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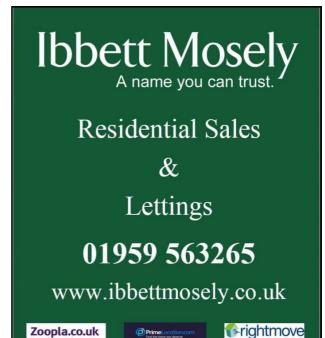
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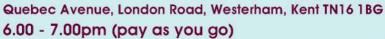
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#### **EDITORIAL**

What a wonderful village we live in. As I type, I'm remembering the fantastic village picnic on 15<sup>th</sup> September, which was hotly (quite literally!) followed by the equally amazing Tatsfield Beer Festival.

Both of these events were so professionally organised, and thanks go to Dave Bishop and the whole Beer Festival team for giving their time so willingly to make Tatsfield a fun and friendly place to be.

And of course, as you will have seen from our front cover this month, Tatsfield is now the proud holder of the In Bloom Best Large Village title, and a gold award for the In Bloom volunteers' efforts week in, week out, to keep making Tatsfield look as beautiful as it does.

None of these successes would have been possible without the teams of volunteers that make it happen. This is just the tip of the volunteering iceberg in Tatsfield. From the Scout group for our youngest villagers, to the Not So Young Club for our most senior residents, people all over the village are giving their time willingly to make the village a more fun, welcoming and enriching place to live.

#### Volunteering, what's in it for me?

Yes, by volunteering, you commit to giving up some of your time on a regular basis for others. But by doing so, you get so much more out of it than you put in! Whether it's gardening and keeping fit, teaching young people new social and survival skills at Scouts, or simply helping out with the Tatsfield volunteers on a regular or ad hoc basis to keep the village tidy (and free from snow – yes, we know it's coming!). Throughout this magazine, you will hear news from our various volunteer groups on what they are doing, and how you can help out. Most also put a contact number or email address, and will be very happy to hear from you, whether you are ready to dive straight in, or just dip a toe in the water (not the pond water, mind!). So, why not give it a go? You have nothing to lose, and a whole lot of feeling good to gain.

Enjoy your October,

#### **Tracey Syrett**

#### THE FAMILY PICNIC ON THE GREEN

The Family Picnic on Westmore Green was well attended on Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup> and the weather couldn't have been more perfect. There was a free drink given to the first 80 plus attendees on arrival by the co-sponsor of the event (and his friendly team) KJ Rhee of Park Wood Golf Club. The 29-piece Ravensbourne Band, under its conductor Leslie Lake, flooded Westmore Green with a super mixture of music which, judging from the applause was enjoyed by everyone. The event was opened with a short speech by Parish councillor Stephen Mittens. A lot of hard work was completed by a



large group of volunteers to set it up and take it all down afterwards. One busy lady was Ali Scriven who did a fantastic job of face painting the many children present. Another knockout group of young people who entertained everyone during the musical interlude was the Boom Arts Academy who are amazing dancers. After a dual display and incredible athletic moves

the pair invited children to come into the arena and learn a compilation of moves. In just a few minutes they had a completed dance routine organised and they received a huge round of applause when they all did a super job to their supplied pop music. Altogether it was a great afternoon and many thanks to everyone who came along or simply helped to make the whole afternoon go so well.

The event was followed by a nice surprise visit by Mark Stokoe who inflated his huge

balloon and gave tethered rides. Chairs and tables were supplied by the local Scouts administered by Les and Karen Vowles and Jon Miller. Grateful thanks must be given to the team who kindly erected the two huge tents needed to accommodate the 29 musicians who were in full black tie. What struck everyone was the completely wonderful and professional sound that the conductor Leslie Lake achieved with this large group of players - it gave such



pleasure to all attendees. Also, the kind local neighbours living on Westmore Green who gave help and electricity for free. The local Village Club was kind enough to offer visitors their hospitality as well in a super and recently updated interior and grateful

thanks to the Fairtrade team who kindly loaned their gazebo for the event. The other co-sponsor of the event was the Roseheath Foundation who paid for all of the advertising and the excellent tea that was very much enjoyed by the musicians during the interval. Thank you everyone and well done you.

#### **Dave Bishop**

#### REMEMBRANCE DAY CELEBRATION

Just a diary reminder that the 3rd annual outside Remembrance Service will take place in the Village centre on Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup> from 10.30–11.15 am. Anyone or members of any groups who wish to present a wreath, or take part in, on behalf of the fallen, are asked to please contact me on 01959 577550 or email davebishopdbsound@gmail.com.

#### CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGALONG

The 15th annual Christmas Carol Singalong will take place on Friday December 13th from 7–8 pm outside the Ye Olde Ship pub. Full details will be given nearer to Christmas.

Please note, if you ever require an additional copy of the Parish Magazine, extra copies are available at Sheree's Tearoom and can be purchased for £1.

#### WELL DONE CAITLIN!

Caitlin Barry completed her first running event in September. The Great North Run half marathon, finishing in a fantastic 2 hours 15 minutes.

#### TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Although the Parish Council do not hold a meeting in August, we have still been busy with planning applications etc.

The applications we considered were as follows.

TA/2019/1308 Woodlands Old Lane for which we had no comment.

TA/2019/1432 Holly Cottage Barnfield Road for which we had no comment.

TA/20191428 1 Rag Hill Close for which we had no comment.

TA/20191406 Pipersdene, Parkwood Road for which we had no comment.

TA/2019/1317 Squirells Den, Westmore Road for which we had no comment.

TA/2019/1148/NH Tregantle, Hillside Road (Notification of Proposed Larger Home Extension) and although we have not been formally consulted as this is just a proposal we have commented that the home has been extended with a significant two-storey extension. We believe that this addition creates a 'disproportionate' addition to the house and therefore causes harm to the Green Belt when assessed under NPPF section 13 and Tandridge Local Plan policy DP13(E)

TA/2019/1516 Rylands, 75 Paynesfield Road for which we had no comment.

#### APPEAL:

Appeal ref APP/M3645/W/19/3232423

Original ref: TA/2019/24 Land between Dornalong and The Retreat, Kemsley Lane.

Change of use to residential to include the stationing of one static caravan and one touring caravan and erection of 2-bay stable for Gypsy/Traveller occupation. Associated hard and soft landscaping.

This was objected to by the Parish Council in April and the application was refused by Tandridge Planning. The Appellant has now lodged an appeal. The Parish Council have met with residents (we received a large turnout at an informal meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> September) and informed all of the following steps of the Appeal Process all have been encouraged to comment via the Tandridge Council Website Appeal section and this was also advertised on the Tatsfield Talk facebook group. The last date for responses was 19<sup>th</sup> September so we now await the inspector's visit, hearing and result. You will be kept informed via the Parish Magazine and Tatsfield Talk.

In further news The Parish Council supported the Picnic on the Green on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September organised by Dave Bishop. The weather was better, and the event was enjoyed by all.

The Village Hall Management Committee have installed a new kitchen and I must say a big well done and thank you to all the committee members for pulling off this huge refurbishment during the holiday period. For those of you who have not seen the kitchen it is an amazing addition to our Village Hall. At the same time the Parish Council have had the outside paintwork refreshed.

We have given permission for David Vale to set up a Gazebo on behalf of Royal British Legion on Westmore Green. This will be on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November between 9.30am-12.30pm.

As many of you will remember the Christmas Lights in the trees on The Ship Triangle caused us many problems during December last year. To hopefully remedy this and keep our display lights we have installed a waterproof external supply. This will be tested in the near future so don't be surprised to see the trees illuminated at an unusual time. Fingers crossed for a bright village display.

Work is now underway to set up our new Village Website this is being co-ordinated by Alex Davies (alexdavies@tatsfieldparishcouncil.org.uk) if you have any expertise in this area and would like to help please contact her.

A group will be meeting to discuss our green spaces and verge cutting in the hope of forming a future strategy for these areas this will be done in partnership with Tatsfield in Bloom.

Please remember that a member of the Parish Council is available at The Bakery every Saturday between 11am-12pm to help with any problems or queries you may have. Or of course you can contact myself, the Clerk or any other Parish Councillor by email or telephone.

Kim Jennings, Chair

(Tel: 577328; Email: kimjennings@tatsfieldparishcouncil.org.uk)

#### **CALLING ALL WEBSITE GURUS**

At the end of March 2020, Surrey County Council are 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 are 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 would love to hear from you.

Please email Alex Davies at <u>alexdavies@tatsfieldparishcouncil.org.uk</u>

#### TATSFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE



# Tatsfield Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Assessment of the sites submitted against the call for cites

Unfortunately, the AECOM report was not finalised in time for our September meeting, so we are expecting to receive a draft to review and send our views on within the next fortnight. We hope to bring the findings and recommendations of the Housing Group on these assessments to the meeting in October which is planned for Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

The sites that have been offered are available on the Tatsfield Neighbourhood plan website so if you have any comments on the sites that you would want to be taken in to account then please use the email address below to forward your comments to the committee.

Martin Allen (Tatsfield.plan@btinternet.com)

#### **POLICING**

Hello Tatsfield. The falling/kicking leaves, bonkers for conkers season is upon us. Yay!! On top of that, how about a slice of good news? In the past month, NIL crimes in Tatsfield. That's not to say that nothing of police interest has been occurring in the village though.

Recently, a stash of Nitrous Oxide (laughing gas/NO2) bottles were discovered in woods off Paynesfield Road by a local resident near to junction of Ricketts Hill Road, which I disposed of. In recent times there have been reports of youths being seen near there smoking drugs in cars, but as yet, none have been found on patrols. Please keep your eyes and ears (and nose) open for any suspicious activity in this area, especially during evenings. Many thanks in advance.

Another recent issue regards Kemsley Road. As some will be aware of already, a recent planning application for a patch of wooded land was declined and is currently under appeal. In connection with this, a few vehicles have been seen in the road and suspicious people seen within the woods, causing some uncertainty amongst the neighbours. These neighbours have clear instructions to call police immediately if anyone is seen lurking around, especially if during the night or if it looks more likely there would be an incursion. Again, please report any unusual activity to us urgently.

Finally, kids. Wrap up warm, toast the marshmallows round the fire, and oh, stay out of trouble!!

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

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#### TANDRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL

#### Chief Executive stands down



**Tandridge** 

After six and a half years as the Council's Chief Executive, Louise Round has announced her intention to stand down with effect from the end of September in order to seek opportunities elsewhere.

Under her leadership, the Council has undergone and is still going through significant transformation to reorganise the Council to become more efficient and to substantially reduce costs where possible. I found her work ethic and commitment to be outstanding and she will take some replacing. This leadership void will be adequately covered during the replacement process by an extremely good management team, all of whom I have met recently in my role as a group leader and in whom I have great confidence and that there will be no lack of focus during this time.

This has resulted in my having more meetings recently than is normal and I hope my input to the continued change that is needed will be helpful for the management team currently in place.

Of normal meetings I have attended a housing meeting where Council Housing Building and Tenancy succession was discussed, and plans agreed. I have had a follow up meeting with the CEO of Biggin Hill Airport regarding the "over fly issue" in Tatsfield; and, unless you are telling me or your Parish Councillor David Pinchin anything different, we believe there has been a great improvement with much less overflying taking place.

I met with Dan Gutierrez on 5<sup>th</sup> September and he updated me on the crime statistics for the Tandridge area, which are pleasingly down. He advised that he had objected to some of the "raves" that are being proposed because he believes that the Licensing System of TEN's are not being used for their correct purposes. I will follow this up at TDC.

Later in September I will meet the Police and Crime Commissioner along with Kim Jennings and David Pinchin from the Parish Council; so if you have any issues to raise then please let one of us know.

I have received an advice regarding the repair of Church Hill/Lane being repaired during the next 18 months although an actual date is not known at this stage. I will try and ensure that as much notice is given and will be advertised through as many social media channels as possible.

#### THE SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL - WHITE LANE (D446), TITSEY - BEC HILL CLIMB (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) ORDER 2019

The effect of the order is to prohibit all vehicles from entering or proceeding along the entire length of White Lane (D446), Titsey. The Order is required to facilitate a one-day road cycling event organised by the BEC Cycling Club with the support of local

businesses and councils and will occur on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2019 for a period of one day.

I am not going to crow too much just yet, but it looks like after Bob's efforts for many years and mine since, we might be seeing some respite for the residents of Clackett Lane as the Motorway Service area has now put in place some stout posts as shown. Barriers will also soon be in force to limit the traffic that is going through these areas to those that are legally entitled to. I will keep people advised of this as it is put into place.



#### Cllr Martin Allen 01959 577201 cllr.martin.allen@tandridge.gov.uk

#### **PFA 100 CLUB DRAW**

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

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Paul Menham £51.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Jon Dunn £34.00

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Alan Thorpe £17.00

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 <a href="mailto:les.eames@ntlworld.com">les.eames@ntlworld.com</a>

#### TATSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

#### The new Wrens at Tatsfield Primary School

Tatsfield Primary School has welcomed lots of lovely new smiley faces into Wren class this term.

The Reception class have settled into school life very well and they are enjoying exploring their new classroom.

It is lovely to see so many of them making new friends already!



#### LITTLE ACORNS

We would like to warmly welcome all those children who have started at Little Acorns this term – it is lovely to have you here. We are looking forward to getting to know you all, as well our new parents/carers.



Starting off the first half of the Autumn term, we will be looking at *Around the World*. We will be looking at Australia, Kenya, Italy, Jamaica and India in particular. The children are encouraged to take an interest in different ways of life and to talk about things they have observed, relating to the chosen country. We look forward to the children participating in some exciting activities.



## RACE NIGHT

Saturday 16th November Tatsfield Village Hall 19:30



Jen Creed
Practitioner at Little Acorns Preschool
office@littleacornstatsfield.co.uk

Our Race Night is taking place on 16<sup>th</sup> November in the Village Hall. Please contact our chairperson to purchase tickets.

As a registered charity, fundraising events such as these are vital to our preschool, so please do get involved!

Our Breakfast club here at Little Acorns is still proving extremely popular. There are some places left, so if a breakfast club is beneficial to you/your child please contact us for information.

We also still have places available for preschool sessions, so please get it touch for more information, or do pop in to visit our lovely Pre School.

Thank you for reading.

Breakfast Club Monday- Friday 7.15 - 9am For 2-11 year olds including drop off to Tatsfield School

Call: 01959 540775

Email: office@littleacornstatsfield.co.uk www.littleacornstatsfield.co.uk

Charity number: 1024480

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

BEAVERS\*

What a great start to the new term. We have had five new Beavers join

and they have already settled in really well. On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September all 24 beavers took advantage of being taken up in Mark and Lisa Stokoe's balloon. It was a perfect evening, and everyone really enjoyed themselves.



My thanks as always to Mark and Lisa plus Ben, Noel, Leigh, Charlie and Richard for giving them all this great opportunity.

We have a full programme this term – crate stacking at Downe Activity Centre, Pond



Dipping in our own Tatsfield pond, a night hike, fireworks, Remembrance and wreath making with the vicar and his wife.

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

EXPLORERS

As I write this article Sam Frost (Assistant Explorer Leader) and Ethan Johnson (Assistant Scout Leader) are nearing the end of their 12-day, 5000km classic rally in Sam's old mini to raise some funds for the Explorers section. At the start line they found out that they are the only team from the UK, so as long as they finish, they will be the Number one team! The rally started in Munich and finishes in Amsterdam. They are not allowed to use any Sat Nav or motorways and from the Facebook reports some of the roads have been very hairy to say the least. On their return I shall get a full report and write in more detail in next month's magazine.

Here are some of the pictures that Sam has posted:







#### ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

If you had happened to Google 'properties for sale in Tatsfield' over the summer, you might have stumbled across an advertisement for **Lusted Hall Farm.** 

As it happens, one of my regular trawls for historical material has just come across this advertisement from the Surrey Mirror of 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1919 – one hundred years earlier.

**Dr Caesar Dudley Sherrard** had just sold Lusted Hall Farm and the livestock was now to be auctioned, but the farm had not been a 'normal' farm. It was a 'farm colony'.

LUSTED HALL, TATSFIELD, SURREY,

MESSRS. FOX AND MANWARING

have received instructions from Dr. Sherrard (in consequence of his farm being
sold), to Sell by Auction, on the premises
as above, on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15th,
1919, at One o'cock precisely, the whole of
THE LIVE STOCK, comprising:—
200 EWES, TEGS, and LAMES,
35 HEAD OF CATTLE, comprising
COWS with Calves by side and in calf,
4 FAT HEIFERS and YOUNG CATTLE,
And 6 POWERFUL CART HORSES.

Preliminary Notice.

Further particulars in future advertisements.

Catalogues in due course of the Auctioneers, High-street, Edenbridge, Kent. (Tel. No. 11).

Sherrard was a mental health reformer. He believed that a large number of people were suffering from mental illness as a result of the high pressure and strain of the 'modern civilisation' of a century ago. He was opposed to the system he described as 'herding large numbers of afflicted people in institutions' and advocated individual treatment in separate houses under 'sympathetic management and a cheerful environment'. He eschewed the accepted practice of his day and sought instead to meet patients' individual needs and return them to society.

A strong believer in healthy outdoor work as an aid to recovery, he had set up his first 'farm colony' at Eastbourne and moved to Tatsfield in the 1890s, where he took over 380 acres of land at Lusted Hall. He died in 1920 and his obituary in the Westerham Herald recorded that 'his farm colony became noted throughout the country for the remarkable cures he effected, many of whom had been pronounced hopelessly incurable and was recognised as the pioneer of a rational, humane, enlightened treatment for mental and nerve breakdowns.' Half a century ahead of his time, he was allowed to continue what in those days were unorthodox methods despite government wartime controls.

Dr Sherrard was closely involved with parish matters, providing work for the unemployed of Tatsfield before the First World War, was the first president of the Working Men's Club, a founding member of the Egg and Poultry Society and briefly a parish councillor.

IAN MITCHELL - Tatsfield History Project - Tatsfield.history@talk21.com

#### NORTH DOWNS SINFONIA

The next NDS concert is on Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Although not all of the works are well known, they are all extremely melodic. We start with the Mendelssohn 'Beautiful Melusine' overture. Melusine is a figure of European folklore and mythology, a female spirit of fresh water in a sacred spring or river. She is usually depicted as a woman who is a serpent or fish from the waist down, much like a mermaid, but is also sometimes illustrated with wings, two tails, or both. (She is also the Starbucks logo.)

Then comes the very well-known Beethoven Piano Concerto No 3. It starts with a long orchestral introduction – over three minutes – before the piano enters, solo at first, and then the theme is developed by the combined forces of orchestra and piano. The second movement, by contrast, opens with solo piano. The third (and final) movement starts in the same key of C minor as the first, but ends in C major.

The second half of the programme consists of Schubert's Symphony No 6. It is nicknamed the 'little C major' to distinguish it from his ninth symphony, the 'great C major', which the orchestra played in 2015. It is in four movements, and like all of Schubert's works, the sixth symphony is graced with wonderful melodies.

Tickets are £10 for adults and £8 for concessions. As usual, they may be obtained by phoning 01959 577659, or by emailing <a href="mailto:northdownssinfonia@gmail.com">northdownssinfonia@gmail.com</a>.





TATSFIELD VILLAGE HALL AVAILABLE TO HIRE ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

There is something special about a party or event which sees in the New Year! Do you fancy hiring the Village Hall on Tuesday 31 December to see in 2020? Perhaps for a special party for family and friends or a fund raising event for your club? The hall has all the facilities you could want, including a brand new kitchen. There are reduced rates for villagers and local clubs. Interested? If so, contact the Bookings Secretary, Helena Garcia-MacLeod, to discuss the possibilities – phone 07983 011028 or email tatsfieldvillagehall@live.co.uk.



on SAT 30th NOV 2019
from 7.00pm
at Tatsfield Village Hall

Fiee bottle of Zeaujolais Nouveau per table booked

Contact - JOHN 570097 | ALIZON 577143
FOR A TABLE OF 6-8 PEOPLE



Join friends and family for a **fun evening** supporting your twinning association.

#### THE WI

Our meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> September lived up to its title- 'Why did I buy that gadget?'



Have you ever looked in a catalogue and found the very thing that you never knew you needed but now cannot live without?



An olive spoon, an avocado scoop, a tool for pulling out hot oven shelves, a tennis racket whisk, a ravioli sealer!!!! Following a few words of introduction, we formed two teams to decipher the purpose of each of almost three dozen varied tools and pieces of equipment. Many of our bright ideas caused much laughter.

We intend to restart our monthly Craft Club meetings on 17<sup>th</sup> September. In October we will have an autumn lunch

prepared by the Committee and hopefully shared with some colleagues from nearby WIs. Please note we will start at 12.30 that day.

In November we have a Scotland Yard Detective as a speaker who will tell us about protecting ourselves against Fraud; a very important issue for us all in these days of easy access to personal and financial details.

If you would like to come and try out our meetings, please get in touch and I will tell you what is in the programme for coming months. You can also get an update on the village website: https://www.tatsfield.org.uk/other-groups/womens-institute/

Sue Smale, 01959 577660

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



It was a bit quiet at the Members meeting this month due to the funeral of one of our members. A sad day for all. However, it was nice for the committee and members to have a nice chat and get to know each other better.

For our October meeting we have invited Tony Blake to talk to us about how NOT to get fooled by scams and how to protect your well-earned cash. This will be followed by Fish and Chips. This meeting will have a fee of £3 per member. If anyone would like to join us if you could let us know in advance please, you would be most welcome.

At this month's committee meeting we will have two new ladies joining us and hopefully they will decide to join our team.

Sue Dowse, Notsoyoung100@gmail.com

#### TATSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY - GARDENING CLUB



"GARDENING IN SOUTH WEST FRANCE" A TALK BY JON ALLBUTT 7.30pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October at the WI Hall



Jon, Tatsfield's horticultural expert, will be giving a talk with slides on his project to create borders to give colour and fragrance from spring to autumn, increase the number of trees, manage a small wood, create a dry garden and establish a floral meadow in his two acre garden near Riberac. A glass of local wine will be on offer during the break.

Admission £1 (including refreshments)

All welcome

## For your diary next month

#### TATSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY'S – BIG TALK



Tickets £5, including a glass of wine and snacks, from Christine
Stainer on 01959 577803 or any other committee member.

8pm on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at the Village Hall "Monet's Garden"

An illustrated talk by Caroline
Halfpenny
on the world-famous Monet's Garden
in Giverney.



#### THE TATSFIELD GARDENER IN OCTOBER

The good news is that over the last three months we did not have an official drought. The not so good news is that we have had some very dry weather. A drought used to be when there was fifteen days when rainfall was less than 0.25mm; that was changed in the 1990s to fifteen days when rainfall was less than 0.20mm. It seems that our changing climate is challenging the experts to come up with a new way of describing these new rainfall patterns — watch this space!

Our heavy clay and flinty soil has dried out so much that there is now a risk to shrubs and even some trees around the village. We will not know the extent of the damage until next spring, even if we get an average amount of rain this month it may be too late for some plants. Grass is a much more resilient plant and your big brown patches will soon turn green again when the rain eventually arrives, any remaining dead areas can be overseeded by using a wire rake and scratching out the dead material. Add some grass seed and brush it into the loose surface. We used to say that sowing grass seed should be completed by the end of October, but I took a risk and sowed grass seed in January this year, it took nearly four weeks to germinate but grew very well after that. We have a lot to learn about gardening in these late winters, but it will be a good while yet before we rewrite the 'rule book'! I was reminded recently that we could yet have an old-fashioned winter and October is the month when the forecasters try their hand – anyone up for a white Christmas?

You will have seen from this month's magazine cover, the great news that Tatsfield won a Gold Medal in the South and South East in Bloom competition, we also came first in the Large Village category. This is entirely due to the hard work of the Tatsfield in Bloom Organising Committee and our super team of Tatsfield Community Volunteers who gave over 3,000 hours of their time to keep Tatsfield looking so lovely throughout the year. Some of our TIB volunteers have been with us right from the start of this project — over 20 years — and each year some of them decide to 'retire' with our grateful thanks.

#### Can you help?

To keep the village looking so good in future years we need more members of the team. You do not need to make a regular commitment or have any particular skills or equipment so why not give it some thought? You will find us around the village centre on Saturday mornings from 10.00am and having a break in the Bakery or Sheree's after 11.00. If you would like to discuss how you might be able to help us why not give me a call on 577100, you can also contact me by email on jon@jonallbutt.co.uk.

#### Jon Allbutt

#### COMPOSTER'S CHRONICLE

As advised last month, the last day for bringing waste up to the site was Saturday 28th September, so, in that respect, we are now closed for the season. However, the team will be up there, as usual, on Saturday mornings throughout October putting the site "to bed" for the winter and will be very happy to serve you any remaining compost.

I feel as though I may be tempting fate a little by writing this (as I am now) with three more weeks of the season to go, but what a good year we have had. We have taken delivery of a new shredder which has performed at least as well, if not better, than hoped for and our other shredder has given us its most trouble-free year to date. We have kept up with the flow of incoming waste both from the village and the allotments, great though it has been some weeks, and we have managed to rebuild thirteen composting bins. This is down to the most fantastic effort from our volunteers who have worked flat out, not just on Saturdays, but also during many mid-week sessions throughout the year.

So, thank you to:

Our regular weekly volunteers - Eddy Leeves, Ray McPherson, Martin Allen, Rupert Eales-White, Ian McAffer, Mike Williams and Peter Maynard.

Our once-a-month volunteers – Jim and Ruth Yeeles (who also give us an incredible amount of extra help), Elly Goodwin, Ian Longley and Sue Rhule.

And Carole Cudden who steps in, if she can (and often with life-saving cake), whenever we look stressed.

We have had two great young Duke of Edinburgh volunteers with us this year - Harry Boys and Nat Bateman who have also put in extra hours during the week. Over and above the call of duty, guys! You have done us proud and thoroughly deserve your gold medals. Enjoy your day at Buckingham Palace.

Then there are the committee members of the Horticultural Society who perform "meet and greet duties" and a special thank you to our vicar, Vince Short, who came up to the site to perform this role one day in August. Sorry I couldn't be there to greet you, Vince!

Thanks to all of you who have supported the site in any way and see you next year!

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

#### TATSFIELD IN BLOOM

#### Tatsfield wins Gold and Best Large Village!!





We were delighted to learn on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September at the SSEIB Annual Awards ceremony in Brighton that Tatsfield had come out winners in the Large Village category with another Gold Award! Pam Bishop and Stephen Mittins picked up the award for us. There were seven other large villages judged, six of which received gold awards, so the standard was very high, which makes Tatsfield's win all the more brilliant. The judges gave us maximum scores for community involvement in a total score of 92 out of 100.



We would like to thank all of the 30 or more volunteers who plant and maintain the floral displays twice a year and work in the village on Saturday mornings throughout the year. Also, the litter picking teams doing their stuff during the week; this year so far, the team have accumulated over 3,000 hours of voluntary work.

Our thanks also go to the organisations who provide

financial support for us: the Parish Council, District and County Councils; Tatsfield Horticultural Society; local businesses and private individuals.

We will be celebrating our efforts on **Friday 27**<sup>th</sup> **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.

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

Many thanks for your support.

Jill Hancock (577622)

#### TATSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

#### **Horticultural Happiness**

Congratulations to the fabulous winners of classes at the Autumn Show which was held on 7th September.

Sheila Alexander, Bob David, Sue Dowse, Britta Erbes, Eddie Leaves, Rita Mackay, Nicole Le Provost, Catherine Webber, Sue Warren, Jan Maynard and husband Peter Maynard, Julie Thurgood with grandson Max Musselwhite (3), Betty Barker aged 5, Stuart Paine and George Hadden (15).

All went home with cups and medals to keep until next year. Hope they enjoy polishing silver.

We were lucky to have the expertise of our visiting judges:

- Trish Riches (Domestic)
- Nigel Shaw (Art and Juniors)
- Jan Ling (Craft)
- Nick Hagon (Flowers)
- Ian Hudson (Vegetables and Fruit)
- Kate Bamber (Photography)
- Tina Boys (Flower arrangement)

They applied the rules and regulations of the RHS with great care and also an understanding that our show is about local people who do not have gardeners available to prepare exhibits.







We hope that the super lunch cooked by the WI was a suitable recompense for your time.

WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE MORE OF YOU ENTERING CLASSES, ESPECIALLY THE SMALL PEOPLE WHO WILL KEEP THE SOCIETY HEALTHY IN THE FUTURE.

We were very lucky to have our new District Councillor Becky Rush as the presenter of our Prizes.

Becky spoke passionately about her determination to keep the district a green and pleasant land. She is already involved in research into re-wilding roadsides to attract pollinating insects. She is also fighting to keep the Bond Road Recycling Centre



and part of a group monitoring air quality in Surrey. She praised the Tatsfield Composting Site and is hoping other villages will adopt the Tatsfield model. She ended her speech by inviting us all to email her with concerns and ideas about our areas.

Many thanks to all the people who begin setting the show up and writing out entry cards on the Friday, the super raffle sellers, Kay and Pam and Ken Munday who spent the whole day with Martin Allen trying to work out the POINTS MEAN PRIZES results.

The online entry system has made entering classes very much easier, so we look forward to you all getting your entries for the Spring Show 2020.

### Carol Gaskell, on behalf of the committee.

Jon Allbutt, Martin Allen, Pam Bishop, Bob David, David Hadden, Heather Leeves, Peter Maynard, Christine Stainer, Sue Warren, Catherine Webber.

# TATSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY HIRE OUR 8 X 3 METRE GAZEBO

Are you planning a family function in your garden? 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 <a href="mailto:jon@jonallbutt.co.uk">jon@jonallbutt.co.uk</a> or phone on 577100.



















### 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

October 6<sup>th</sup> - Harvest November 3<sup>rd</sup> - All Saints December 1<sup>st</sup> - Advent

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

**St Mary's Food Bank Collection** The next food delivery will be 10<sup>th</sup> 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)
- 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





#### Flower Team

Thank you to Wendy Maddison and Tina Boys for their attractive displays last month.

#### October Flower Rota

6th October Harvest Festival. 13<sup>th</sup> Jan Maynard 20th October Pauline Conlon 27th Pauline Conlon

#### 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 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2pm-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.robes.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  $5^{th}$  October. 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 Golf Day - Wednesday 11th September

A successful day of golf was enjoyed by twelve guests at Limpsfield Chart Golf Club, Limpsfield. The day started at 9.30am. with a bacon roll, tea or coffee, play began at 10.15am, ending with lunch at

3.30pm. Prizes were won by the following guests:

Ladies overall winner – Rita Owens 25 points
Ladies longest drive – Rita Owens
Nearest the pin (lady or gentleman) – Rita Owens
Gentleman overall winner – Stephen Jackaman 35 points
Gentleman longest drive – Gerald South

A very big thank you to all those who supported the golf day which raised £101.00 for the food banks at Christ Church Brixton and Westerham.

## **Chris Hancock and Marjory Broughton**

#### **Church Teas**

These concluded on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September. A big thank you to all who supported them.

# All Souls' Service Sunday 3rd November 3.30pm

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



## **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

24<sup>th</sup> August Thanksgiving for 30 years of Marriage – Martin and Luci Bullock

31<sup>st</sup> August Marriage of Nick Plunkett and Louise Gulley

2<sup>nd</sup> September Funeral of Carolyn Anton

3<sup>rd</sup> September Funeral of Rosemary Thornton

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

1. D Milner £23.75 94. B Hester £14.25 4. F S Murgatroyd £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 amTots on Top – CH 1.30 pmBridge Club – WIH 7.15 pmAdult 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 (1st Thursday of the month)

2.00pmScrabble 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 (now closed for Winter)

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**

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

## **OCTOBER**

7 <sup>th</sup> Mon	7.30pm	Tatsfield Art Group talk, TVH
8 <sup>th</sup> Tues	7.30pm	Gardening Talk by Jon Albutt, WI Hall
14 <sup>th</sup> Mon	7.30pm	Tatsfield Art Group talk, TVH
19 <sup>th</sup> Sat	2pm	St Mary's Thrift Clothing sale, WI Hall

### **NOVEMBER**

9 <sup>th</sup> Sat 10.30am Village Remembrance Celebration, Westmore Green 9 <sup>th</sup> Sat 7.30pm North Downs Sinfonia concert, TVH 10 <sup>th</sup> Sun 10am Remembrance Service, St Mary's 12 <sup>th</sup> Tues 8.00pm THS Big Talk, TVH 16 <sup>th</sup> Sat 7.30pm Little Acorns Race Night, TVH 30 <sup>th</sup> Sat 7.00pm Beaujolais Nouveau Quiz Night, TVH	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat	9.30am	Royal British Legion Gazebo, Westmore Green	
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#### **DECEMBER**

13 <sup>th</sup> Fri	7.00pm	Christmas Carols in the village, Westmore Green
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### 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.

### TATTY KNITTERS

As a rule, this time of year is fun for woolly crafters. Not only are we able to wear the lovely chunky things we've made, the bulky blankets keep us warm as they are being made. And, it is time for the *Knitting and Stitching Show at Alexandra Palace*. Three days of yarn. It's well worth a visit.



The group is getting back to normal after the summer holidays. Our next get together is on October 8<sup>th</sup> as usual in The Bakery from 7.30 until 9.30ish. Cakes supplied, buy your own drink.

All crafts and beginners welcome.

Val Quick 07761571071

### OXTED ROTARY OCTOBER EVENTS

We have to keep building funds in order to support our giving to the local community and Autumn is a good time to hold fundraising events. We are good at holding local events that appeal to the local community and do not stretch the pockets of those who attend. Our events are aimed at the young and old alike and provide an opportunity to enjoy family fun with like-minded people.



Our annual Bingo Night is the first of this year's Autumn events and is being held at 7.30pm on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October in Aggies Hall, Hurst Green. You will be forgiven if you cannot stop

laughing at our hilarious caller, armed this year, as he always is, with jokes and stories that will have you creased up, so enjoy an hour or two of Bingo with refreshments for only £5.00 per head and bring your friends and family too. You can book online now at Bingo.oxtedrotary.org.uk or call John on 07711 306543 to reserve tickets.

The second event is our popular Autumn Concert featuring many young musicians from around our area. The event is being held at the United Reform Church in Bluehouse Lane, Oxted at 7.00pm on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October and refreshments will be provided along with a comprehensive programme of classical



music. You can book online at <u>concert.oxtedrotary.org.uk</u> or call Carol on 07875 797089 to reserve tickets.

Further details of all events are available on the relevant booking pages or by emailing <a href="mailto:enquiries@oxtedrotary.org.uk">enquiries@oxtedrotary.org.uk</a>, so don't delay, book right away! Your enjoyment will be helping us to help others.

### TATSFIELD FAIRTRADE GROUP

#### IS ALL FAIRTRADE COFFEE THE SAME?

Sheree is now stocking a variety of Café Direct coffees.

## What makes Café Direct different?





The familiar Fairtrade logo certifies that farmers receive a fair and stable price, which matches at least the basic costs of sustainable production. To cover basic costs may not seem such a big deal but, now that the global coffee industry is facing an unprecedented price crisis, for a

coffee farmer it probably means the difference between feeding the family and going hungry. So, it is always important to look for the Fairtrade logo. But it's also worth remembering that not all brands have the same ethical or effectual credentials.

Café Direct came about as the innovative result of four pioneering organisations and three entrepreneurial grower cooperatives all seeking to bypass the conventional coffee market and find a better, more personal, direct way to trade.

#### Café Direct:

- Still puts the producers directly at the heart of the business, working with all the growers directly without using middle men .
- Never assumes it understands what is best for its partner organisations and cultivates long-term relationships with each of its producers, conducting face to face meetings each year with every farmer to understand the positive and negative impacts of its business.
- Has almost 90% of its farmers as shareholders.
- Invests 50% of its profits into Producers Direct, a UK charity run by farmers, for farmers, taking leadership and developing innovative solutions to the challenges they face.
- Is a top scoring brand with the Ethical Company Organisation which guarantees a clean record not only on Fairtrade, but also on a whole raft of human and animal welfare and environmental criteria.
- Is commended by Ethex uk for rainwater capture and reforestation programmes.
- Was named UK Social Enterprise of the Year for 2018.
- Partners small co-operatives such as Muungano in the DRC, which brings together members from previously conflicting ethnic communities, and Red de Mujeres, a

network of women widowed or abandoned during the 36 years of civil war in Guatemala.

- Tops the list of coffees recommended for ethics and taste by the Good Trade international online ethics guide.
- Sells quality coffee that tastes good!

Organic Machu Picchu, rich and smooth with overtones of fine dark chocolate, is popular but some people prefer Kilimanjaro, bright & complex with a blackcurrant sweetness, and others choose the Smooth blend for anytime drinking.

"The current pauperization of coffee producers is destroying the very social fabric in the rural areas of more than 40 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America, leading to increased criminality, more poverty in the cities, and massive migrations towards the United States and Europe. In some countries, the price crisis has become an incentive to shift to illegal crops because farmers cannot make a living from coffee alone.

Quality and availability are also threatened. Producers who stay in coffee will not be able to afford the proper care of their farms, which will lead to improper fertilization and care of the trees, affecting the quality of the coffee and depriving consumers of the diversity they enjoy today.

"Even if a coffee results in a great beverage, if it does so at the cost of the dignity, value or wellbeing of the people and the land involved, it cannot truly be a sustainable coffee."

The Coordination Group of World Coffee Producers

#### **Carol Jordan**

# Sheree's Store and Tearoom supports Fairtrade



# THE WOODHOUSE CENTRE Registered Charity No. 262608

# www.thewoodhousecentre.org.uk

## **AUTUMN FAIR**

### OPPOSITE TANDRIDGE LEISURE POOL

Mrs. Dee Graham (01883 715189)

Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019

10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. at the Centre

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

We are well known by many customers for skilled work in the caning of chairs, upholstery and seagrassing.

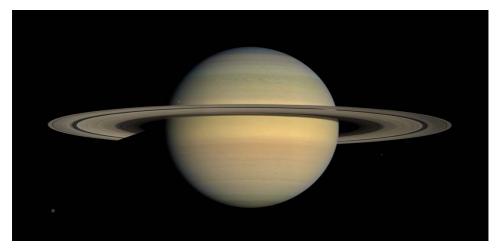
We also carry out a variety of repairs as well as being very handy with a needle and thread.

Our Men-in-Sheds club is ideal if you want to make new friends whilst participating in a spot of woodwork.

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

### THE NIGHT SKY IN TATSFIELD – OCTOBER 2019

The two planets that astronomers label as "gas giants", Jupiter and Saturn, are still visible though both are quite low in the sky. On the first of the month the brilliant Jupiter is twelve degrees high and just past southwest whilst at 7:30pm on that day Saturn is due south and a little higher at seventeen degrees. The map in the September article is still valid for the positions of the planets amongst the stars but just bear in mind that the sky has moved westwards in the meantime so do refer to the date/time mentioned above. The crescent Moon is close to Jupiter on the 3<sup>rd</sup> whilst a first quarter Moon is near Saturn on the 5<sup>th</sup>. At the end of the month look very low down in the southwest immediately after sunset to see if you can spot Venus that is just starting an evening apparition. It may be difficult to spot now but it will be a dazzling object in the months to come.



## The Apollo Story (Part 4)

With the countdown complete at 9:32 am EDT (13:32 GMT) on July 16<sup>th</sup> 1969 Apollo 11, the heaviest flying machine ever built, lifted off from the Kennedy Space Centre to begin its epic journey. On board was the three-man crew of Neil Armstrong (Commander), Michael Collins (Command Module Pilot) and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin (Lunar Module Pilot). After only 2 hours and fifty minutes the ok was given to burn the Saturn IVB (SIVB) engine to leave Earth orbit and begin the journey to the Moon. Only thirty minutes later the Command and Service Module (CSM) separated from the SIVB and turned around to dock with the Lunar Module (LM known as "Eagle"). The SIVB stage was then jettisoned. The rest of the journey was uneventful with a brief engine burn to enable a mid-course correction but apart from that the next milestone came on July 19<sup>th</sup> with a retrograde firing of the main engine to slow them down so that the craft could be captured by the Moon's gravity to allow them to enter lunar orbit.

The next day Armstrong and Aldrin crawled through into the LM and following preparations the two craft undocked so that Collins (still in the CM nicknamed "Columbia") could visually inspect the LM by looking out of the windows. With the ok from Collins the LM began its descent to the surface during which time we know there were a number of computer alarms, which Mission Control were able to clear, and that Armstrong's heart rate was above 150. He took control of the LM and flew it manually, landing it with just a few seconds worth of fuel left over. At 20:17 GMT on July 20<sup>th</sup> 1969 the lunar module touched down in the Sea of Tranquillity, a fact communicated by Armstrong with the famous transmission "Houston, Tranquillity base here — the Eagle has landed".

Some 6½ hours later, having decided to forgo the rest period, the hatch on Eagle was opened. Having spoken that now well-known and probably well-rehearsed phrase, Armstrong soon followed by Aldrin, set up a number of experiments on the lunar surface some of which (the laser ranger for example) remained on the Moon when they left. More than 21 kg of material was collected and placed in airtight containers, an American flag was erected (which was toppled when the ascent stage of the LM took off) and there was a short conversation with President Nixon. There was a prepared message that he would read should the mission fail and the two men be marooned on the Moon. Fortunately, that wasn't needed and following a rest period the ascent stage blasted off (with the help of a felt-tip pen to overcome a damaged switch) to dock faultlessly with Columbia. They had been on the lunar surface just over 21½ hours.

The journey back to Earth was incident free although the landing site was changed at the last moment because of expected storms and the craft was initially "nose down" in the water. The astronauts and samples were placed in quarantine to ensure no pathogens from the Moon could cause contamination.

To be continued......

**BRIAN MILLS, FRAS** 

# Oxted & Westerham Branch RNLI AUTUMN FAIR

Oxted Community Hall, 53 Church Lane, Oxted, RH8 9NB

Saturday 26th October 2019, 10am – 1.00pm Children's books, jewellery, RNLI Christmas cards etc. and many other unique & appealing products Entrance £2; Children free

All very welcome Further enquiries: 01883 717083

# TATSFIELD ART GROUP CALENDAR, 2019 -2020

DATE	TUTOR & FOCUS	GUEST COST	NOTES
2019			
9 September	AGM 7.30		Spring Cottage (Carol's)
16 Sept	Members Annual Challenge		Self Portrait
23 Sept	Members Annual Challenge		Self Portrait
30 Sept	Sheila Alexander	£15	Ink & Bleach Workshop – fungi – bring image to work from + round synthetic brushes
7 Oct	Emil Nikolla	£10	Demo – Abstract in Acrylics
14 Oct	Adie Parker	£15	Demo and notes – Urban scene in Mixed Media - in stages with us
21-25 Oct	HALF TERM		
4 Nov	Self Directed – finish off Adie's work		
11 Nov	lan McManus	£10	Water colour demo
18 Nov			
25 Nov	Pippa Doig	£15	In the style of Freda Kahlo - Workshop
2 Dec	Pippa Doig	£15	In the style of Freda Kahlo - Workshop
	WINTER BREAK		
2020			
17-21 Feb	HALF TERM		
24 Feb	MINI EXHIBITION OF SELF PORTRAIT		Members Challenge BRING COMPLETED PAINTING
2 Mar	Chris Forsey	£10	Demo - water colour-light and shadows (hopefully)
9 Mar			
16 Mar	Linda Brand	£15	Pencil Artist – demo/workshop
23 Mar	Maggie Garstang	£15	Colour/ Still Life - Workshop
30 Mar	Maggie Garstang	£15	Colour/Stil Life - Workshop
3-17 Apr	EASTER HOLIDAYS		
20 Apr	EXHIBITION PREP		
27 Apr	EXHIBITION PREP		
2 &3 May	EXHIBITION		
4 May	BANK HOLIDAY		
11 May	i i		
18 May	Kit Leese	£10	Water Colour demo – stormy skies & coast
25-29 May	HALF TERM		
1 June	Ian Henderson	£15	Demo / Workshop Skies in Pastel
8 June	Ian Henderson	£15	Demo/workshop Skies in Pastel
15 June			
22 June	To be booked		
29 June	To be booked		
6 July			
	SUMMER BREAK		
7 September	AGM 7.30		Venue to be agreed

Members Annual fee £150.00 includes: all demos, tutored sessions, self-directed sessions and hire of hall and exhibiting at our annual Art Exhibition (27 Sessions @ £ 5.55 per session). Guests fee for demos £10.00. Guests fee for Tutored Session £15.00. Guests charged a fee for exhibiting at our Art Exhibition.



# TATSFIELD ART GROUP

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

Monday - 7 October

Emil Nikolla - Winner of Sky Portrait Artist of the Year 2019

Abstract in Acrylics - Demo

(Non-Members - £10.00)

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Monday - 14 October

Adie Parker - Demo and Notes working in stages with us (Urban Scene - Mixed Media)

(Non Members - £15]

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

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

# Correspondence:

After a longer than planned break, let's catch up with some local news. Our first email is from Tracey (Syrett) who sent a message with a sound attachment, recorded on her phone (12.07.09):

'I wonder if you can help us with a puzzle. We have this pair of creatures chatting away to each other nightly in our garden. Are they **Tawny Owls**, do you think?'

Well, Tracey, I've listened to quite a few calls online and have concluded, like yourself, that it is indeed the call of a Tawny Owl. In fact, I believe it to be what is known as their 'begging call'. Please don't ask me what they're begging for! Perhaps a nice, cosy nesting box? Do you fancy some garden lodgers?

John (Rosenbaum) has been in touch, but not with his usual bird news. This time it's regarding a rather beautiful, and possibly displaced, moth (18/21.07.19):

'On Tuesday night a startling green moth appeared in my bathroom! It closely resembles an Essex **Emerald** according to my book. It has a wingspan of 25 mm plus and the right markings, but it's not as large as the Large Emerald with a wingspan of 45 mm. Reading the write up, it is very rare and its caterpillars feed on salt-marsh plants. So what is it doing around here? It was reported a few years ago at Sevenoaks W.L.T.'

I responded to John's query by suggesting that this could be the Common Emerald which is more widely distributed and more likely to be seen locally.

'The book I have describes the Common Emerald as being 25 mm. This one is possibly up to 35 mm as the wings are partially closed. (Similar in size and pattern to an Essex/Sussex Emerald both of which are found around Salt-marsh!) But I bow to your knowledge as I am certainly no butterfly/moth expert.'

I'm no expert either, John. Perhaps another of our readers will enlighten us? If anyone's interested, a good starting point would be: https://butterfly-conservation.org/moths.

Martin (Allen) has kindly sent us his seasonal, Paynesfield Road', report (16.08.19):

'It has been a complete bore in the garden for the previous few weeks and months, that is, just our normal array of birds that come to the garden to be fed - Blackbird, Robin, Sparrows, Dunnocks, Blue Tits, Great Tits, Collared Doves, Chaffinch, Dunnocks, Magpie, the odd Goldfinch, Stock Dove, Wren (in July) and three Jackdaws (in June). But, the last week or two has seen the garden light up with a whole flock of young Blue and Great Tits, 8-10 in one go. It was like a Red Arrow bomb blast with their movements back and forth! Chaffinches, Goldfinches and Greenfinches are now more common although still only in small numbers and then, most unusually, one Long-tailed Tit and one juvenile Great spotted Woodpecker. But the surprise of earlier this week was either a Siskin or, as one book suggests, possibly a Serin. I would suggest the Siskin, but

summer colours always make things difficult when comparing to the pictures in a book. Of course, pleasing to see that the **Red Kites** are now over the village. You instantly know they are about because you can hear them before you see them.'

A lot of people have reported quiet summers on the feeders, Martin, including George (Shaw) here in Greenway. Unfortunately, it's still quiet for us, whereas you seem to be attracting a healthy selection of bird life. As for the identification of the Siskin/Serin... mmm... it's one of those tricky decisions. If it helps, I will suggest that the Serin has a greater amount of yellow on the head and more pronounced bars on the wings, but when you throw the variations of male/female/juvenile plumage into the mix it becomes an ornithological dilemma! Whichever it was it was a fine sighting. Thanks for the report.

# The bigger picture

Climate change and the consequent effects on the environment are with us forever. There is no turning back. Life on planet Earth can only deteriorate from here onwards. Earlier this year an intergovernmental report warned that a million species of animals and plants are at risk of extinction. Robert Watson, the chairperson, wrote: 'The health of ecosystems on which we and all other species depend is deteriorating more rapidly than ever.' Naomi Kline, in her new book, 'On Fire', reminds us that: 'It has been more than three decades since governments and scientists started officially meeting to discuss the need to lower greenhouse gas emissions to avoid the dangers of climate breakdown. In the intervening years, we have heard countless appeals for action that involve "the children", "the grandchildren", and "generations to come". Yet global CO2 emissions have risen by more than 40%, and they continue to rise.' So, why has there been so little action to reduce emissions? Well, a government's job is to protect the prosperity of the nation they represent. Economic growth is essential. Ecological protection is of little importance when compared with the pursuit of profit. And let's remember that we live in a rampantly consumerist society. The vast majority of people simply won't accept a decline in living standards. Which political party will be brave enough to impose hardship on a free voting electorate? And yet hardship is what lies ahead; the direct consequence of future, determined, international action. Of course, all of this is dependent on strong leadership and, unfortunately, I can't think of a single world leader who's up to the task. So, while the rainforests burn and the Arctic ice melts, we carry on living our cosy, privileged lives. Lucky aren't we? The last 'lucky' generation? Probably.

## Step outside - enjoy the autumn days - then send me a report!

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



## THE OCTOBER FILMS



Curzon Country Cinema are bringing the Oscar winning "Green Book" to the Village Hall for the evening showing on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October. There will also be a special free showing of an old Doris Day favourite, "Tea for Two", in the afternoon. Doors open at 7.15pm for "Green Book" and the programme starts at 7.40pm. Tickets are £5 - pay at the door or reserve and pay online at www.curzoncountrycinema.co.uk.

**"Green Book"** tells the story of an elegant and aloof black jazz pianist (played by Mahershala Ali) who hires a temporarily out of work white night club bouncer (played



by Viggo Mortensen) as both a driver and toughguy troubleshooter to accompany him and his white bandmates on a tour of the still segregated Jim Crow American South (this is the early 1960s).

It is a moving story. Earlier this year, the film won the Oscar for the

Best Film, beating "Bohemian Rhapsody", "Roma" and "A Star is Born". The director, Peter Farrelly, has also made two other well-regarded films you may have seen – "There's Something About Mary" and "Dumb and Dumber".

Doris Day died in May aged 97. She was one of Hollywood's most popular stars and the free showing of "Tea for Two" (doors open at 3pm, no need to book) is a tribute to her. The film was made in 1950 and was one of her early successes. Her co-star was Gordon MacRae, another familiar name from the past. We hope many will come and enjoy the film — and to get you in the mood we will be serving free tea and cakes.



# **Bob David**

### MOVEMENT TO MUSIC

The importance of exercise as we age is well recognised. My passion is **to keep the population moving** and, in my experience, combining music and movement enhances results.

I have spent the last 40 plus years teaching dance in many disciplines, but mostly classical ballet. As I age, I have been watching others age, and become increasingly aware of the impact movement can have on recovery from illness, diet, energy, mood, conversation, social engagement, avoiding loneliness, memory, positivity and happiness.

I run classes each week that I have named "*Movement to Music*". Nearly three years ago I started with just one class. Word of mouth recommendations have resulted in me now running six classes. The simple concept that anyone can 'have a go', no matter what age or gender has delighted my clients – ladies and gentlemen. They adore not only the movement but also the music. My oldest member is nearly 93 years.

The physical improvement over time has been simply incredible, not only in strength, balance and flexibility — but in mental recall too. I also choreograph dances incorporating props to enhance coordination. However, it is notable that it is the memory to put steps together which has improved dramatically as well.

My latest venture is working within a care home. We are all living longer, and it is clearly evident that our bodies decline if we are sedentary. Dementia, Alzheimers, Parkinsons, arthritis, to name but a few, attack our bodies and our facility to move. But we can continue to enjoy our time. I witness this on a weekly basis during my care home sessions:

- Muscles are squeezed, tightened and lengthened much to the delight of all involved.
- Cognitive exercises are included that have everyone in hysterics.
- Many props are used for coordination; we all live the drama which brings emotions to the fore.
- Those with little movement enjoy the music; I see the flickering of the eye, the tapping of a finger or foot; I hear humming we've engaged!

The staff have informed me that these classes create the biggest and best response, more than any other activity, and that it makes such a long-lasting difference to the residents in their care. But, most important, is the fact that I have the gained the attention of all concerned for over an hour and been able to whisk them off to a happier place.

They smile. They wave goodbye. See you next week Lovely Jane they call. There is a humble gratefulness. There is an underlying sense of humour. I smile. *They will forget*. But I'll be back next week. We will once again have fun in a very happy place. My passion is once again fulfilled.

Movement to Music, janemasterssabatini@yahoo.co.uk, 07871 492998

### TATSFIELD RAMBLERS



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

Please note the walk starting at Tatsfield VH car park on 27th October.

## Sunday 13th October 2019

Leader: Carol Vening

Start Point: 10:30 Off Chart Lane, Brasted. Drive up Chart lane. About 300 yards after

"Badgers", between the bends, turn left towards Chartfield Farm, right into the first entrance ("Little Cacketts") parking on the field (if dry) or at

the top of the drive/behind the stables if muddy.

Map Ref: TQ 471543 Postcode: TN16 1LP

Description: This is a 5½ mile, 3½ hours walk via Toy's Hill to Emmetts and back. There

are a couple of shortish uphills on the way there, and a downhill on the way

back. Refreshments will be taken at the tea room at Emmetts.

## Sunday 20th October 2019 - 70's Saunter

Leader: Carol Vening

Start Point: 11:15am Shoreham Station (or if car park is full, in the road adjacent to

the Station)

Map Ref: TQ 525614 Postcode: TN14 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 hours. No Stiles.

#### Sunday 27th October 2019

Leader: Richard Gadd

Start Point: 10.15am at Tatsfield Village Hall Car Park

Map Ref: TQ413567 Postcode: TN16 2AG

Description: To South Street via the North Downs Way. We will stop for refreshment

at The Aperfield Inn. Returning by a more direct route. Undulating with one long steep hill and three smaller hills. Total distance approx. 6½ miles

4 hours.

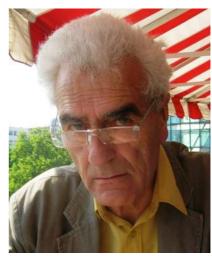
Walks can be subject to change at very short notice. Please either telephone or check the website. www.westerhamramblers.org.uk

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)

## IAN MITCHELL - MY 34 YEARS AS A PARISH COUNCILLOR!

As the crow flies, it was a move of just three quarters of a mile from Biggin Hill to Tatsfield in the autumn of 1983, but the impact was immediate. I'd lived all my life in urban or suburban, often anonymous, surroundings. Now, on our first evening on our unlit, unmade road, I was locking the garage door of our new home. From the darkness behind me in came a panting noise and a nudge at my leg. Accompanying an over-enthusiastic dog was a disembodied voice: "hope you'll like it here, good night!" To this day I don't know who was making us welcome, but it certainly set the tone.



In those days I was working shifts and had plenty of time off to be in Tatsfield during the week. Late one Wednesday morning early closing day - I went to buy stamps but what I needed was locked in the Post Office safe. Brian, the Postmaster, had the key in his pocket but was absent. I reckoned I had seen him on the way to The Ship so it was suggested I fetch him back before the shop closed for the afternoon. Off I went and explained my plight. Without hesitation, he produced his keys and back we went to claim my stamps! I think it was then that I discovered I had been accepted as a Tatsfielder.

I became fascinated by how such a small community worked. At the time, the pond was going through one of its controversial traumas. We became involved with an attempt by Frank Watson and his sister Doris Geary to restore it. We were drawn in by Aileen McHugo, one of the Parish Council stalwarts, rounding up the able-bodied. This later led to my wife succeeding Doris Geary when she retired from pond responsibilities.

One winter evening we went to the URC Church Hall to see a parish council in session. The meeting was abandoned because of the cold. The next month our second attendance was noticed. This happened to coincide with a vacancy. The result? Eighteen months after arriving in Tatsfield, my interest had been noted and I had been co-opted.

The chairman was Roland Payne: the other members Jacqui Garnham, Aileen McHugo, Liza Player, Gordon Reeve and Gerald South. The Clerk was Catherine Gulley. Over the years, I shared membership with 40 or more councillors. I was re-elected a few times but twice there were not enough candidates even to trigger a poll! I was chairman nine times. In 2011, both Jon Allbutt and I were hoping to be able to stand aside, confident that new, keen enthusiasts were poised to take over. Sadly, this was not to be the case. In 2015, we had only seven candidates for seven seats, so retirement was postponed.

Now, happily, we have a fresh team, led by Kim Jennings, who have the skills, experience and enthusiasm to promote and look after the future interests of Tatsfield.

I cut my teeth as a parish councillor at the 1986/7 public inquiries into the proposed Clacket Lane Motorway Service Area. My work pattern let me attend most of the two dozen sessions at the Grasshopper on the A25 and help our then chairman, Gerald South, present Tatsfield's case against the project. We lost the argument, but I learned a lot from fellow objectors about this part of Surrey – its present and its history. I began to understand some of the basics about planning – the one subject on which parish councils must be consulted by the district council. The only consolation for our failure over the MSA is the fact that Clacket Lane and its ancient hedgerows are still intact, despite our dire warnings of the devastation we claimed would be caused.

Another significant failure was the attempt by some of us a decade ago to prevent the controversial building of our new school on a prime Green Belt site instead of redeveloping the old site. We did at least manage to get Surrey County Council to think again and carry out a proper assessment of alternatives before making its final decision.

There have also been a few 'high points'! I was Chairman when, with the Biggin Hill and Westerham doctors, we developed the surgery project which provided us with a much-needed facility — and a Parish Council meeting room — in the 1990s. The Parish Council also received a substantial income until the NHS pulled out in 2010. Happily, the building is now fully occupied by local enterprises, albeit providing a lower income.

The second successful development 'in my time' was the extension and refurbishment of the Village Hall in 1999. A key to that Millennium Project was Bob David's relentless pursuit of the National Lottery money that made the whole project possible. Then there was the welcome development of our affordable housing scheme for Tatsfielders at Gresham Close.

I was also able to indulge my interest in aviation and policing from early on. I was a member of the Biggin Hill Airport Consultative Committee from the mid-1990s and involved at various levels with policing, including the appointment of Phil Clarke as our Parish Constable and the setting up of Tatsfield's Speedwatch activities.

Scouring the parish council records many years ago made me start the Tatsfield History Project, which has provided occasional articles for this magazine in recent years. I've collected and catalogued from libraries, newspapers and official archives more than 5,000 items for the archive and regularly receive enquiries from people around the world seeking Tatsfield ancestors or offering information. In the pipeline is a new edition of 'Tatsfield, the First 2,000 Years' which we originally published under the late Eileen Pearce's editorship in 1999.

Apart from history work, I am still involved with the Neighbourhood Plan, the successor to the three previous village appraisals with which I was associated. I would be delighted if one of the outcomes is a further affordable housing scheme for Tatsfield.

Why on earth would anyone want to be a parish councillor for so long? I suspect it's partly because so many initiatives and projects in local government take so long to mature. Maybe it's just addictive.

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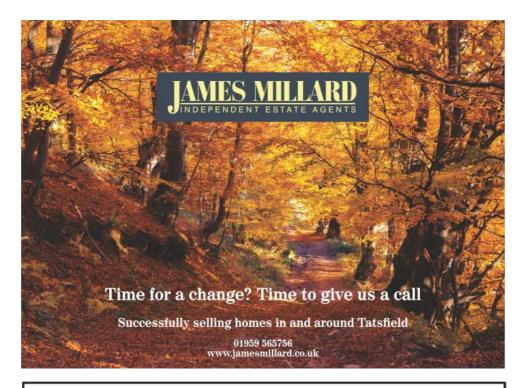
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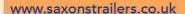
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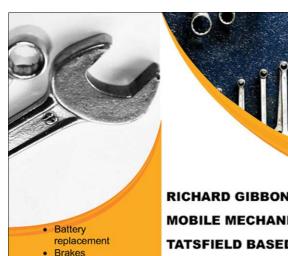


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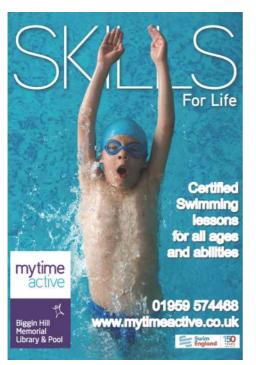
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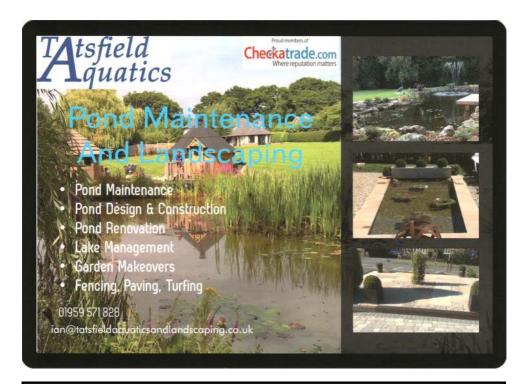
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