Council and managed on their behalf by Surrey Wildlife Trust (SWT). Jim and I do various practical conservation tasks*

there and have recently been made Voluntary Wardens! We thought readers may appreciate an update of what's been happening there this year.

**Butterflies:** It's been a strange butterfly year. Plenty of hot weather. Numbers were up but we only saw 25 species. Worryingly, no **Grizzled Skipper** for the second year running and very few **Small Tortoiseshells**. The **Common Blue** had a fantastic year, though, so it's not all doom and gloom! We're ever hopeful that the **Brown Hairstreak** will turn up on the reserve soon. It's been spreading eastwards across Surrey for some years now. Eggs have been found near Biggin Hill and we have abundant **Blackthorn** locally. While we're talking Hairstreaks, here's a plea to your readers: Does anyone know of any remnants of **Elm** hanging on in the Parish? Unlikely, but if there is then we might be able to add White-letter Hairstreak to Tatsfield's list of butterflies.

**Reptiles and amphibians:** We didn't do as much monitoring of reptiles as last year due to the invasive scrub, but did record good numbers of **Slow Worms** and **Grass Snakes**. We were also pleased to find a few common **Toads**.

**Grazing:** Unfortunately, there hasn't been enough grazing pressure this year to hold back the scrub growth but, thankfully, the Trust's tractor paid a visit in October and two fields and the glade were cut. However, they didn't manage to remove any of the cuttings, so Jim has spent some time raking. (If it's not removed it puts nutrients back into the soil which isn't good for the chalk grassland.) The sheep will be back on the reserve soon.

**Wildlife:** We regularly see **Roe Deer** on the reserve and **Fallow Deer** are starting to become more common, usually in larger groups. We recently had a stand-off with a trio of Roe Deer that were on the main ride and had plenty of time to get a long-distance photo. **Buzzards**, **Red Kites** and **Kestrels** continue to be almost daily visitors.

**The future:** The Trust is currently putting together a plan for long-term management of the grassland areas to combat the scrub levels. In the meantime, we will be spending the winter months maintaining the glade edges and woodland rides. Sadly, there are increasing signs of **Ash** die-back (*Chalara*) on the reserve and there is no doubt that our landscape is going to change. As our generation lost most of its Elm trees we can only hope that future generations will still be able to walk beneath healthy Ash trees.'



Many thanks, Ruth. And, of course, there's more news from you next month. Exciting news! But we won't tell our readers what it is; it would spoil the surprise!

It seems just a short while ago I was wishing you all a **Very Merry Christmas and a Joyful New Year**, and here we go again!

*Have fun, play nicely, plan wisely.*

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 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

Leader: Richard Gadd

Start Point: 10.30am Farnborough High Street, outside The Woodman (park in street, not pub car park please).

Map Ref: TQ 442642                      Postcode: BR6 7BA

Description: Approximately 5½ miles, 3.5 hours to Green St Green and back. Large section of the walk is through High Elms country park. We stop for refreshments at The Rose and Crown, Green St Green. No stiles.

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018 - 70's Saunter**

Leader: Carol Vening

Start Point: 11.15am Shoreham Station (or if the car park is full, in the road adjacent to the station).

Map Ref: TQ 525614                      TN16 7RT

Description: A gentle stroll to Otford where we will have refreshment at The Woodman before returning to Shoreham. Approximate total distance 2½ miles, 2.5 hours. No stiles.

### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018**

Leader: Mary Hayward

Start Point: 10.30am Farnborough High Street, outside The Woodman (park in street, not pub car park please).

Map Ref: TQ 442642                      Postcode: BR6 7BA

Description: Approximately 6 miles, 3.5 hours to Downe and back. Some mild hills. Refreshments to be taken in Downe at either The Teashop or The Queen's Head (your choice). No stiles.

### **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2018 – Boxing Day**

Leader: Richard Gadd

Start Point: 11.15am at Biggin Hill, Norheads Lane.

Map Ref: TQ 409590                      Postcode: TN16 3HX

Description: Wear off some of the festive excesses with a short-ish walk from Biggin Hill to Tatsfield with one 'dip' on both the way there and back. We will stop for refreshments at The Old Ship in Tatsfield before returning via the same route. Approximately 4 miles in total, 2.5 hours.

### **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019**

Leader: Tony and Christine Tomsit

Start Point: 10.15am Hosey Common Car Park

Map Ref: TQ 452530                      Postcode: TN16 1TA

Description: A walk from Hosey via French Street and Emmetts on to Toys Hill where we will stop for refreshments at The Fox and Hounds before returning via a different route. Total distance approximately 6 miles, 3.5 hours with a long hill on the outbound section and a shorter one on the return.

Walks can be subject to change at very short notice. Please either telephone or check the website. [www.westerhamramblers.org.uk](http://www.westerhamramblers.org.uk) 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](mailto:acresroger@aol.com))**

## **NORTH DOWNS COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA (NDCO)**

The NDCO will be staging '**From Mozart to the Sound of Music**' at Hazelwood School, Limsfield on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 7.30pm. The repertoire will include Mozart's 40<sup>th</sup> Symphony, Rossini's Barber of Seville and film tunes including James Bond and Star Wars. In tribute to those who lost their lives in the Great War, the NDCO will play The Banks of Green Willow by George Butterworth which premiered in 1914. Two years later, having won the Military Cross for bravery, George Butterworth was killed in the Battle of the Somme, with no known grave. Tickets £5, under-18s free. Refreshments will be served.

The NDCO is a fun orchestra made up of nearly forty local amateur musicians. There is no audition and we particularly need more string players! We rehearse in Oxted.

**Colin Hall.** Tel: 01883 723987 or 07802 156602 or [colin.hall43@btinternet.com](mailto:colin.hall43@btinternet.com)

## FIVE MINUTES WITH.... THE CHARTWELL CANCER TRUST

Welcome to our article featuring a story of local interest. This month we spoke to Michael Douglas who has lived in Tatsfield for 25 years. Michael loves living in Tatsfield and agreed to talk about the charity he runs from the parish offices in Tatsfield, The Chartwell Cancer Trust.

I was first diagnosed with Leukaemia in 2003. I was treated in the Chartwell Unit in the Princess Royal Hospital in Farnborough, Kent. My treatment started with six sessions of chemotherapy; but when I presented for my second session, I had to wait for two hours to be set up. The nurse explained that she needed a Health Care Assistant to help with the set up and had been trying to find one for over two hours. I decided to use the experience I had gained from many years of serving on the committees of various charities, including The Teenage Cancer Trust and Young Epilepsy, to create a charity to provide financial support for the Unit.

The charity started in earnest in 2005. The first target was to fund a Health Care Assistant. We managed to do this fairly quickly and we have been supporting this post in the form of two job share Health Care Assistants since 2005.

### How has the charity grown?

After funding the Health Care Assistant posts we were asked to help out with other staffing shortages and equipment which our cash strapped NHS simply doesn't have the funds to cover. We funded a Junior Doctor (now a consultant) for two years and a senior haematologist for four clinics a week for three years. We also funded a raft of small requests like computers, wheel chairs and sometimes transport for patients who were often just too unwell to drive or use public transport.

We then agreed to fund the complete refurbishment of the Treatment Suite. This involved remodelling and the introduction of proper vanity screening and air conditioning and a "proper" coffee machine for patients and staff.

When Kings College announced the proposal to close the In Patients Ward in the Chartwell Unit, we mounted a successful campaign to get the decision reversed. We are now recognised by Kings College as Key Partners.

About three years ago we were approached by a group of parents who had young children undergoing treatment for cancer or leukaemia. They explained that after the

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children's primary treatment, usually in Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital or the Royal Marsden they were transferred to a local hospital that had a Paediatric Oncology Shared Care Unit. Children in our area were mainly treated in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Woolwich. They explained that the facilities in Woolwich were shocking compared to the hospitals that their children had started their treatment in. Their main concern was that the Unit, known as the Tiger Ward, had no kitchen facility. This meant that when children had to be "blue lighted" in, and usually kept in overnight, they had nowhere to wash the children's clothes if they had had an accident, and nowhere to make a hot drink without leaving the child to go to a machine in the reception area, some 10 minutes away. They also told us that none of the televisions were working, there were very few toys and most of the beds were broken.

After visiting the hospital, we decided that we had to do something to help. We put a kitchen in immediately and agreed to fund a Health Care Assistant; we have fixed the beds and the televisions. We have funded everything on the staff's wish list: a Magic Floor; training courses for nurses; and all sorts of specialist equipment and toys, not just at Christmas and Easter, but on every appointment. The result - they now prefer the Tiger Ward to Great Ormond Street and the Royal Marsden.

Of course, cancer is brutal, and seems even more brutal for children. Our support is multifaceted, and we support families through our Oncology Groups. We now run and fund four groups who meet up each month to spend some normal time together. The group meetings are held in places suitable for immunocompromised children - children who are vulnerable to coughs and colds. We have over 100 families across the groups who meet in Bromley, Woolwich, Croydon and Brixton and they love every moment of the meetings.

Sadly, not all of the children recover. We lost fifteen from our area last year and this year is not looking much better either. We help out when families find themselves in dire financial circumstances, usually mortgage or rent and utility payments, last week a funeral.

We recently acquired a holiday home on the Isle of Wight. Initial funding was supplied by the Powell Family in memory of their daughter Sophie. The holiday home is a three bedroomed lodge on a beautiful site close to a sandy beach with every facility imaginable. The site is close to a hospital with a Paediatric Oncology Unit. This means that children, even terminal children, can holiday in conditions that are as safe as possible.

### **Living with cancer**

Children living with cancer are often in hospital or in isolation for much of their treatment. This has a dramatic effect on their education and ability to socialise at a critical time in their lives. We were recently introduced to a robot that can mitigate these problems. The robot sits on the absent child's desk and takes the place of the child in the classroom. The child accesses the robot with a tablet or mobile phone and controls the

robot remotely. The child can speak and listen through the robot, turn around and communicate with classmates and even go on trips!

Teacher Claire Smith reported back to us after seeing the robot in action, “it was a very special day yesterday, it was wonderful to see how excited the school staff were to see the robot working and the dawning of the possibilities. She can she speak to us? Wow, this is so cool! Not every day do you get to see how you can change lives at a stroke. It’s not only life changing for the patient; it was clear to me in such a vivid way that enabling her teacher, friends and classmates to interact with her has a huge and positive impact. It was very moving, I felt quite overwhelmed to be honest”.

We have purchased twelve robots and intend to provide as many as we can in the months ahead.

### **Tell us about your current and future projects**

We continue with all of the current projects for our patients and staff in the Chartwell Unit and our children in the Tiger Ward. We are growing quickly and now support other local hospitals. We have recently funded a Virtual Conferencing System that allows our consultants from Kings College, Guy’s Hospital and St Thomas’s Hospital to link with The Chartwell Unit without leaving their desks. We are also funding Dr Shireen Kassam’s Brain Cancer Research Project in Kings College.

Going forward we have agreed to raise £350,000. towards the refurbishment and upgrading of the Endoscopy Unit in The PRU. We have made a good start to the New Integrated Paediatric Unit Campaign in Croydon University Hospital. We have agreed to contribute £750,000 to this project. Both campaigns are underway and the fundraising is going well.

### **How do you fundraise?**

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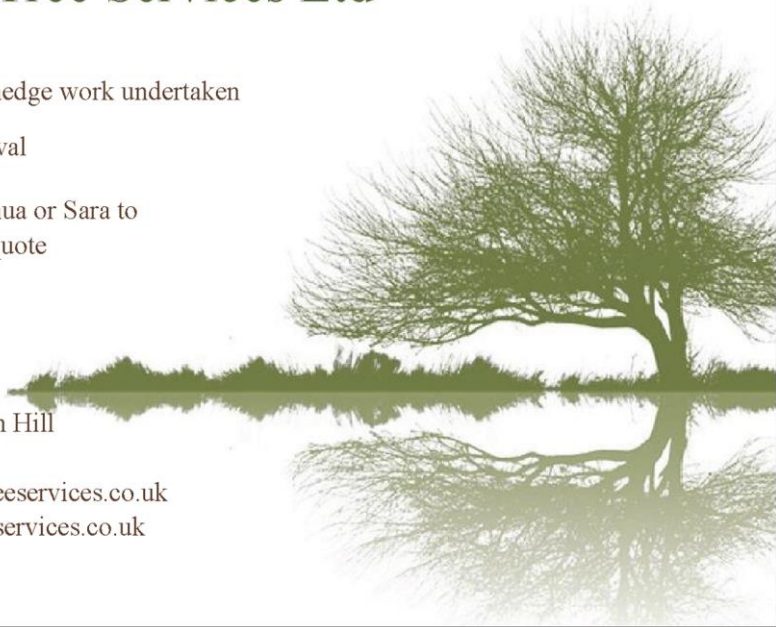
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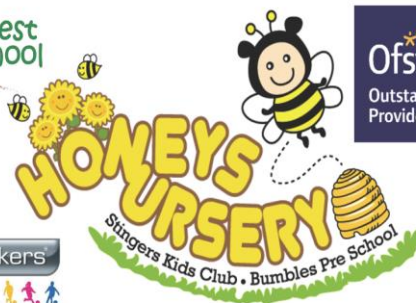
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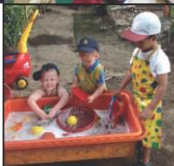


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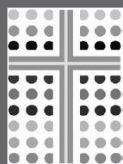
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