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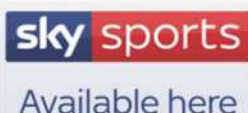
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EDITORIAL

Earlier this summer, I enjoyed watching a little of the FIFA Women's World Cup France 2019 and I was pleased that it played a part in raising the profile of women's football.

In the latter stages I was struck by the joyful exuberance of the eventual winners and the contrasting emotional distress of the losing finalists and semi-finalists. This, together with some more recent events has caused me to reflect a little upon the subject of competition which, like the proverbial curate's egg, could be seen as partly good and partly bad.

Competition is not restricted to sport alone. It seems to be all around us. For example, competition for scarce resources, whether it be school places, medical services or the purchase of a rare painting at auction. Equally, there is competition for the sales of goods and services in the business world, where success is a key contributor to profitability and failure is a source of vulnerability. Without making further comment, it also appears very evident in politics.

These and other areas all touch our lives to varying degrees but there is a personal level where we are all involved. That is the "competition" for the use of our time. Some of us feel this keenly with the external expectations that we experience but even if we had an empty diary, we might still need to weigh up the different choices before us as we live day to day and as we plan ahead, should we choose to do so.

With my forthcoming sabbatical, I've been very conscious of such processes – both in trying to put things in place for my absence from parish duties and in using the gift of three months out of the office (September–November) wisely. I look forward to sharing how it all went. During this period the life of St Mary's continues, with thanks to our volunteers and a variety of visiting leaders and speakers. All are welcome to our services and events, as usual. For any additional church matters that cannot wait until I return to work in December, the first contact will be our churchwardens, Chris and Marjory (details in St Mary's News pages). They in turn can arrange for the services of a minister from within our Limpsfield and Tatsfield Team of churches or beyond, if needed.

With my best wishes for the coming months.

God bless,
Vince Short

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LETTERS

Dear Editors,

Like many Tatsfield & Titsey residents, it is a huge relief to hear that as of 25th July 2019, DPD has withdrawn its application to build a super depot at the Moorhouse site on the Westerham Road.

After four years of living with this threat, I am now drawn to wonder what might become of this site and what lessons can be learnt from the dedication of our community to oppose the proposed development and the active desire to protect our environment - and to ensure those in seats of power and influence can act responsibly for the future benefits for all.

At this juncture, I have asked myself what have I personally taken away from this experience. My biggest takeaway is the need to speak truth to power and to ensure that those in seats of influence make an in-depth and diligent assessment of any future plans. Whether it is our elected councillor, constituency MP, Council Planning Officer or local land owner – we all have voices and first-hand insights about what makes our environment, our community and the place we chose to live, special to us.

Whilst the May issue of this magazine clarified many of the inaccuracies in Cllr Allen's article from the April issue, the fact remains that our elected councillor chose to ignore numerous direct pleas from residents and voted in favour of the DPD proposal. Despite several gaps and incongruencies within the proposal, e.g. the supposed employment figures that the site would generate, and the simplistic traffic projections which allowed no provision for seasonal peaks – all were accepted at face-value.

Moreover, when I attended the TDC's Planning Review meeting on 7th March this year (which was one of TDC's largest publicly attended meetings), we heard emphasis being put on the visual scale of the development and the traffic assessment. The Planning Officer and Committee failed to show evidence of thorough consideration for the inevitable air, noise and light pollution - as well as the road safety risks associated with the site. I was reminded of the famous film quote: *"in space, no one can hear you scream"*. Simply because residents high-up on the ridge within Tatsfield village might not have had to bear the glaring view of the development, it doesn't mean that its negative effects would not be felt by many across the parish boundaries and beyond.

So what is next? Many local campaign groups have appealed directly to the land owner: Guy Innes of the Titsey Estate, its trustees, and agents at Strutt & Parker to build bridges with the local community and consider sustainable and responsible alternatives for this site. Indeed our MP, Sam Gymiah has indicated some positive engagement with the Titsey Estate. Furthermore, we all await the assessment of Oxted's Local Plan from the government Planning Inspector, Mr Philip Lewis on whether the site's status as Green Belt is changed – which now hangs in the balance.

Whatever becomes of this site – I have learned that we have a community which cares deeply about this very special area, and I hope that it welcomes a development which will complement the values and ethos of its residents and neighbours.

Mrs Kirsty Merritt

Dear Editors,

A quick note to advise residents of two events coming up later in the year.

The third ***Tatsfield Remembrance Service*** will be held around the Remembrance Memorial Stone on Ye Olde Ship pub green Saturday November 9th from 10.30 – 11.15 am. Any individuals or organisations who wish to lay a wreath can contact me on 01959 577550 or email davedbsound@gmail.com. This is a Tatsfield Parish Council sponsored event.

The **15th Christmas Carol Singalong** will take place outside Ye Olde Ship pub on Friday December 13th starting at 7pm. There will be the usual well-known carols and Father Christmas and his elves will be there with a present for all of the children at 7.45pm. There will be a Christmas message given by the Parish Council Chair Kim Jennings and a Christmas Blessing by the Revd. Vince Short. This is another Tatsfield Parish council sponsored event.

Please pop these dates in your diary. We look forward to seeing you.

Dave Bishop

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TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council tends to rest in August so there is little to report, we are still available for any problems or concerns you may have.

Unfortunately, we have no control over the weather which has been disappointingly wet, resulting in the postponement of the Village Picnic. This event has now been rescheduled to Sunday 15th September, please see the report from Dave Bishop in this Magazine.

An extraordinary meeting was held at the beginning of August to consider two planning applications one for erection of fence and changes to fenestration at 50 Crossways and erection of an agricultural building to be used as office space at Clarks Lane Farm. The comments for these can be found on the Website in due course.

We are still receiving reports of overgrown hedges blocking the footpaths and Bridleways - please check that you keep your hedge trimmed. Don't forget we have an excellent Composting site on Approach Road for all your trimmings.

The Parish Council will be returning to The Bakery surgery sessions on 7th September please feel free to drop in and say hello.

The Tennis net was erected again this Summer at the MUGGA and it was great to see it being used by many despite the Weather. If anyone would be interested in starting a Tennis Club the Parish Council would love to hear from you.

The Next Parish Council full committee meeting will take place on Monday 9th September in the AMB at 8pm - all welcome.

Kim Jennings, Chair
(kimjennings@tatsfieldparishcouncil.org.uk)

TATSFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

The merged Built and Natural Environment topic groups have had two very productive meetings and are moving towards the final stages of their combined topic paper. The group would like to hear from you if you would like to add your comments on the following particular topics within the parish of Tatsfield.

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- ✱ A landscape view, or local wildlife habitat, that might be lost in the event of new development?



- * Footpaths – both official and unofficial – that have become neglected or overgrown but are still important as part of the network of access pathways in the parish?
- * An individual or group of buildings that are important from a historical or architectural point of view ?

Make your comments on email to: tatsfield.plan@btinternet.com or at jon@jonallbutt.co.uk, attaching details of the site.

The recent Call for Sites invited local landowners to submit details of their sites that might be included within the Neighbourhood Plan as having potential for development in the future. In all some seventeen sites were offered and details of these are now being independently assessed. It is expected that a draft of the assessment report will be with the Steering Group in time for their meeting on 18th September and the final report is expected in October.

Details of the sites can be seen on the Surrey Community Website www.surreycommunity.info/tatsfieldneighbourhoodplan

POLICING

Can you believe it's an –ember already? Here comes Chr...NO, don't do it!!

Apart from a summer of annoying boys on bikes playing chicken with the local traffic, the village has been issue and crime-shy. Only one of note during July, this being theft of items from a vehicle (phone and wallet) outside a property on Ricketts Hill Road. No witnesses or forensic clues to go on, with nearby CCTV not producing anything, so it has sadly had to be filed.

Short and sweet this report. Here is a plug for anyone even vaguely wary of being defrauded by phone, email or on the doorstep..... We have a number of booklets available titled 'The little book of BIG scams', produced by all good high street banks, and Surrey Police. It includes lots of details about how to avoid all kinds of frauds/scams, and is in sections covering the following:

Identity Fraud	Investment Scams	Mobile Phone Scams
Courier Fraud	Door-to-door scams	Ticketing Scams
Holiday Fraud	Dating & Romance Scams	Internet Scams
Scam Mail	Banking & Payment Card Scams	Online Shopping & Auction Fraud

If anyone wants one, please leave your details with Sheree in the shop, and I'll deliver them to you as soon as operationally possible!!

Kids: back to school, and no complaining, cos you've had it good for seven weeks. Work hard and be nice to your siblings. See you soon.

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

Rupert, PCSO 12599 KELLEY, Surrey Police

Well it will be early September by the time you read this, and the summer and holidays will start to become distant memories, but I hope they were happy ones. Since the last time I wrote for the July/August edition. I wish I could say it has been busy interesting and rewarding but alas mostly just procedural matters being resolved as local government tends to go on holiday during August.

As part of the consequences of the different make-up of the Council I have attended my first Overview and Scrutiny meeting as Vice Chairman and believe from the mood of that meeting that at least this committee will have some good cross-party cooperation. As part of the year's programme we will have the following brought to this meeting so that all councillors can be briefed and updated on the following:

- Update on Customer First including a staff presentation.
- Review of Member/Officer protocol (how we work together).
- Quarter one delivery plan.
- Review of external audit process for 2018/19 accounts and assurance that 2019/20 programme is adequately planned.
- Annual Crime Summit (Police and Crime Commissioner).
- Strategic partnership working including with health partners.
- Quarter two delivery plan.
- Half year internal audit report.
- Quarter three Delivery Plan.
- Staff performance sickness review.
- Biggin Hill / Gatwick / Heathrow plans.
- End of year performance.
- Updating and reviewing whistle blowing policy.
- And a selection from: East Surrey rural transport; ESDAS (domestic abuse); East Surrey Clinical Commissioning Group; Closer working with Surrey; homelessness in the North of the district, East Surrey Outreach Services; Tourism; National Education Union for the South East Region; Surrey Wildlife; The Trussell Trust (Food Banks) - to name but a few...

The Council meeting of 18th July saw the clarification of the title of the OLRG and Independents Alliance as the Independent members believed they were able to be called Independent whilst being aligned to the OLRG; but a judicial review outlined the reasons why this could not happen and so the opposition within TDC are now known as Independents & OLRG Alliance. I have attended a Constitution meeting; done Speedwatch training; met with our neighbouring London Borough of Bromley councillors; met with the CEO over some outstanding Tatsfield matters; visited TDC with Parish Councillor Jason Syrett to review the Open Spaces policy; and David Pinchin and I had a meeting with the CEO of Biggin Hill Airport over the "overfly issue".

In September Kim Jennings and I will meet with Dan Gutierrez and the Police and Crime Commissioner, so if you have any issues to raise then please let one of us know.

Trees in the Village and TPO

Having stressed to TDC our belief that we are losing trees in the village unnecessarily I have received the following in response. "I completely take your point regarding overall loss of trees, and I would very much like to see the Council set an agenda for the future which puts an emphasis on the environment, biodiversity and climate change, as well as much needed housing." Indeed, I see that SCC have recently declared a 'climate change emergency'. We are not quite there yet, but I would of course be extremely supportive of any initiative in that regard. So, this is something I will take up with the relevant director to make sure we get this moving quickly.

Tandridge Together Lottery

Tickets cost only £1 and all profits will 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 on the website. Tickets are available to buy at www.tandridgelottery.co.uk and residents who don't have access to the internet can also take part by calling 01883 460555. **Please support Tatsfield good causes by buying your tickets.**

Neighbourhood Plan

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

White Lane Closure

Remember the usual White Lane closure for the Bec Hill Climb in early October.

Vehicle Crime Warning

We have seen a sudden rise in theft of catalytic converters across Tandridge. Targeting a variety of vehicles, thieves are cutting off the catalytic converter from the exhaust pipe. Containing very small quantities of precious metals to help break down the pollutants they are attractive to thieves. Primarily larger vans and vehicles are at greater risk due to the increased ground height which may offer access. Any vehicle with a catalytic converter should consider the following crime prevention advice to reduce the risk of being targeted.

- Store your vehicle in a garage overnight
- If you do not have a garage park your vehicle in a well-lit area
- Park close to buildings
- Consider using CCTV or intruder notification CCTV covering your vehicle on the drive
- Use a Thatcham approved movement detector vehicle alarm
- Fit a security cage around the catalytic converter or permanent mark it using a stencil

Should you see any suspicious behaviour around your vehicle at any time please call Surrey Police.

Got grand designs? Do your duty and avoid a fine

Have you got grand designs this summer? Whether you're doing up your house, getting your dream kitchen or building an extension it pays to know the rules when it comes to your waste.

Or you could risk a hefty fine. *If your builder takes the waste away and doesn't dispose of it properly, it's you who can be fined up to £400.* To avoid being hit in the wallet, you need to do two things:

- Check your builder is a registered waste carrier.
- Obtain a receipt for the disposal of your waste.

If a builder doesn't dispose of your waste properly, it is flytipping. In Surrey there are serious consequences for flytippers, including fines of up to £50,000 or imprisonment for 12 months and with every flytipping court case in Surrey resulting in a guilty verdict, it's a risk not worth taking.

For more information on flytipping, to report an incident or find out how to check if a trader is licensed, visit www.surreyep.org.uk.

Don't lose your voice – make sure you're registered to vote

Residents should ensure they are registered to vote by completing and returning their Household Enquiry Form (HEF) as soon as possible.

Completing this form is essential as it helps us to ensure residents are able to vote in future elections. Each household should have received the form by e-mail or post, and it is important they are checked, completed and returned.

If residents' names are missing or if any other details need to be added or changed, they can be updated online or by amending the printed version and returning it in the post. Residents' e-mail addresses can be added which means they will receive future correspondence by e-mail, making the process more efficient. If someone new is added to the form, they must also complete an application to register to vote. The application can be completed online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote.

Louise Round, Chief Executive at Tandridge District Council said: "Don't let something as simple as not being on the register stop you from having a vote and a voice. It's really important that everyone who is entitled to vote is able to. Once you've checked the form it's easy to go online and make amendments or confirm everything is correct. You can also respond by text, telephone or by returning the form in the post."



Anyone with any questions about the form, voting or the electoral register should visit www.tandridge.gov.uk/elections.

East Surrey College launch part-time courses

East Surrey College in Redhill has launched its part-time courses, which include courses in business skills such as Accounting, Marketing, Human Resources and IT.

They also offer courses in Teaching, Counselling, Construction, Hair and Beauty.

The courses take place during the day, evenings and at weekends and range from one day to year-long programmes.

For course information and how to enrol, please visit www.esc.ac.uk, e-mail clientservices@esc.ac.uk or call on 01737 788444.

East Surrey Museum

East Surrey Museum in Caterham is looking for a volunteer Honorary Curator to join their team. The role will involve securing and displaying items for the collections, organising events with local groups and schools on local history and archaeology and co-ordinating holiday activities. Applicants need to have a keen interest in local history, be able to use Microsoft Office and be an effective team player. In return, expenses such as child-minding costs and travel will be paid. For more details please contact the Chairman, Roderick Stead by e-mailing roderickstead@aol.com or call 01883 343518.

New funding available to help businesses improve their productivity

Coast to Capital has launched its 2019-20 Growth Grant Programme which provides grant funding to small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) and social enterprises in the Coast to Capital area. The aim of the Growth Grant Programme is to stimulate capital investment to help businesses introduce innovation and improve productivity. Last year, Insulated Tools Ltd were awarded a grant of £94,000 to help purchase new machinery and essential equipment which has allowed them to expand into five continents. Businesses in the Coast to Capital area are encouraged to contact their local Growth Hub Account Manager to discuss their growth plans and eligibility for grant funding. Please e-mail growth.hub@coast2capital.org.uk or call 01293 305965. For more details and to view the eligibility documents visit www.coast2capital.org.uk/growth-grant their website.

Can you help sponsor Prospero Theatre?

Prospero Theatre uses drama to improve the lives of adults and young people with disabilities and mental health issues.

The theatre based in Caterham runs a Friday Club for adults with disabilities - The Adult Inclusive Group which tours and the Prospero Theatre School for young people aged 6 years and over. They also run four projects in schools which use drama and storytelling as a means to address anxiety and mental ill-health.

The theatre is just about to start rehearsing its next show, which will be performed by a 50/50 split of able and disabled performers. The play, The Life of Barry, is a comedy that takes people from loneliness and isolation to connection and mad dancing! They work towards the highest possible artistic standards. This is matched by the aim for all participants to build social networks, to help reduce social isolation, with the other community groups they perform for and with.

Like lots of companies Prospero is finding funding harder to attract. The Prospero Board is trying to raise £2000 in sponsorship and rather than asking for one big amount, it is looking for 10 companies which will give £200 each and become a Community Sponsor.

If you can help and would like to be a Community Sponsor, please contact bethwood@prosperotheatre.com. In return you will be credited in all press and publicity and of course thanked by the most amazing group of people.

Two hours free parking started at Ellice Road on 22 July

Since Monday 22 July, visitors to Oxted have been able to enjoy two hours of free parking in Ellice Road car park between 8am and 5pm on weekdays. Parking is free outside those hours and all day at the weekend and on bank holidays. In addition, free parking is available at the Council Offices, Oxted, after 6pm on weekdays and all day at weekends.

This is part of a drive to make visiting Oxted easier for shoppers, so they can take advantage of all the great things the town has to offer. It will also support local businesses during the construction of the apartments at the former gasholder site.

To take the pressure off Ellice Road, while the gasholder site is being redeveloped, the Council is looking at other options to provide more parking across the town, as there will be a high number of construction workers as work progresses.

Some business permit holders have already relocated to the Council Offices car park to free up spaces at Ellice Road.

The Council is working with the Love Oxted Business Improvement District (BID) to encourage residents to support local shops. The Oxted Open for Business campaign promotes what the town has to offer shoppers, visitors and other businesses.

The two hours will be in place until summer 2021, when the development is due to be finished.

If you think I can help you with anything to do with the Tandridge District Council or anything else please do not hesitate to contact me.

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

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

I hope you have all had a very happy and relaxing summer. Now September is upon us I wanted to give you an update on my key actions, issues and progress at Surrey County Council with respect to Tatsfield and the things that affect you.

Highways

Repairs and surface works – Recently I drove round Tatsfield with the highways officers looking at road surfaces and considering road issues which were raised with me via the Parish Council, Martin Allen and residents. All pot holes identified have been repaired. There are a large number in Church Hill – I agree this road is in a bad state of repair – it is on the winter road programme to be reassessed later this year and I shall be pushing very hard for the officer team to undertake major works on it.

Highways fund - This year County Councillors have received a pot of money to spend locally on highways matters in their own division. Through consultation with your Parish Council I have prioritised the spend for Tatsfield as follows:

- Large “junction ahead” signs to be installed on Clarks Lane in both directions to indicate the turning to Approach Road. Many residents have commented on how hard it is to identify the turning, especially in the dark and fog, and also at the speed other drivers travel along Clarks Lane, and these signs will be a good safety addition.
- I would like to jointly fund pavement improvement works on the corner of Westmore and Crossways where the pavement is uneven and falling away.
- I have contributed funding, along with fellow County Councillors, to fund a highway maintenance gang (cutting back foliage at junctions, fixing signs etc). If you identify anything of this nature then please self-report it on the Surrey County Council website under “Report IT” and you will receive notification of when it is completed

Community Fund

I also have a community fund to spend in the division and I am very happy to be able to continue to support your Tatsfield Composting Centre with this money.

Additionally, I would like to invest some of the fund across the division in improving the rubbish bins in our local parks, areas of outstanding natural beauty etc, potentially supported by a poster campaign. Litter drifting around in our hedgerows and verges is an increasing problem and eyesore, and a timely and costly thing to clear up; either by fabulous groups such as the Tatsfield Litter Angels, or by the Street cleaning team at Tandridge Council. Increasing bin capacity and using bins with lids on will mean more litter in the bin rather than flowing over the top and being carried off in the wind. I will be working closely with your Parish Council and the Tatsfield Litter Angels to identify appropriate sites for improvement over the coming months.

Finally, I am supporting the looked after children in this area by contributing to a fund that will be used to provide them with opportunities to pursue hobbies and interests.

If you have any further ideas of how the fund could be spent, do please contact me.

Warlingham CRC

I wanted to give you a short update on the Warlingham CRC situation. I am on the Surrey Waste and Recycling Task Force with a remit to look at the CRCs and recycling in Surrey overall. We are part way through our investigations which will be reported in September, but I can share with you our thoughts so far:

- We will be recommending that Warlingham CRC remains open; and will be pursuing the ultimate aim of creating a large purpose-built recycling centre for the north of Tandridge to accommodate both the Warlingham and Caterham CRCs.
- That the Council should be making recycling and disposal of waste easy for the residents of Surrey; but that residents need to also take ownership for what happens to the waste they produce – as a County everyone needs to do more to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle because annual waste tonnage is increasing dramatically in today's disposable society.
- That as a County we can make savings in Waste and Recycling by increasing recycling rates and participation in the food caddy scheme – for example if everyone participated in the food caddy recycling then the Council would save on average another £3m per year (it is more expensive to dispose of food waste than convert it into energy).
- That SCC need to review policies on charging and items such as wood disposal.
- Personally, I am working hard to return some levels of service to Warlingham CRC so that what Surrey County Council offer there is fit for purpose.
- That all of this needs to be supported with a fact-based communication campaign.

If you are interested you can see our discussion on this at the Place, Communities and Highways Select Committee meeting on Monday 1 July on the SCC website.

Biggin Hill Consultation

I am working closely with experts at Surrey County Council, Martin Allen, TDC and your Parish Council on responding to the ongoing Biggin Hill consultations. Details are on their website or via your Parish Council.

Rethinking Transport

I recently listened to a presentation by the Rethinking Transport in Surrey project group. Without raising expectations, I am extremely optimistic about what this could mean for Tatsfield and surrounding rural villages. It is NOT a code for reducing local bus services but in fact looking at why, how and when most of the resident travel is carried out in Surrey. Interestingly most of it is health related (travelling to hospitals, doctors etc) and so ideas such as outreach doctors surgeries in villages are going to be considered which if successful will have a wonderful impact on villages such as Tatsfield. I will keep you posted on this.

As always if you have any questions please contact me on becky.rush@surreycc.gov.uk,

Becky Rush, Surrey County Councillor Warlingham Division

NEWS FROM CITIZENS ADVICE OXTED & DISTRICT THE LOCAL BRANCH FOR TATSFIELD

Citizens Advice Oxted & District is an independent Charity with membership of the National Association of Citizens Advice. Its primary aims are to help people with the problems they face, and to provide free, confidential, independent and impartial information, advice and support to the residents of Tandridge District.

Oxted Citizens Advice typically helps around 800 people per year with a range of issues from benefits, debt, family, housing, employment, consumer to immigration and community care. We are staffed by 24 volunteers, including 22 trained advisers, and also by 3 part-time paid staff. The organisation is managed by a Board of 8 volunteer Trustees.

Citizens Advice in Oxted are very pleased to announce the appointment of Catherine Wyncoll, an Oxted resident, to head up the local advice office. Catherine brings with her 10 years of Citizens Advice experience in a number of roles in Oxted, Epsom and Caterham. Catherine said "I am thrilled to be taking over the Oxted office where I originally started as a volunteer, providing high quality advice that truly helps residents in our community with the problems they face. This is a highly rewarding role and something I could not do without the support and dedication of our volunteers, trustees and staff."

One of the challenges Catherine and her team face is the full roll out of Universal Credit in Tandridge. There has been much media coverage about the problems, and we will be holding events to explain the issues and also how Citizens Advice is helping. If you want to know more about Universal Credit or any other issues, please contact us on 01883 730259 or advisers@oxted.cabnet.org.uk. Alternatively you can find a wide range of information on our website www.citizensadvice.org.uk and you can drop in to see an adviser on any weekday at our offices above the library in Gresham Road, Oxted RH8 0BQ (except Weds pm).



Save the date!
St Mary's Thrift Clothing Sale
2-5pm Saturday 19th October
For more information, see St Mary's News

FAMILY PICNIC ON THE GREEN - NEW DATE - SEPTEMBER 15th

The family picnic on Westmore Green was postponed after a lot of awful predictions about what the weather would be doing on August 17th. Posters and a four feet high signboard had been displayed all around the village. Volunteers were all set to erect the double large marquees that would cover the 29-piece Ravensbourne Concert Band, conducted by Lesley Lake. The Tatsfield Scouts had kindly offered the loan of their chairs and tables for the event which with the help of Karen and her father Les Vowles would see that special car parking facilities had been arranged for visitors to park their vehicles. Everyone had been invited to bring along their hampers complete with their own food, drinks and glasses and enjoy listening to popular live music. The sponsor of the event kindly offered a whole barrel of beer and the first 70 people aged 18 or over, were going to be offered a free glass of beer on entry. There was a lady laid on to paint the faces of the children. It was hoped that during the “interval” there would have been some Morris dancers for entertainment. David Bacon had kindly donated the necessary electric power for the event.

So, the postponement was made because of the heavy rain and winds gusting some 35 miles per hour were due to happen - it was a no brainer. Who would want to sit on the wet grass and try listening to music with a wind blowing like the clappers for the whole two hours of the event?

But the good news is that much better than cancelling the picnic and all why not simply postpone it to another date? And that was decided with the result that it is all a full on go again and will take place at the same venue on Sunday September 15th from 3–5pm.

Our cracking Tatsfield Village looks absolutely superb and we can all meet on the new date as above. Our Parish Council’s chair Kim Jennings will introduce the main sponsor KJ from Park Wood Golf Club to welcome you all. Let us keep everything crossed for better weather on this new date. Any queries please to Dave Bishop on 01959 577550 or email davedbsound@gmail.com

TATSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY HIRE OUR 8 X 3 METRE GAZEBO

Are you planning a family function in your garden this summer? Are you concerned that the weather might spoil your event?

We have an 8 x 3 metre white gazebo for hire that is easy to erect (needs a minimum of four pairs of hands); it has sides that zip together with windows, a string of lights and a rubber mat that covers the area.

You can hire this for just £20.00 per day as part of our fund raising for Society events.

Interested? Please contact Jon Allbutt on jon@jonallbutt.co.uk or phone on 577100.

LITTLE ACORNS PRESCHOOL



During this busy term we were very lucky to have Ian from Tatsfield Aquatics come to talk and share his knowledge with the children about our local pond. He was able to show the children various creatures that are currently living in the water, being able to get up close to them in troughs as he scooped them out for us all to see. The children were then able to observe the Tadpoles and Frogs, which we have been watching grow for the past weeks be released into the water.



Both the children and staff really enjoyed the morning. Thanks again to Tatsfield Aquatics! *Wonderful photos courtesy of Andrew Moore; Local photographer.*

We had our preschool sports day in July which was enjoyed by both parents and children. The event saw several novelty races, running races and a fun Mums and Dads race. The children earned themselves a medal and some sweets!

As the school year finished, we wished all our school leavers the best of luck in their new primary schools. The Leavers show was a great success, with songs involving all the children, as well as the leavers speaking individually on stage to the audience. As usual the support from our parents at these events is always fantastic and the children did us proud.

We still have funded places available for September. Please get in touch for more information, or do pop in to visit our lovely Preschool.

Thank you for reading!

Jen Creed

Practitioner at Little Acorns Preschool

office@littleacornstatsfield.co.uk



ALAN TITCHMARSH TO APPEAR AT OXTED'S BARN THEATRE IN SUPPORT OF THE ORPHEUS CENTRE

When: Friday 25 October at 7.30 pm

Where: The Barn Theatre, 25 Bluehouse Lane, Oxted, Surrey RH8 0AA

One of the UK's top gardening experts, Alan Titchmarsh, is looking for guests to join him as he steps on stage with Sir Richard Stilgoe, musician and composer, in aid of the Orpheus Centre.

Leaving his garden behind for the day, the best-selling novelist and television personality is coming to Oxted's Barn Theatre on Friday 25 October to take part in *An Evening with Alan Titchmarsh*.

Alan was the presenter of *Gardeners' World*, the hugely popular *Ground Force* and *The Alan Titchmarsh Show*. He writes regularly in *BBC Gardeners' World Magazine*, *Country Life* and the *Daily Express* and is a Vice President of the Royal Horticultural Society. You can see him currently in *Secrets of the National Trust* on Channel 5 and in the ninth series of *Love Your Garden* on ITV this autumn.

"I'm so delighted to be able to support this marvellous charity. More: I'll be sharing some stories, hearing the amazing Orpheus students perform and loving every second. I'll see you there, glass of wine in hand," he laughed.

Sir Richard, Founder and Trustee of the Godstone-based charity which helps young disabled adults prepare for independent living through the performing arts, said it was a perfect way for people to support the Orpheus Centre.

"We're so grateful to Alan for giving his time to what promises to be a very enjoyable evening. I really hope you can join us at this special event. It's a super way to spend time with friends and simply be entertained, all whilst supporting the transformative work that takes place at Orpheus" he added.

Hosted by Sir Richard, the evening will start with a performance by Orpheus students, followed by an on-stage interview with Alan and the opportunity for audience members to ask questions. Guests will enjoy a complimentary glass of wine with Alan after the show.

All profits from the event will go to the Orpheus Centre in Godstone. Orpheus is a registered charity (1105213) and an independent college for young disabled adults with a passion for the performing arts.

Tickets cost £35 (premium), £30 (standard) or £25 (concessions) and are available for purchase either by calling the Barn Theatre on 01959 561811 or online at www.orpheus.org.uk/alant



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1st TATSFIELD SCOUTS



1st Tatsfield Scout Group would like to warmly thank all those who helped make our Village Fête and Dog Show in July a success. Your time, enthusiasm, energy and delicious cakes were very much appreciated and thank you also to all stallholders, raffle prize donors and everyone who came along to support us on the day.

Special thanks to the Old Ship for use of their facilities on the day, to David Bacon for power and to Tatsfield In Bloom for helping our Beavers grow plants from seed for our plant stall. Thank you also to Emma Burgess for her persuasive raffle prize gathering and finally to Olwyn Avery & Emma Kirby for the difficult task of judging the dog show

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Although you will be reading this in at the start of September on writing this it is the summer holidays and Beavers are on their summer break. We will have a report in next month's parish magazine with all the latest news from the start of the new term. In the meantime, if you have a child who would like to have their name added to the waiting list for Beavers, please email me on: marksnelling333@btinternet.com **Jenny Snelling, Beaver Scout Leader**



As with Beavers, Cubs are also on a summer break and the leaders are having a well-earned break. All action starts up again in September **Leigh Keegan, Cubs Scout Leader**



The Explorers have had a very exciting few weeks. On the weekend of the 12-14 July, six Explorers plus leaders set off for Gilwell (the home of Scouting) for Gilwell 24. It was celebrating 100 years of Scouting. From 9am on the Saturday morning through to 9am on Sunday morning it was 24 hours of activities, ranging from quad-biking, caving, funfair rides a silent disco and cinema to name but a few. Many of our explorers managed to stay up for the entire time!

On Saturday 27th July to 3rd August, 26 Scouts and Explorers spent their summer camp doing a mixture of bushcraft activities, a trip to the beach, a hike to Keston and a day of water sports. The Explorers slept on hammocks in the woods, while the Scouts were in tents. It was a full week of fun activities and although it rained a few times everyone really enjoyed themselves. Our thanks go out to the leaders and assistant leaders, who without them giving their time for free, none of these scouts/explorers would have the chance to experience a week away.

If you are interested in joining either Scouts or Explorers please contact Jo Turner or SJ Mumford for details.

PFA 100 CLUB DRAW

Congratulations to the winners of the Tatsfield PFA 100 Club for July 2019:

1 st Prize:	Michael Wiggins	£49.50
2 nd Prize:	Dave King	£33.00
3 rd Prize:	Michael Burbage	£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 at les.eames@ntlworld.com

TATSFIELD SINGERS SUMMER CONCERT

What a lovely evening celebrating the many talents of the Choir. The Music Director, Sarah Fryer, put together a wonderful programme "Singing Through the Year" with songs celebrating each month of the year. Starting in July with "Fly me to the Moon" we finished in June with the wonderful "June is Busting Out all Over" - which also gave all of us in the audience a chance to try out our voices and to sing along. Many of the songs showcased the talents in the choir with many solos for part or all of the songs. The Caterham U3A recorder group also accompanied and even had their own rendition of "All things Bright and Beautiful" to celebrate April.

My particular favourite was a duet performed by Sue and Tom Ashmore - "I'll Never Find Another You" a beautiful, heartfelt performance that actually bought a tear to the eye. We all had the chance for a good chat in the interval with a glass of Pimms and sausage rolls which set us up nicely for the second half.

Thank you, Tatsfield Singers - a great evening, and I look forward to the Christmas Concert with anticipation!

Tatsfield Singers is a community choir and welcomes singers of all ages and abilities. Please do get in touch with Pat Coombe on 577863 if you are interested in joining.

Althea Davies



TATSFIELD ART GROUP

**"INK & BLEACH WORKSHOP" to be run by
Sheila Alexander**

Come and join us in Tatsfield Village Hall

Date: Monday 30th September

Time: 7.30 – 10 pm

Paper, ink & bleach provided - please bring your own synthetic brushes

Non Members – £15

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

TATSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY AUTUMN SHOW



at 3pm
on

SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

**in
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on the website tatsfieldhorticulturalsociety.weebly.com



THE WI

What a lovely day for a July garden party. Fairtrade was our theme to mark ten years as a Fairtrade Village, and the Fairtrade group donated raffle prizes and material to decorate the area. Our fun competition – a Fairtrade theme hat – was judged by Carol Jordan and won by Pat Walsh. As usual the generous tea was more than enough to feed the gathered members.



Our next meeting was on 6th August and included a very humorous talk by a retired airline pilot David Henderson entitled 'Glamour in the Skies'. The photos walked us through the world of commercial flying since the 1930s highlighting the work of the cabin crews. Early days saw Cabin Boys selected for being very small and slightly built to get around the small planes and maximise the payload. Then came the era of well educated,

attractive and highly articulate young ladies who provided a cabin service you would expect from the best hotels. The distinctive uniforms – from top French designer suits at Air France to traditional sarongs at Singapore Airlines via tartan kilts at British Caledonian, 1960s hotpants and boots at South West Airlines in the USA and the bright yellow of Monarch Airlines.



Our next meeting on September 2nd promises to be really good fun – entitled 'Why did I buy that gadget?' If you would like to come and try out our meetings, please get in touch and I will tell you what is in the programme for coming months. You can also get an update on the village website: <https://www.tatsfield.org.uk/other-groups/womens-institute/>.

Sue Smale, 01959 577660

THE NOT SO YOUNG CLUB

Hello All,

The Not So Young Club committee has been busy over the past few weeks. At our July meeting we presented our lovely members with a Wimbledon inspired afternoon tea! They were treated to flowers in a small vase made from tennis balls, and they had fresh, Tatsfield grown strawberries and cream, along with sandwiches, cakes and scones for their tea.



The members were all given an entertainments questionnaire, which gave them the opportunity to tell us what kind of things they would like to do at future club afternoon meetings.

We also made up a 'Famous Faces' quiz for the members to show off their knowledge of vintage famous actors and actresses.

We arranged a fun afternoon for our August meeting. Bingo, the game no one can resist! A fun time was had by all thanks to Tatsfield Working Men's Club who loaned us their bingo machine, cards and pens. Our wonderful volunteer bingo caller did an excellent job, as did her two assistants. We had a great time with all the legs eleven and two fat ladies! After all that fun, a yummy afternoon tea was served to our members. Our helpers made fabulous homemade cakes and sandwiches. We then finished the afternoon off with a raffle.

We still have a very small committee and would be really grateful of more help. We need a larger committee because it would be far better to have more people making decisions for our members. We also need more people to help with the club afternoon meetings to help out if any of our wonderful existing volunteers are on holiday or unwell. If you can attend one committee meeting a month and one club afternoon month, please do get in touch, we would love to hear from you.

The NSYC Secretary

Nevertoooldclub@gmail.com

Saturday 21st September 9.30am
Fairtrade Tea Tent on the Green



Please join us for a FREE cup of Fairtrade tea and coffee and the opportunity to taste a range of Fairtrade chocolate. Plus the chance to browse and perhaps buy from our stall of fairly traded produce.

Help us complete our second 90kg Rice Challenge. Buy a 1kg bag of delicious Kilombero Rice for £3 and help send a child to school for a year in Malawi

ST MARY'S NEWS

Vince's sabbatical (September – November)

Services and events at St Mary's continue while Revd Vince Short, our vicar, is off duty and we aim to offer a warm welcome to all, as usual. For enquiries about baptisms, weddings, funerals, churchyard and other matters, please contact our church wardens in the first instance: **Chris Hancock: 01959 577622 or Marjory Broughton: 01959 541059**. Vince will be back for our services on 1st December and the ensuing Advent and Christmas season.

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

September 1st; October 6th (Harvest); November 3rd (All Saints); December 1st (Advent).

On each of these Sundays there is also an 11.30am quiet Holy Communion service.

St Mary's Food Bank Collection

Another food delivery has been made to Christ Church, Brixton, on Tuesday 27th August. Thank you to everyone who has donated so generously to this much needed service. The next food delivery will not be until 10th October when we take up the Harvest food gifts (please see below).

Harvest Festival All Age Service 10am 6th October (& 11.30am said Holy Communion)

Harvest is an opportunity to be thankful to God for our food and all who work to provide it. Harvest gifts collected at the School and at our services in church will be delivered to our link church, Christ Church, Brixton Road, and a local foodbank, with a little going to a few local people who may appreciate a small gift. Children and adults are invited to bring harvest gifts to the service (to be taken to the front of the church during the opening hymn).

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

On Harvest Sunday we also invite those who have helped with Church Teas, Church Flowers and Churchyard Tidy-up to join us at 11am for Tea, Coffee and Cake in the Millennium Hall, as a thank you for all their help. At 11.15am, Chris Hancock (churchwarden) will offer some words of appreciation.

Flower Team

My thanks to Kay Longley and Sue Warren for the beautiful pedestal and Paschal Candle arrangements during August.

September Flower Rota

1st Ann Vatcher/Sam Turtle

8th Ann Vatcher/Sam Turtle.

15th Ann Vatcher/Sam Turtle

22nd Tina Boys

29th Tina Boys

Ann Vatcher



Save the date! St Mary's Thrift Clothing Sale 2-5pm Saturday 19th October

Following the success of St Mary's first Thrift Sale in April which raised a fabulous £195 for Water Aid and the Bishop of Southwark's Charity Appeal for Lent, we have decided to hold another event and do hope you join us.

The date is Saturday, 19th October, 2pm till 5pm in the **WI Hall, Paynesfield Road** and we welcome you to pop by and browse our selection of new, nearly new and second hand clothing, shoes and accessories. Chance to maybe pick up a jumper for your toddler, a pretty scarf as an early Christmas pressie, or coat to keep out the winter chill.

Entry £1 on the door with a hot or cold drink & biscuits. A range of prices to suit all budgets with everything under £10. Any proceeds from the sale will support Robes, a charity that through church venues and a super team of volunteers provides shelter and welfare advice for people who find themselves homeless in south London (www.robles.org.uk).

We would be very grateful for any donations of good condition women's or children's clothes, shoes or accessories (scarves, hats, belts, bags, jewellery). Please bring with you or drop off to the WI Hall earlier in the day where a team of volunteers will be on hand to assist.

So, come along for a natter, a cuppa and share in what we hope will be a successful and enjoyable afternoon for all.

Susie Cook - 07890 519466

The Churchyard

Our next tidy-up morning (10am – 12noon) will be on Saturday 7th September. All help will be appreciated and a big thank you to those who have done such a good job in recent months.



St Mary's Tatsfield Golf Day at Limpsfield Chart on Wednesday 11th September

Limpsfield Chart Golf Club Westerham Road Limpsfield Oxted RH8 0SL.
Handicap not a requirement.

Arrival time 9.30am. onwards for coffee and bacon roll before start of play - 18 holes.

Tee Off time starts at 10.30am.

Lunch will be served early afternoon at end of play + prizes.

Cost per person - £40.00.

To reserve a place please call:

Marjory Broughton - 01959 541059 or Chris Hancock - 01959 577622

Any surplus funds from the event will be used to purchase food bank contributions.

Church Teas

3pm-5pm conclude on Sunday 29th September. A big thank you to all who have supported them.

New Treasurer for St Mary's Church

We are looking for a new Treasurer. Accounting experience is necessary and Parochial Church Council membership will be desirable but not essential. Madie will be available for training and handover. For further information, please contact Madie.

Records

2 nd July	Funeral of Sylvia Aylee
11 th August	Baptism of Willow Carson
15 th August	Funeral of Jean Richardson
18 th August	Baptism of Alice Syrett

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

68. L Ellis £23.75 2. C Hancock £14.25 86. K Longley £9.50 St Mary's £47.50

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

78. M&L Lambert £23.75 22. S Waters £14.25 12. M&R Smith £9.50 St Mary's £47.50

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

REGULAR TATSFIELD EVENTS AND INFORMATION

Sun	10.00 am Church service – StM
Mon	9.00 am Fitness classes with Charlotte Limpenny - WIH 9.30 am Tots on Top – CH 1.30 pm Bridge Club – WIH 5.00pm Junior & Upper Junior Street Dance – VH 5.45pm Break Dance for All - VH 7.15 pm Adult Ballet - TPS 7.30 pm Art Group – VH [Term time] 8.15 pm Bingo – TVC
Tue	1.30pm Whist – WIH (Last Tuesday of the month) 1.45pm Not So Young Club (2nd Tuesday of the month) WIH 2.15pm WI Meeting (1st Tuesday of the month) WIH 5.30pm Beavers – SH 7.00 pm Scouts – SH
Wed	10.00 am WI Pop In – WIH 1.30 pm Short Mat Bowls –VH 6.00 pm Cubs – SH 8.00 pm Yoga – VH
Thu	1.30 pm Hear Here – AMB (1 st Thursday of the month) 2.00pm Scrabble at AMB (2nd Thursday of the month) 4.30 pm Under 8's Judo - SH 5.45 pm Over 8's Judo - SH 7.15pm Adult Ju Jitsu - SH 7.00 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 Composting site (open until Midday) 10.15 am Over 8's Judo - SH 11.00 am Parish Council Café -The Bakery (to noon) 11.30 am Adult Judo – SH

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

UPCOMING EVENTS – VILLAGE AND BEYOND

SEPTEMBER

2 nd Mon		Why Did I Buy That Gadget, WIH
7 th Sat	10.00am	Churchyard Tidy Up, StM
7 th Sat	3.00pm	THS Autumn Show, VH
9 th Mon	8pm	Parish Council Meeting, AMB
10 th Tues	7.30pm	Roses Grow on You, Gardening Club, WIH
11 th Wed	9.30am	St Mary's Golf day, Limpsfield Chart Golf Club
13 th Fri	6.00pm	Junior Badminton Taster Session, VH
13 th Fri	8.00pm	Adult Badminton Taster Session, VH
14 th Sat	10.00am	The Key2Life, Sheree's Tearoom
14 th Sat	7.45pm	Fisherman's Friends, Curzon Cinema, VH
15 th Sun	3.00pm	Family Picnic on The Green
20 th Fri	6.00pm	Junior Badminton Taster Session, VH
20 th Fri	8.00pm	Adult Badminton Taster Session, VH
21 st Sat	9.30am	Fairtrade Tent on the Green, Westmore Green
21 st Sat	10.00am	The Key2Life, Sheree's Tearoom
21 st Sat	1pm	Tatsfield Beer Festival, Westmore Green
27 th Fri	7.30pm	TIB Celebration, WIH
28 th Sat	10.00am	The Key2Life, Sheree's Tearoom
28 th Sat		Last Day For Taking Garden Waste To Composting Site
29 th Sun		Chartwell Cancer Trust, 5k Sponsored Walk, Crystal Palace
30 th Mon	7.30pm	Ink and Bleach Workshop, Tatsfield Art Group, VH

Venues

AMB - Aileen McHugo Building • CGA - Community Games Area MH - Millennium Hall • SH - Scout Hut • StM - St. Mary's Church TACG – Tatsfield Allotments and Community Garden • TVC - Tatsfield Village Club TPS - Tatsfield Primary School • VH - Village Hall • WIH - Women's Institute

EMERGENCY INFORMATION – DEFIBRILLATORS

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

Village Hall, Tatsfield, 24 hours a day

Crossways Court, Tatsfield, 24 hours a day

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



**BADMINTON TASTER
EVENINGS
FOR ADULTS AND JUNIORS**

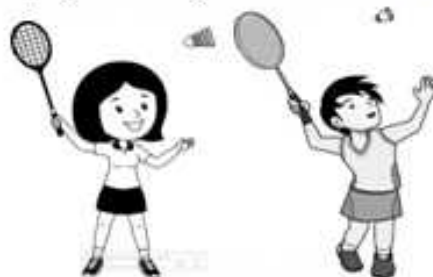


**Friday 13 and Friday 20 September
Tatsfield Village Hall**



**ADULTS
FROM 8 TO 10 PM ON THE 13th AND 20th**

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



**JUNIORS
FROM 6 TO 8 PM ON THE 13th AND 20th**

The club runs a junior section for 6 to 16 year olds, split into 2 groups playing on Friday evenings between 6 and 8 pm. Badminton is a great game for boys and girls. No playing experience is necessary. Racquets will be provided.

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



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1pm - 9pm

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- CIDERS AND PERRIES • WINE • FAMILY FUN •
- BBQ • FAIRGROUND RIDES • LIVE MUSIC •



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TATSFIELD MARTIAL ARTS

It has been a busy few months for TMA. Here is a quick summary on what's been going on:

A New Judo Black Belt On Sunday 28th July, Kevin Ruggins (of Old Lane) attended a British Judo Association (BJA) black belt grading at Dartford judo club. The grading was a competitive one, meaning as well as a theory exam to pass, you have to fight for your grade. Only wins count, you get nothing for a draw or a loss. Kevin won his first two fights, which meant he had reached the line-up stage. A line-up is when you fight three opponents, one straight after the other with no rest in between. If you beat all three, you are promoted to black belt. Your opponents in the line-up will also gain points towards their black belt grading if they beat you, so no one is there to make it easy for you. Kevin weighed in at 79kg, his three line-up opponents weighed in at 86kg, 97kg and 102kg; however, Kevin beat all three with ippon (judo's knockout score). So, a total of five fights and five wins – and a new black belt at the club! Kevin is the second judo black belt the club has produced since opening; however, he is the first to take a BJA competitive grading (the BJA is the governing body for judo in the UK and BJA grades are recognised worldwide). I was actually lucky enough to be at the grading as one of the BJA Senior Examiners, so had the pleasure in watching 'one of our own' win his fights and pass his theory exam.

Woldingham School Self Defence Course During May and June myself and Sensei Patrick, who teaches the Friday night kids jujitsu class, provided self-defence classes on Wednesday evenings at Woldingham Girls School. This is the second time we have been asked to provide this course and this year it was very well received, with a number of boarders telling us it was the best evening course the school had arranged for a long time. On a self-defence course we teach simply yet effective techniques, that don't require months or years of training. However, the main focus is about awareness. Awareness of your surroundings, awareness of others and not making yourself a target.

Warlingham High School Summer Judo Course For the second year in a row I have been working with Warlingham School during the summer term providing a weekly judo course. The course is along the lines of an intervention course, aimed at students who are struggling with either their performance or behaviour in the classroom. The judo provides them with an outlet to blow off steam, helps build their confidence and self-esteem, whilst teaching them to respect others. To stay on the judo course the students must work hard and behave at school - if they don't, they are removed from the course. This year was a great success with a really nice bunch of year 7's, everyone lasted the course, and we have an awards day next week to which the parents are invited too. All the boys receive a course completion trophy plus there are a few extra awards handed out (most improved, best judoka and best team mate, to name a few).

Warlingham High School Activity Week On 8th and 9th July, myself and Sensei Patrick taught Japanese jujitsu sessions at the school as part of their end of term activity week.

Other companies were there providing sessions in dance and drama; the students get to try each activity via a round robin approach. This is the second year we have worked at the school during the activity week and with four groups a day as large as seventeen students at a time – we were certainly kept busy!



Jujitsu Grading On Sunday 23rd June we held a three-hour jujitsu grading for both our junior (children) and senior (adult) members. The grading consisted of a syllabus exam, sparring – both standing and ground – plus stamina exercises such as punch bag work. It was a tough, long grading but everyone worked hard and gave 100%, and I'm pleased to say everyone passed and received their new belts.

Judo Competition Success On Sunday 7th July, six of TMA judoka's entered the "Southern Area & London Area Combined Junior and Youth Championship" and brought home four medals. Thomas Alexander had a tough morning, fighting for the

first time in the U38kg category, losing in a close contest to the eventual bronze medallist. Sam Walsh did extremely well in only his third competition, placing 5th in a large U27kg category and narrowly missing out on a bronze medal. Kayden Plinston had one of those days where everything went right, fighting in the U42kg category for the first time, he defeated all his opponents in style, winning each of his four fights with ippon (judo's equivalent to a knockout) and securing the gold medal, including one fight that was over after four seconds! Seb Sanchez, also fighting in the U42kg category, won his first three fights with ippon – before facing Kayden in the final and picking up a silver medal. Kyan Abrams also won a gold in the U46kg category, winning all his fights with ippon as well. Finally, Bailey in this first competition, won a bronze in the U50kg, this was particular pleasing as Bailey has only been doing judo for two months and really entered the competition just to gain some experience.

The club currently has 87 members, many training two or three times a week. If you would like more information on our classes, please get in touch via tatsfieldmartialarts@gmail.com

SEVENOAKS YOUNG READERS ★ FESTIVAL 2019 ★

SATURDAY 21st SEPTEMBER

Kate Greenaway Medal winner **Emily Gravett**; author and former CBeebies' presenter **Cerrie Burnell**; Blue Peter Book Award winner **Onjali Q. Rauf**; and much, much more!

See the full line-up and venues:
<https://www.sevenoaksbookshop.co.uk/young-readers-festival/>

THE SEVENOAKS **Young Readers Festival** returns for its second year on **Saturday 21st September 2019!**

There'll be author talks, free storytimes, music, face painting, a story-dispensing machine, and illustrator Chris Mould will be hanging out in Sevenoaks Bookshop for the day whilst he paints our shop window. **Featured authors include:**

Former Children's Laureate **Chris Riddell**; two-times



Tickets are on sale via:
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/sevenoaks-literary-festival>

TATSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

GARDENING CLUB

"ROSES GROW ON YOU!"

A TALK BY IAN HUDSON

Tandridge District Council's Parks Supervisor for Parks & Open Spaces

7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER

Doors open from 7pm

AT THE W.I. HALL Paynesfield Road



A TALK ON ROSES FROM IAN WHO IS A TRAINED HORTICULTURALIST WITH KEW GARDEN EXPERIENCE AND ALSO THE EX NATIONAL MANAGER OF THE ROYAL NATIONAL ROSE SOCIETY.

IAN WILL BE SHARING HIS KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE WITH US, ON :-

PREPARING THE GROUND FOR ROSES

THE VARIETIES OF ROSES AND WHAT SUITS OUR PARTICULAR GROUND AND CLIMATE IN TATSFIELD

HOW TO DEAL WITH AND ELIMINATE PESTS AND DISEASES

PRUNING WHEN TO AND WHEN NOT TO AND BY HOW MUCH ...and MUCH MORE

*** IAN WILL BE BRINGING A LOT OF EXPERIENCE WITH HIM SO IF YOU GROW ROSES DON'T MISS OUT.**

ALL WELCOME –

ADMISSION £1 (INCLUDING REFRESHMENTS)

THE TATSFIELD GARDENER IN SEPTEMBER

My predictions for the weather in July/August period proved to be very near the mark! We were not quite up there with the record maximum temperature – due to our elevation – but we were very close with 34.4C on 5th July; rainfall of 76.4mm in July and 56.6mm in August were both way above the long-term average with most of it falling in very short periods; 23.3mm fell on 20th July and 12.5mm on 12th August, in old money an inch of rain is approximately 25mm. These are challenging growing conditions for gardeners; it will be interesting to see how our experts have coped when they present their wares at the Autumn Show on 7th September at 3.00pm – *don't miss it!*



Rosemary is one of my favourite shrubs; it is very tolerant of soil and situation, it has lovely small blue flowers on the summer and best of all it is a superb herb picked fresh, finely chopped and added to other herbs to flavour stews and roasts – especially lamb! It was also a pest free plant, but the dreaded Rosemary Beetle has slowly spread from Southern Europe and is now in Tatsfield. As its name suggests it mainly attacks Rosemary but it can also have a go at the shrubby Salvias, Thyme and Lavender too. The adult is about the size of a Ladybird and a similar shape with a very shiny body and purple and green stripes. The adult can be seen on plants throughout the year from June to September if the weather is warm and dry; however, in mild winters the larvae can continue to feed causing further damage. The larvae are mobile soft pale grey/green bugs of a similar size to the adults. Both adults and larvae feed on the foliage throughout the summer leaving bare stalks as evidence of attack. A healthy Rosemary shrub can recover and make new foliage but over time the plant weakens and looks very scruffy.



A big problem with using the many insecticide sprays to control this pest is that the sprays will also kill the many beneficial insects that also love Rosemary. I have found that spraying the plant with a strong jet of water will wash off the pests and if repeated often enough will be effective. If you must use a spray then look for the natural mixture of fatty acids that is less harmful to beneficial insects.

Rosemary will respond well to hard pruning providing the pruning cuts are made back to a green shoot and not the brown stems.

The Royal Horticultural Society is currently running a survey to map the spread of Rosemary Beetle, details can be found at www.rhs.org.uk.

Jon Allbutt

TATSFIELD ALLOTMENTS

After so much hard work on various projects this year, the committee decided a little R&R was in order. Ian McAffer came up with a brilliant and intriguing idea to visit Les Hortillonnages - floating allotments on the banks of The Somme. So, five committee members and wives met at the Channnel Tunnel one sunny day in July and took the one-hour drive to Ameins. After checking into our quirky French hotel we quickly assembled for the short walk to Les Hortillonnages. We had an English-speaking guide on our personal



electric punt, so we glided through peaceful waterways & tributaries of The Somme, looking at beautiful gardens and sculptures on the allotments. Some were just plots of land kept for fun, some cultivated, some had little houses on them... The further along we went, the more rural they became, no electricity, no running water, so peaceful and quiet - well, until we came along, chatting and laughing and exclaiming at so many interesting ideas.

In the evening, after a lovely meal, we stood in the town square to see the magnificent Son et Lumiere on the walls of the cathedral. We struck lucky as the engineer in charge of the laser machinery spoke English and explained some of the technical obstacles they had to overcome to make the show. We fell into bed exhausted and reconvened the next day for breakfast and another visit to the cathedral to see inside, which was absolutely stunning. It was also interesting to see the statues outside in bare stone, which increased our awe of the spectacle of the night before. The information was in English so we learned a lot - particularly that The Pope wrote to the Kaiser to plead not to shell the cathedral.... and he didn't. Unfortunately, the Mayor, in his wisdom, took the stained glass windows out to store them at his brother-in-law's warehouse for safety - and it took a direct



hit! Both of the above are well worth a visit, a possible stop-over for the Vern group?

On Sunday 18th August we had our annual BBQ to coincide yet again with the Biggin Hill air show. Despite heavy rain in the morning the sun came out at exactly the right time. There seemed to be less activity this year, maybe the wind was in the wrong direction - but as a free show, it is still spectacular and the camaraderie of the stalwart allotmenters always makes a good day.

Liz Armitage

COMPOSTER'S CHRONICLE

At the time of writing we are about half-way through the process of replacing the last of the old compost bins. We are hoping to have this completed by the end of the season and that will leave only the three main receiving bays to be done. We should be able to rebuild these over the "closed season" and start 2020 with a brand-new composting site!

As avid composters, I am sure you are all concerned about the environment. Climate change and CO₂ emissions are currently very much at the forefront of the news, so I want to go "off piste" for a moment and let you know about an organisation I came across recently. I read about it in the more serious end of the national press where it received high praise. It is called ClimateCare and the link is www.climatecare.org.

Cutting CO₂ emissions is obviously the best way forward but, failing that, the next best option is offsetting. ClimateCare calculates your carbon emissions and you can pay them to offset your carbon footprint. They invest the money into schemes globally which will reduce carbon emissions in line with your usage.

It was started by an Oxford University professor and looks like a pukka outfit to me - see what you think. I have just offset the return flight to Sardinia for two people. It only cost £6.74 (for both of us) which I thought was not in any way punitive. You can also use the calculator to offset car miles and energy usage.

Just a reminder – The last day for bringing waste up to the site is Saturday 28th September.

Hints and Tips for using the composting site:

- *Please separate waste three-ways into soft green which doesn't need shredding, tough green for shredding and woody for shredding before you arrive.*
- *We will always try to take all your compostable waste but it helps us if you can try to limit it to no more than a large builder's bag or equivalent in any one week. If you have a larger amount please get in touch with me in advance. This will allow us to manage the waste more efficiently.*
- *Please keep any soil and especially stones out of any waste for shredding as these are both bad news for the shredders' blades.*
- *Using our compost will greatly improve your soil and helps us pay our bills!*

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

TATSFIELD IN BLOOM

Judging Day took place on **Friday 12th July** when, I hope you will agree, the Village looked absolutely beautiful! They visited the School, St Mary's Churchyard, the Allotments and Composting Site, the Tatol Bed, our refurbished pond and the displays in the centre of the village. As well as meeting the children of the Gardening Club at the



School, the judges also talked to representatives of Tatsfield Beavers who had been involved in the planting of some of the containers this year.

Thank you to the many volunteers who turned out in the early morning to make sure that the village showed itself off at its best. The judges seemed to be impressed, particularly in the community involvement, but we will have to wait until **Friday 13th**

September when the awards will be presented.

We will then be celebrating our efforts on **Friday 27th September** at 7.30pm in the WI Hall. Anybody who has helped at all during the year is very welcome to come and join us.

Since the judging day the volunteers have been very busy looking after all the displays, particularly with watering, deadheading the flowers and weeding which will continue throughout the summer.

A very big "thank you" to all our sponsors and to those of you who have donated towards TIB's costs this year.

If you would like to help us on a Saturday morning, we meet at 10.00am every week outside the Bakery.

Many thanks for your support.

Jill Hancock (577622)





THE SEPTEMBER FILM: "FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS"



After the summer break, Curzon Country Cinema are back with a bang with "Fisherman's Friends", a warm-hearted film loosely inspired by the real-life story of an all-male group of folk singers from Cornwall. The film is showing at the Village Hall at 7.45 pm on Saturday 14th September (doors open at 7.15 pm). Tickets are £5 – pay at the door or reserve online at www.curzoncountrycinema.co.uk.



The story unfolds in the picturesque Cornish setting of the charming fishing town of Port Isaac and the cast is headed by Daniel Mays and Tuppence Middleton. Daniel plays a talent scout who comes to Port Isaac as part of a stag party weekend, many of whom fit the description by the locals of "emmetts" (the Cornish word for ants), the invading hordes of outsiders who flood the Cornish seaside every summer.

The talent scout is pranked into offering the local sea shanty group – Fisherman's Friends – a contract and the heart of the story is about how their music appeals to him and how he makes it his mission to bring the Fisherman's Friends and their music to the world. Don't miss it – you will enjoy the music and the story!

LOOKING AHEAD: The evening film on Saturday 19th October is the much acclaimed "Green Book" and as a special treat in the afternoon will be a **free** showing of one of Doris Day's earliest successes – "Tea for Two", with Gordon MacRae. With **free tea and cake** served too!

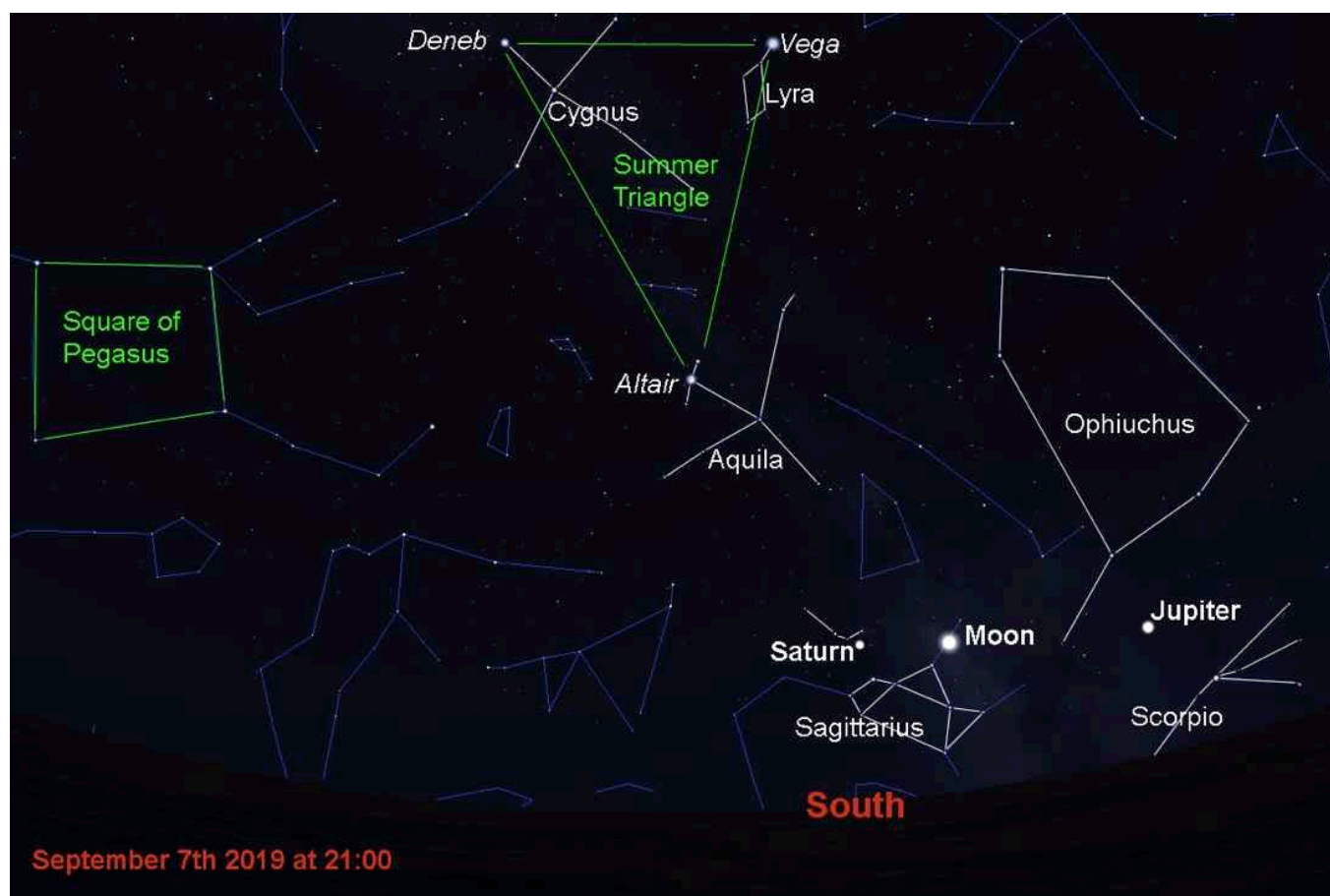
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THE NIGHT SKY IN TATSFIELD – SEPTEMBER 2019

Jupiter and Saturn are both still visible low down in the sky with the latter being due south at 9pm around the beginning of the month. The Moon, which will be just past first quarter, will be between the two planets on the nights of the 6th and 7th. Jupiter looks close to the constellation of Scorpio (the scorpion) but is, in fact, in the faint and poorly defined group of Ophiuchus (the serpent bearer) which, despite the zodiac passing through it, is not one of the twelve constellations that make up the zodiac. Saturn is still ensconced within the boundaries of Sagittarius (the archer) part of whose shape resembles a “Teapot” which in astronomical terms is referred to as an “asterism”.

Apart from the objects mentioned above I’ve also added on the map two other asterisms, the Summer Triangle and the Square of Pegasus. An asterism is a group of stars that form an everyday easy to identify object, in this case a triangle and a square whereas, in contrast, constellations usually bear no resemblance to whatever they are named after. The first of these two is made up of the brightest stars in three separate constellations, Deneb in Cygnus (the swan), Vega in Lyra (the lyre) and Altair in Aquila (the eagle). Interestingly, part of Cygnus is often referred to as the Northern Cross (also an asterism) and a glance at the map will show you why.



If you turn and look north you will see the Plough (an asterism that is part of Ursa Major) is making its way towards the horizon as it does every year during the late summer and early autumn. If you draw a line through the two stars at the front of the

“bucket” part of the Plough and continue it upwards you will come to the Pole Star, Polaris. You may be surprised, as many people are, that it isn’t much brighter and more conspicuous given its importance in the night sky. However, the fact that Polaris is almost perfectly aligned with the Earth’s axis of rotation is not only pure chance but also a temporary arrangement.

The Earth’s axis has what is sometimes simplistically called a “wobble” which causes the axis to trace out a circle in the sky over a period of just less than 26,000 years. This is the same in both the northern and southern hemispheres and means that at different times in that period various stars assume the mantle of Pole Star. From south of the equator there is no star conveniently close to the required position at this time so there is currently no southern Pole Star.

The reason for this “wobble” (known as precession) is that as the Earth spins it bulges around the equator thanks to centrifugal force. The Sun and Moon both exert a gravitational pull on this bulge giving rise to precession. In 12,000 years the Pole Star will be a star I mentioned a little earlier, Vega in the constellation Lyra.

The Apollo Story continues next month.....

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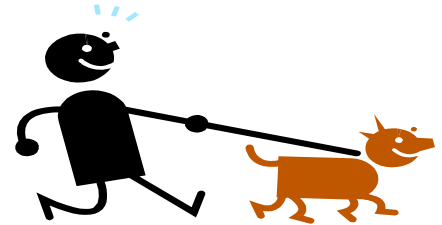
Hear Here is a free aftercare service for NHS Hearing Aids in Tatsfield. **This drop-in Hearing Aid service is held on the first Thursday of each month between 1.30pm and 3pm in the Aileen McHugo Building, behind the Village Hall.** This session is offered by St Mary’s Church and several volunteers. Two of the volunteers have been trained as Hearing Champions and supplied with batteries and tubes to deliver this drop-in service. Those who attend the sessions are provided with easy access to support and help, for which they would otherwise have to travel to the hospital, saving them time and a longer journey.

To become a Hearing Champion training is provided by the local NHS Audiology service in partnership with the Diocese of Guildford. The training is two sessions on one day and then you are supported by the trained Hearing Champion at the monthly session. Further updates are available at different times of the year. For more information or to enquire please contact me on 01959-577864. Or why not drop in on one of our sessions to see the set up and have the opportunity to ask further questions.

Hilary Vale

TATSFIELD RAMBLERS

Details of walks in the surrounding area for July and August 2019 are as follows. Everyone welcome, including your dogs.



Sunday 1st September 2019

Leader: Richard Gadd

Start Point: 11.15am at Cowden Station

Map Ref: TQ 476417 Postcode: TN8 7DS

Description: To Cowden Village , stopping at The Fountain for refreshments, then back via the Sussex Border Path. One long, but gentle, hill near the start. 4 miles in total; 3 hours. 5 stiles.

Sunday 15th September 2019

Leader: Mary Hayward

Start Point: 10.30am Leigh Green, at junction with Green View Avenue

Map Ref: TQ 550464 Postcode: TN11 8QU

Description: A walk to Charcott where we will stop for refreshments at The Greyhound before returning by a different route. Total distance approximately 7 miles; 4 hours with little in the way of hills.

Sunday 22nd September 2019

Leader: Carol Vening

Start Point: 11.15am Chipstead, outside The Bricklayers Arms (note parking can be tricky so please car share where possible)

Map Ref: TQ 499562 Postcode: TN13 2RZ

Description: A circular walk taking in some of Chipstead Lake. Approximately 2 miles, 1.5 hours, flat and no stiles. After the walk for those who would like to, refreshments at The Bricklayers Arms.

Sunday 29th September 2019

Leaders: Roger Sawyers and Maggie Amos

Start Point: 10.30am at The Green, Godstone

Map Ref: TQ 350516 Postcode: RH9 8DU

Description: A walk via Garstone Park to Bletchingley where we will stop at The Whyte Harte for refreshments before returning via a different, shorter, route. Predominately flat. Approximately 6 miles, 3.5 hours in total.

Walks can be subject to change at very short notice. Please either telephone or check the website. 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**

CALLING ALL WEBSITE GURUS

At the end of March 2020, Surrey County Council is withdrawing the website platform currently used by Tatsfield Village and the Parish Council. Although a bit of a blow, it is the perfect opportunity to redesign and update our website. Tatsfield Parish Council is looking to put together a small working group to manage the redesign and migration. If you have expertise in this area and would have some time to spare to help with this project then we'd love to hear from you.

Please email Alex Davies at:

alexdavies@tatsfieldparishcouncil.org.uk

FIVE MINUTES WITH....MAUREEN'S MEMORIES

As a family, we found Tatsfield just over fifty years ago. My husband's work meant that we had to leave Cambridge and relocate close to West Wickham. We wanted a rural area for our lads to grow up in and a bungalow in Ricketts Hill Road proved to be perfect for us.

In those days, Ricketts Hill Road was a country lane. I can clearly remember the comment my mother-in-law made when she visited for the first time: "When does the next stage coach pass through?" It was safe to walk along; there was no bus, most families only had one car and children walked to school – so there was very little traffic. The Millennium Woods were enchanting, with numerous pathways and a bridle path running parallel to the road. We always took this woodland route to the village, avoiding the roads. I can remember there being eleven shops. Miss Knight, whose shop stood on the corner of Ship Hill and Old Lane, reserved my daily loaf.

It was sometime in the early seventies that my youngest son came home from school saying that I had to go to the Scout Hut that evening as the Cubs were re-forming. By eight o'clock that evening, I had become both the Treasurer and Baloo! They were great days, particularly weekend camps at Broadstone Warren, where the adult helpers had just as much fun as the Cubs. In 1975, when St Mary's Church was 900 years old, the Cubs invited other packs from the District to take part in "It's a Knockout" on Westmore Green. It was great fun.

Towards the end of 1975, my husband's work took us to the Middle East. We simply locked the house up, returning yearly. In 1978, we decided adventure was calling. We bought a Vauxhall Cavalier and a modest caravan and began a six-week overland journey from Tatsfield, England to Al Salmiya, Kuwait. The journey would be impossible now, but that's another story. It's an experience my sons still reflect on and something we will never forget.

In 1980, we returned to the UK and I involved myself with village life again. In 1987, the Big Storm saw many of the trees fall across the road. The men began the clear up, with bonfires in back gardens and jacket potatoes galore. We had no water for four days and no electricity for six weeks. Back then everyone knew their neighbours. Sadly, that's not the case anymore, partly because people don't tend to walk along the road these days as it's just too dangerous. Also, many people have moved over the years and I think I have seen all my neighbouring properties change hands, some more than once.

I have always been a member of St Mary's and have served on the PCC as both Secretary and Treasurer at various times. In 1997, it was agreed that the Church Hall should be built. Persuaded by Lesley Irving and the Souths, we formed a committee to help raise funds. We held regular quizzes, suppers, lunches, concerts and jumble sales. A lot of people got involved, especially with the building work. Upon its opening in 2000, we decided to name it the Millennium Hall. It has proved such a useful asset to the Church and is something I am proud to have been part of.

A few years later, I accepted the role of Advertising Manager for the Parish Magazine. I really enjoyed this as it allowed me to meet many new people. Sadly, for medical reasons I had to give up the role last year.

When I think about all the happy memories I have, I realise how much I love Tatsfield. Much has changed over the years, but aren't we all so lucky to live in a village only twenty miles from London with green fields and wildlife all around us?

A REMINDER: THE OXTED ROTARY CHARITABLE TRUST



Oxted Rotary Club has launched a community grant scheme that will enable the distribution of modest funds to deserving people throughout the Oxted area. In time, the club hopes to expand the scheme so that it benefits any number of local social groups but, initially, the Oxted Rotary Charitable Trust is offering immediate needs grants of up to £250 to single parent families to enhance their daily lives.

If you are a single parent with one or more children under the age of eighteen and you are living with mental health issues, some kind of disability or serious illness, or a very low income, you may well qualify for a grant, so why not consider making an application?

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Applications can be submitted at any time and will be considered on a monthly basis, depending on what funds are available. To request an application form, send your name, telephone number and address by email to grants@oxtedrotary.org.uk using SINGLE PARENT as the subject. You can also call Stella Clare at Tandridge Voluntary Action to request an application form.

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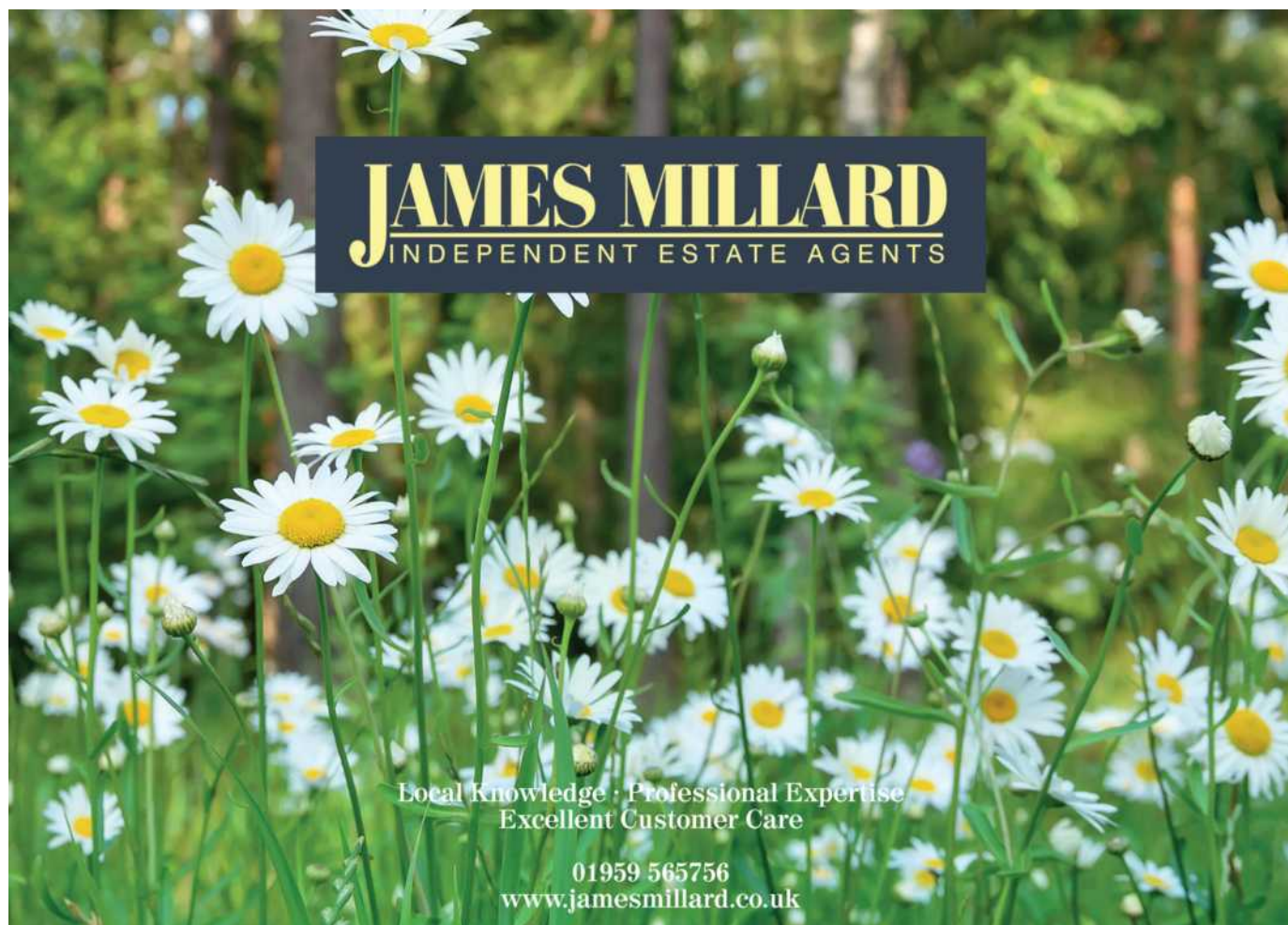
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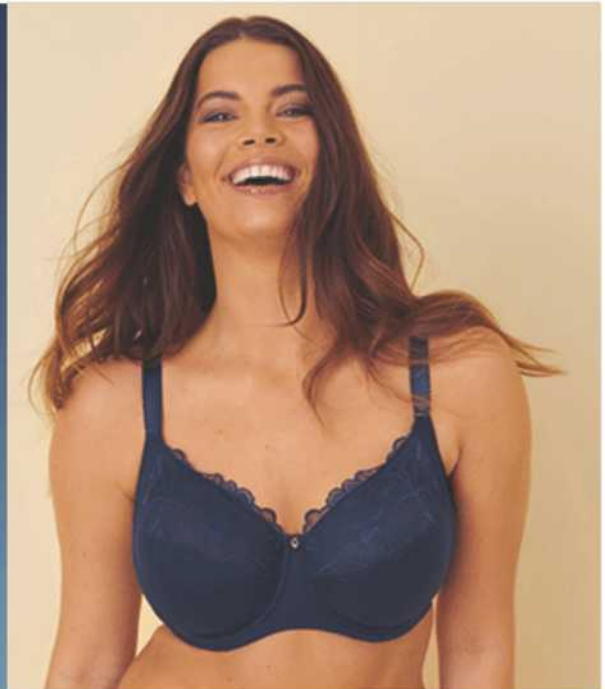
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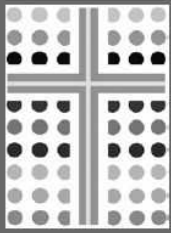
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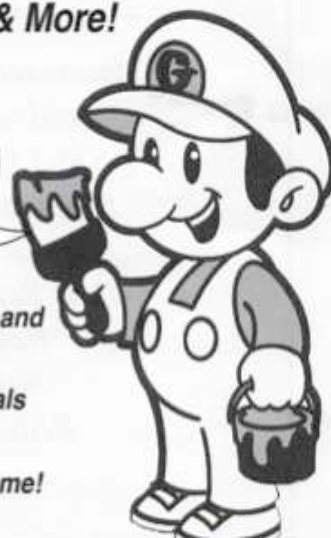
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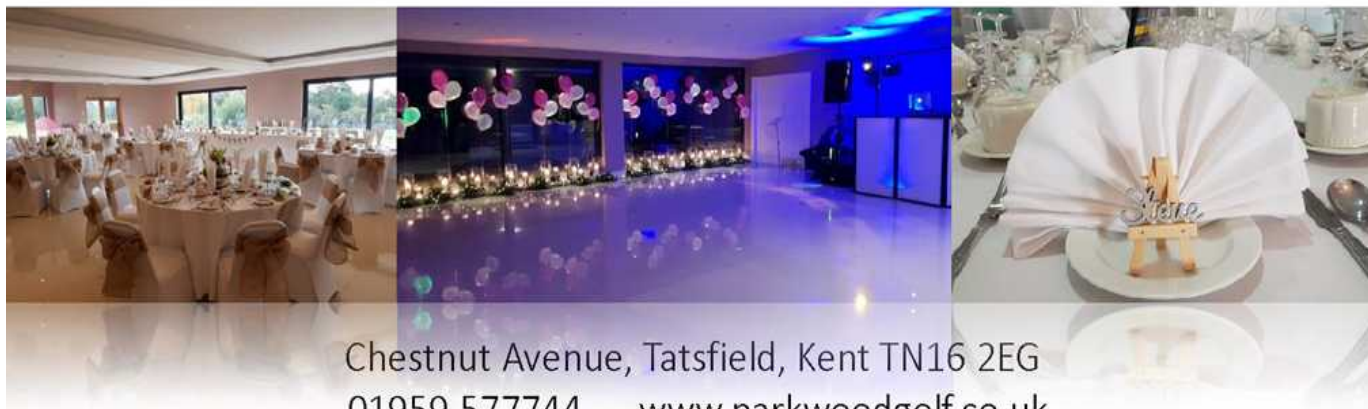
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