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Ideas/Opinions/Articles We are always looking for news of interest - please contact the Editorial Team on tatsfieldpm@gmail.com.

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FDITORIAL

November – the month when we nationally and internationally remember and say thank you to all those who made great sacrifices for us during the world wars. With the passing of time, we are in the main saying thank you to those we never knew. And this made me ponder - how often do we say thank you to those we do know and who every day help us out, often with no notice, with the smallest and biggest of things? How often do we value our friends and say thank you to them? So, below are two very short but simple poems which, I hope, express the sentiments I feel for the very good friends that I have here in Tatsfield.

Tara Barry

A Friend by Gillian Jones

A person who will listen and not condemn Someone on whom you can depend They will not flee when bad times are here Instead they will be there to lend an ear They will think of ways to make you smile So you can be happy for a while When times are good and happy there after They will be there to share the laughter Do not forget your friends at all For they pick you up when you fall Do not expect to just take and hold Give friendship back, it is pure gold. (Sourced from poemhunter.com)

You Did

You didn't have to do all that you did
But you did
You didn't have to give up so much time
But you did
You didn't have to put yourself out like you did
But you did
You did when I didn't expect you to
You did what no one else could
Thank you
For doing what you did
(Sourced from poem4today.com)

LETTERS

Dear Editor

The third Tatsfield Remembrance Service will be held around the Remembrance Memorial Stone on Saturday 9th November from 10.30 – 11.15 am. Music will be provided by the Locke Brass Consort under its conductor Lesley Lake. 1st Tatsfield Scouts and the RAF Air Cadets representatives will march and assemble on the path by Ye Olde Ship as usual. Chairs will be available for those who would prefer to sit down. As the Revd Vince Short is on a sabbatical, he has kindly arranged for the Revd Wendy Harvey to conduct the Service of Remembrance. Trevor Smith will read the list of wreath layers and Martyn Saines will read the Roll of Honour. Ye Olde Ship will be open from 9am for those people who have travelled to get to Tatsfield for full English breakfast. The local singers will be invited to lead the singing with the two Hymns and the National Anthem, as they kindly did last year. This is a Tatsfield Parish Council sponsored event.

The 15th Christmas Carol Singalong will take place outside Ye Olde Ship pub on Friday 13th December starting at 7pm. There will be Christmas Carols, music played by the Tatsfield Waits band conducted by Lesley Lake, Father Christmas and his Elves, Kim Jennings and Revd Vince Short will give a Christmas Message and Blessing. Ye Olde Ship will be serving hot mulled wine and mince pies. This is another Tatsfield Parish Council sponsored event.

Dave Bishop

Dear Editor

Wow! What a wonderful day we had for the Beer Festival on 21st September! The sun was shining, the ale was flowing, the bands were playing, the food was delicious, and the children had a fabulous time – what more could we have wished for!



Final accounts are awaiting ends to be tied up, but it appears that we have made a profit of around £20,000! We are in discussion with Kevin Bellinger, the Head Teacher at Tatsfield Primary School, to decide on a project to spend the money on which will enhance the children's education.

The Committee and I would like to thank all of you who came to the Festival and joined us — without the support of our sponsors, people of Tatsfield village, friends from outside the village and any others who came, it would not have been possible. We hope that you enjoyed the day as much as we did.

A provisional date has been set for next year's Beer Festival – Saturday 12th September 2020 – please put a note in your diaries and come along and support us and the School again.

Jill Hancock on behalf of the Beer Festival Organising Committee

TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

What a great month it has been for our village, hearing that all the hard work by the volunteers during the year to make lovely floral displays has paid off. Gold award and wining Best Large Village Category in South/South East in Bloom competition. I was thrilled to be invited to join in the celebration evening and say a few words on behalf of the Village Residents. The TIB group are always looking for new volunteers to join them on a Saturday morning, just turn up when you can 10am at Bakery Green. I know you will be made very welcome.

The news that long-term resident Susan Smale has been awarded the Surrey Council Chairman's Volunteers Award was received last week. For all of us who know Sue this is well deserved as Sue is a very active and committed member of many village groups and in the past was Parish Council Chairman. Congratulations Sue! Enjoy the awards ceremony at County Hall in Kingston at the end of the month.

Planning

This month the Parish Council have considered three planning applications:

TA/2019/1654 Waylands Farm, Approach Road, TN16 2JT. Demolition of existing Zoo buildings, including a former education centre, animal enclosures and fenced ponds and their replacement with a play barn with an internal café and storage space. The PC had **no comment.**

TA/2019/1643 109 Paynesfield Road TN16 2BQ. Application for a certificate of lawful development for an existing development. The PC objected to this on the grounds that it would provide a new dwelling.

TA/2019/1738 Holly Cottage Barnfield Road TN16 2LG. Two storey rear extension, single storey side extension and porch to front. The PC object to this application as it proposes a significant side extension which is a disproportionate addition to the form and size of original dwelling.

Remembrance celebration at the War Memorial Saturday 8th November

We are again sponsoring the Remembrance Service in the village centre. This is always a well-attended event organised by David Bishop.

On a final note, can we all be aware of our elderly neighbours as the evenings draw in and the weather turns colder. Just a minute to pop by and see if anything is needed can make a real difference.

The next Parish Council full meeting is on Monday 11th November at 8pm in the AMB. All welcome.

Kim Jennings, Chair

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

CITIZENS ADVICE OXTED AND DISTRICT

On Monday 11th November at 7.30pm in the AMB Parish Rooms, Catherine Wyncoll the new Manager for Citizens Advice Oxted and District will give a 20-30 minute presentation on raising the awareness of the CA in Oxted and to inform Tatsfield Parish Council and Tatsfield Parishioners of the services that are available to us all.

As well as Catherine there will also be a volunteer trustee and a volunteer advisor to answer any questions you may have.

I think this will be time well spent to give the CA Oxted the opportunity to develop a closer contact with the Tatsfield Parish Council and its Councillors. Look forward to meeting you all there at 7.30pm.

The Tatsfield Parish Council meeting will then start at 8pm. All are welcome to stay for this.

Stephen Mittins, Tatsfield Parish Council

TATSFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

The work of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has reached an important stage. The results of the Call for Sites were sent for independent assessment and the result of this assessment has now been



independent assessment and the result of this assessment has now been received. This important document is undergoing scrutiny and discussion by the steering group and the Parish Council. There is much to discuss including the assessment of some sites that are close to the Village Settlement Area, the possible effect of a development on our landscape view, the need to ensure preservation of our mature trees.

The steering group are still appealing for local businesses to respond to the call for help in preparing a survey of local businesses and for them to make their views known as to how they see Tatsfield developing as a business community.

Further information can be seen by visiting the Neighbourhood Plan website www.surreycommunity.info/tatsfieldneighbourhoodplan or emailing comments to tatsfield.plan@btinternet.com. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions at the next meeting of the Steering Group on Tuesday 26th November in the Parish Room commencing at 8.00pm.

POLICING

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NO crime to report. Please keep eyes and ears open for anything suspicious. All good.

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Here are a few tips if you are thinking about having a bonfire:

- Let your neighbours know beforehand so they can close windows/ take in washing.
- Avoid having a bonfire when the wind may blow the smoke into neighbouring gardens and homes.
- Avoid having one when the air is still and damp, or in the evenings when smoke does not disperse as well.
- Make sure the bonfire is well away from neighbouring properties, sheds and fences.
- Never burn plastics, painted materials, plywood and chipboard as these give off poisonous chemicals.
- Only burn very dry materials which will burn more quickly and produce less smoke.
- Never leave a bonfire unattended or smouldering for hours.

For more information please visit www.tandridge.gov.uk/Environmental-concerns/Fire or to report a bonfire nuisance please use the Environmental Health complaint form.

Local Enforcement Plan approved

Last week's Planning Policy Committee approved the Local Enforcement Plan, setting out how the Council monitors planning permissions, investigates alleged cases of unauthorised development and takes action where planning laws have been breached.

The Council is very focused on ensuring development complies with the approved planning application and will take enforcement action where this does not happen. The full plan is available on the Council's website.

The plan, which covers what developers, their agents and residents can expect from the Council, explains:

- The Council's approach to planning enforcement.
- What planning matters the Council can and cannot investigate.
- How the Council prioritises planning enforcement cases.
- How residents can confidentially report a breach of planning control.
- How developers should handle any complaints about their development(s).
- Potential outcomes of planning investigations.
- How the Council will continuously improve its planning enforcement service.

"The Council believes it is fundamental to its responsibility as a planning authority to ensure any development is consistent with the approved application. This plan sets out the Council's approach to this complex area and makes clear that breaches will be addressed. Where members of the public think a development breaches planning laws, the Council encourages them to report it."

The Council will also start work in October to review all current planning conditions it applies to planning decisions, to ensure they remain lawful and enforceable. This review will finish by the end of the year, with revised conditions available to use from January 2020.

Ellice Road Car Park, Oxted

Over 1,000 people are now signed up for an online parking payment account at Ellice Road car park in Oxted.

Registration is quick and simple. Anyone registered can drive in and out of the car park, without using the ticket machine. Payments are deducted from a registered bank account every two weeks. The first two hours of any parking session are free. To register or find out more visit <u>our website</u>.

I have been attending more meetings recently than is normal and I hope my input to the continued change that is needed at Tandridge District Council will be helpful for the management team currently in place.

I and Parish Councillor David Pinchin have negotiated a set of agreements with the CEO of Biggin Hill Airport regarding the Noise Sensitive Areas of Tatsfield and Biggin Hill. Once ratified by the Parish Council you will be able to find the details on their website.

Be scam aware

We are aware of two council tax scams operating in this area. Scammers have been targeting residents, telling them they owe money on their council tax and advising them if they do not pay immediately, they will contact the police.

Scammers have also been emailing residents, from what looks like a government email address, telling them they are eligible for a discount on their council tax and asking them to supply their credit or debit card details to claim the discount.

If you receive one of these phone calls, texts or emails, do not give out any personal information, bank details, card numbers or passwords, even if it seems genuine.

We will never phone, text or email residents to demand immediate payment, or to ask for a payment to release a council tax refund, discount your council tax or change your council tax band.

Doorstep crime is also something to be wary of, for example builders turning up uninvited to 'warn' of roof or gutter problems. If someone you don't know contacts you unexpectedly or it seems too good to be true, it may be a scam, so be cautious and do not pay any money upfront. Citizens Advice have lots of information about how to recognise a scam and what to do if you think you've spotted one.

Scams are crimes that can happen to anyone and you should not feel embarrassed if you fall victim to one. By reporting it you could help protect someone else from falling victim to the same scam.

If you have been a victim of a scam and have given out your personal details or paid any fees, please contact your bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud online or by phone on 0300 123 2040.

Tandridge Together Lottery launches amazing entertainment bundle prize

This autumn, five lucky Tandridge Together Lottery players could win one of five amazing entertainment bundles. Each bundle consists of an Amazon Echo, a Fire TV Stick, an Amazon Echo Dot and a Fire HD 8 tablet.

All players who join the lottery by Saturday 2nd November will be entered into the special draw, as well as being in with a chance of winning up to £25,000 every week.

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

150 local good causes are registered to benefit from the lottery, which is free to join, including community centres, sports clubs and charities supporting a range of needs. 50p of the £1 ticket price goes directly to a player's chosen good cause.

Councillor Beverley Connolly, Chairman of the Community Services Committee, said: "We are delighted with how well the Tandridge Together Lottery is supported by our

local good causes and all our players. This is a fantastic opportunity for supporters to be in with a chance to win a wonderful entertainment bundle, as well as cash prizes. Good luck to all our players and I would encourage other people to sign up to buy tickets and support the valuable work local good causes do for our residents and our district."

To buy tickets or register as a good cause visit www.tandridgelottery.co.uk. Residents who don't have access to the internet can also take part by calling 01883 460555.

Autumn/Winter - burglary crime prevention advice

- Burglaries often occur during the autumn and winter months because homes are left unlit when the afternoons grow darker. Burglars will often target empty homes so make sure your home has a lived-in look.
- Light up your house inside and outside. If you are out or away, use timer switches to turn internal lights on and off. Consider good outdoor lighting or motion sensor security lights.
- Make sure your doors and windows are secure and locked. Fit locks at the top and bottom of patio doors.
- A visible burglar alarm will make a burglar think twice. Make sure you set your alarm every time you leave your house.
- Never leave garages or sheds unlocked.
- Fit and lock gates across side and back entrances.
- Be alert to strangers loitering in the street. If you don't recognise them and they are acting suspiciously, call the police on 101 or 999 in an emergency.
- Don't hide your keys under a mat or a flowerpot it's the first place a burglar will look.
- Keep an inventory of your valuable property, either on paper or online with a company such as www.immobilise.com and mark your property with SelectaDNA www.selectadna.co.uk.
- Beware of bogus callers. Use a door chain and check the caller's identity carefully. If in doubt, keep them out.
- And finally, if a burglar does get into your home handbags, wallets and car keys are rich pickings so never leave these items in view.

Your new wheeled bin for your rubbish

During the next couple of months, we are delivering a new wheeled rubbish bin to every household in the district. Once your new bin has been delivered, it can be used straightaway. To find out which week your new wheeled rubbish bin will be delivered, visit www.tandridge.gov.uk/newbins and enter your postcode.

This change will mean residents' rubbish will be secured safely and there will be less opportunity for bin bags being ripped open by wildlife and spoiling the neighbourhood. If you have asked us to collect your old bin, it will be collected when your new bin is delivered. Please leave them at the edge of your property in the week your new bin is being delivered. As soon as your new bin is delivered:

- We will only collect your rubbish from this bin, please don't use any other bin.
- Put your bin at the edge of your property by 6am on your rubbish collection day.
- The bin lid must be closed, so it can be lifted safely into the vehicle.
- Excess rubbish on top of or down by the side of the bin will not be collected. The exception will be after Christmas and Easter when bagged rubbish beside the bin will be collected on the first rubbish collection after the bank holiday.
- Put your rubbish in bags before putting it in the bin. This will keep the bin cleaner.
- Write your house name or number on the white panel on the front of the bin, but please don't cover the Council's logo.

Green bin bags

We will be delivering a year's supply of council bin bags to households which don't have room for the new rubbish bin or have access issues. Up to five of these bin bags will be collected each fortnight, but don't put broken glass or sharp objects in them and please keep them away from babies and children.

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

MAKE A DIFFERENCE, BE A COUNCILLOR

Are you interested in playing a key role in shaping the future of your community, making a difference to the quality of residents' daily lives and to what matters in your local area? Becoming a councillor gives you that opportunity.

It's a rewarding form of public service, requiring commitment and hard work, balancing the needs of residents, your political party (if any) and the council. Councillors are responsible for:

- Representing the interests of residents.
- Regularly engaging with council staff, community leaders and residents, to discuss local issues or concerns.
- Developing and reviewing council policy.
- Representing their local area on council committee meetings.

Being a councillor is also a great opportunity to contribute your own ideas, business or professional skills to help make a difference on the issues residents are most concerned about.

If you're interested in becoming a district councillor and would like to find out more, visit our website. More information on becoming a county councillor can be found on Surrey County Council's website. If you're interested in becoming a parish councillor, contact your local parish council.

RURAL CRIME PREVENTION

Farms are spread over many acres with stock and equipment often portable and easy to steal. Most farms are easy to get to, making total security almost impossible - but a lot can still be done to reduce the risks.

Implements and Tools

- Store tools and small items of machinery inside a secure building.
- Avoid leaving tractors and other farm implements in fields if possible.
- Consider making a secure cage to store your equipment.
- Record serial number of power tools an up-to-date inventory is vital.
- Mark or stamp easily removed items with your postcode, followed by the first two
 letters of your farm's name, or other identifying marks. Alternatively use a
 forensic property marking system such as Smart Water or Selecta DNA.

Vehicles

Four-wheel drive vehicles, trailers, caravans and quad bikes can all be a target for thieves. Trailers and horse boxes are particularly vulnerable.

- Use anti-theft devices available such as alarms, immobilisers and tracking systems.
- Where possible, secure them inside a garage or similar building.
- Mark them and make them unique use large letters on the roof. Record serial/chassis numbers and photograph them.
- Find out if your insurance company offers free etching to cab windows.

Fuel thefts

- Pumps should have locking devices and/or isolator switches and, where possible, they should be housed in a secure location. Tanks should be fitted with an approved security device.
- Details can be found on the secured By Design website.
 - <u>www.securedbydesign.com</u> /members/

Field gates

- Field gate hinges should be of the capped or inverted type to prevent easy removal. Make regular checks to see if they have been tampered with. If you believe they have been tampered with, contact your local police via 101, the 24-hour police non-emergency number.
- Mark gates to make them unique to your farm.
- Gates that are locked with good quality chains or padlocks are more difficult to steal.
- Consider signage to set rules about who is permitted to enter or a phone number to call to report in.

Mark Howells (Surrey Police, Crime Reduction Advisor, Tandridge, Reigate and Banstead)

HELP US STOP YOUNG PEOPLE BECOMING MONEY MULES

Dear Parent, Guardian or Teacher,

We are supporting a national campaign to raise awareness of 'money mules', so are circulating the below information and asking that you help us to warn young people about the dangers and consequences of becoming a money mule.

What is a money mule?

A money mule is someone who transfers stolen money through their own bank account on behalf of someone else and is paid for doing so. Criminals need money mules to launder the profits of their crimes. Young people are increasingly being targeted to become money mules. They are approached online or in person, including through social media, at school, college or sports clubs. Sometimes people they know persuade them to take part, often because they are also acting as money mules.

Mules will usually be unaware of where the money comes from – commonly fraud and scams – and that it can go on to fund crimes such as drug dealing and people trafficking.

Being a money mule is illegal

When someone is caught, their bank account will be closed, and they will have problems getting student loans, mobile phone contracts and credit in the future. They could even face prison.

What to look out for

Tell-tale signs that someone might be involved could be them suddenly having extra cash, buying expensive new clothes or top-of-the-range mobile phones and gadgets with very little explanation as to how they got the money. They may also become more secretive, withdrawn or appear stressed.

You and your child can learn more and get advice by visiting <u>www.moneymules.co.uk</u> together.

If you are worried that someone close to you might be caught up in muling, you can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on **0800 555 111**.

Please do not attempt to contact any individual you suspect of organising money muling.

Yours Faithfully
Detective Chief Inspector Andy Richardson
Surrey and Sussex Economic Crime Unit



THE POPPY APPEAL IN TATSFIELD IN 2019



The funds from the annual Poppy Appeal are used

by the British Legion to support the welfare of our Armed Forces. Last year, David Vale's first year as the Poppy Appeal organiser for Tatsfield, £1658 was raised in Tatsfield, with villagers giving generously as usual.

David hopes villagers will be generous again this year. There will be three occasions when the usual poppies, tie pins, car stickers, etc will be on offer and when donations can be made:



Saturday 2nd November from 9.30 am to 12.30 pm on Westmore Green outside the shops - David will be in a British Legion gazebo.



Saturday 9th November in the morning for the village centre Remembrance Day service - David will be in the Fairtrade gazebo from which the Fairtrade team will be serving refreshments.



The first two weeks in November - Collection boxes will be placed at Tatsfield School, the Bakery, Ye Old Ship, Park Wood Golf Club, Grasshopper Inn, Aileen McHugo Building, St Mary's Church, the Village Club and the Village Hall.

THE TATSFIELD / VERN D'ANJOU TWINNING ASSOCIATION QUIZ

The Tatsfield / Vern d'Anjou twinning association are putting on a quiz on Saturday 30th November, in preparation for next Easter (and our future hosting) when we will be travelling to Vern d'Anjou for the 45th anniversary of the twinning association. Every year since it began, Tatsfield has visited Vern on alternate years and then representatives have visited us in between. Every person in Tatsfield is a member of the twinning association and is very welcome to join the visit to Vern next year. We will be travelling out by coach over the Easter weekend 2020.

If you would like to come to the quiz, please call Alizon Mooney or John White. We will be providing substantial snacks and a bottle of wine per table! We can make up tables for anybody coming alone or in small groups. Look forward to seeing you!

John White 570097 Alizon Mooney 577143

PFA 100 CLUB DRAW

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

1st Prize: Craig Seamons £51.00

2nd Prize: Nigel Gracie £34.00

3rd Prize: Debbie Bishop £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 les.eames@ntlworld.com



CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENING



THE OLD SHIP

THURSDAY 5[™] DECEMBER 6 -9 PM

MULLED WINE AND MINCE PIES

RAFFLE

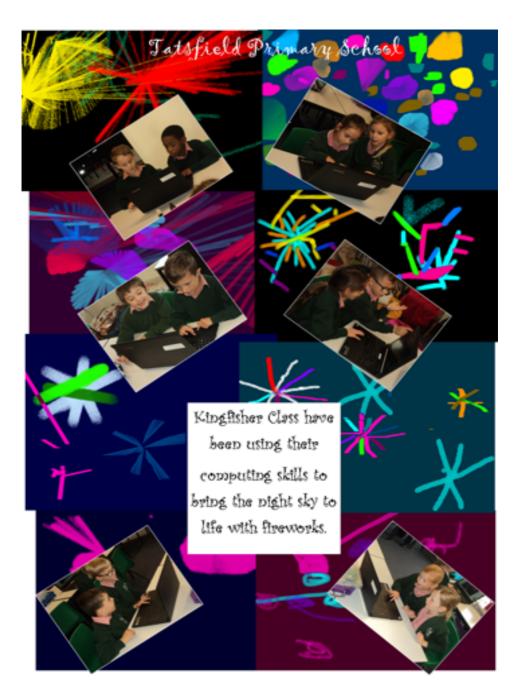
Raising money to help local community.

Gifts for Christmas made by local talented people.

Recycling Walking and Personal Aids

In my garage I have a couple of walking sticks, a wheeled walker and a pair of crutches that came from USA (a jaywalking accident in New York!!!) and in a casual conversation with other villagers it seems that many people have walking or personal care aids that are sitting in garages or lofts. I got to thinking what a shame if they ended up in landfill, so I have contacted Age UK and the Red Cross and it is possible that there is a way to recycle them. It would be useful to know how many similar items are out there and if it is worth organising a collection point. Please get in touch and I will find out what can be reused and where we can take them. Sue Smale, 01959 577660, susan.smale@yahoo.co.uk.

TATSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL



LITTLE ACORNS



Here at the Pre School this autumn, we have been busy looking at countries around the world and focusing our activities on them.



Our role play Italian Pizza oven proved popular with the children, sparking their imagination to add the ingredients of their choice and to make lots for their friends.

Our Australian spider web, focusing on fine motor skills and role play BBQ

also provided new and exciting activities for the children to enjoy.



Week four involved looking at Kenya. This safari themed sensory

tray gave the children multiple textures to explore as well as the names of some African animals.







When focusing on France the children took part in snail races and were able to see and touch some giant land snails!

Don't forget our Race Night this month, on 16th November at 7.30pm.

As a charity run preschool, our fundraisers really do help support us, so please do invite your friends and family- all welcome!

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

Little Acorns Presents

RACE NIGHT

Saturday 16th November Tatsfield Village Hall 19:30



1st TATSFIELD SCOUTS

It's incredible to think that we are nearly halfway through our winter term already. We started this term with a brilliant ballooning evening, when Mark and Lisa Stokoe kindly allowed our 24 Beavers to experience what going up in a hot-air balloon was really like. The weather was perfect,



and I was pleased to see everyone willing to have a go. We continue the theme of travel the following week when we sampled food from the around the world (Spanish,



Italian, Indian and Chinese). The food the children brought in was a great spread and everyone tried everything (even if it was not to their liking). They also learned some facts about each country as well as colouring in the flags.



Beavers have also been learning some basic first aid: who to

call in an emergency, how to treat, as well as using their scarfs to make the perfect sling. Some of you will have seen the Beavers out by the Village pond on Tuesday 8th October. Ian Hayman, who was responsible for the upgrading of our pond spent the evening helping the beavers see what wildlife lived in the pond. We were amazed to

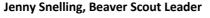


see the array of insects – newts, lava, pond skaters

as well as snails. Everyone had a great time and learned a lot. As I write this article, we still have a night hike, Diwali, fireworks and our Remembrance service outside the Old Ship to



look forward to plus we shall be joining forces with Biggin Hill Beavers for our first night sleepover at Jump-In in Tonbridge.





The Cubs had a great start to the new term, with a trip to Downe Activity Centre for crate staking and high ropes. Although the weather was a little damp, this did not stop the Cubs have a great evening. Cubs have spent two weeks planning and cooking an evening meal as part of their Chef Badge. It was great to see them all working so hard as a team to produce a meal. Everyone

should be very proud of themselves. Cubs have also got a night hike, owls and raptors visitor as well as our Remembrance Service to look forward to. Leigh Keegan, Cubs Scout Leader

Scouts EXPLORERS I can report that Ethan Johnson

(Assistant Scout Leader) and Sam

Frost (Assistant Explorer Leader) have arrived home safely following their epic drive around Europe in their Mini. Despite having to wait for a wheel bearing to be sent out to them (this resulted in a 2 day wait), they completed the 1500km road race and have raised an amazing £1000.

Scouts and Explorers had a wet, but fun brushcraft camp over the weekend of 4/5th October. All was going well until the heavens opened at 2am, and everyone was a little wet come the morning. Everyone took it in their stride and bacon could be smelt cooking by 6am!



Scouts have also been to Downe Activity Centre rifle shooting and playing wide games and as the nights draw in will be having fireworks and going on a night hike.

If your child is interested in joining Scouts (10.5 years -14 years) or Explorers (14-18 years) please do contact 1st Tatsfield Scouts. If you are interested in joining either Scouts or Explorers please contact Jo Turner or SJ Mumford for details.

THE GIFT IN AID OF THE CHILDREN'S CANCER CHARITY 'GEORGE AND THE GIANT PLEDGE'

The Gift is a winter showcase on Saturday 14th December at 2.30pm and 7.30pm, featuring gifted and talented local performers in all aspects of dance, music, drama and singing. It will also be a great opportunity for our local young people to perform in a theatre with full technical support in front of a large audience.

The proceeds of the production will go to our chosen partner charity, George and the Giant Pledge which is a fundraising initiative in support of The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity with all funds going to the paediatric oncology team. The Royal Marsden has been treating children within our own community and we therefore feel it is right to worthy cause. More information can https://giantpledge.com/ Tickets costing just £14.00 are available from 01959 561811 or www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk

TATSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

"WORKING IN MONET'S GARDEN"

An illustrated talk by Caroline Halfpenny Tatsfield Village Hall, 8pm on Tuesday 12th November





A sneaky peek into the day to day life of a gardener working in the world-famous Monet's Garden in Giverny. An amusing insight, presented with unique photographs, Caroline will share the secrets of a passionate gardener's painting palette.

All Welcome

Tickets £5 including a glass of wine and snacks.

Tickets from Christine Stainer on 01959 577803 or email christinestainer@yahoo.com, or from any other committee member.

THE TALK WILL BE PRECEDED AT 7.30 PM BY THE SOCIETY AGM





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.



THE WI

October is the time for celebrating harvest and so we planned a Harvest Lunch for all our members and we invited WI members





from other local institutes to join us. In the end food was

served to 32 - a vegetable lasagne with salad and French bread, followed by fruit pies and cream. Our members and guests all had a great time with good food and plenty of conversation.

Our monthly Craft Club meetings will be on 15th October and 19th November.

On November 5th 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



October's meeting was eventful at the Not So Young Club. Our speaker, Tony, was interesting and informative, delivering a clear message of "Not to trust anyone that calls you that you do not know or any messages that you get sent from anything or anyone you do not recognize". Because we are nice people, we expect everyone else to be nice, which is unfortunately not true in this day and age. During his talk two men joined us, dashed in, kissed a member and promised to see her later! Tony remarked that in all his years of public speaking this had never happened before and Tatsfield must be a great place to live. Well we all know that!

Following our talk, we had delicious fish and chips supplied by The Ship followed by our monthly raffle.

The committee offered members a bottle, supplied by the Lions Club which are part of the 'Message in a bottle scheme' and were gratefully received. Please contact us if you would like one as there are a few spare.

Finally, a big thank you to Tony Blake our speaker and all our helpers, without whom the club would not continue.

Sue Dowse Notsoyoung100@gmail.co.uk 467750

THE TATSFIELD GARDENER IN NOVEMBER

September ended up with nearly average rainfall due to the heavy rain at the end of the month and October looks like being at least an average rainfall month; however, we are going to need a lot more of the wet stuff to avoid the risk of restrictions next summer. Water levels in our reservoirs and chalk aquifers are now up to their long-term average but without average to above average rainfall over the winter they will quickly fall back as supply levels outstrip demand. Being frugal with your use of the water supply can make a significant difference!

The Ash tree is our third most common native tree, it supports hundreds of different species of wildlife, it can reach heights of over 30m (100 feet) when mature, it is also a valuable timber crop. Tatsfield has had its worst year for attacks of Ash Dieback; up to now we have had isolated groups of Ash trees showing the typical signs of attack – dark lesions (scars) on young stems – mottled leaves. But now we also have groups of large trees where you can see through the crown of a tree due to the dead and dying branches.

Ash Dieback was first reported in 2012 and by 2014 it had been identified in our area of the North Downs and has spread steadily since. For help with identification go to www.woodlandstrust.org.uk. The duty of the landowner to report an attack is only a requirement where the disease has not previously been reported in our area. This is a progressive disease and expected to destroy up to 90% of Ash trees in an area; the search for disease resistant strains is ongoing with no prospect of a new disease resistant strain in the near future.

What can/should we do? If you have young trees with lesions and mottled leaves be careful not to include them in your compost heap as this will help to protect the fungus spores that will be released when you turn or spread the compost. Cut back any dead branches and burn them along with the leaves.

If you have large Ash trees on your land that are showing these symptoms it is important to remember that these dead branches will not revive; they will become brittle and start to fall out of the tree; this does not mean the whole tree will fall over! However, if it does not make a new leaf canopy next year you may need professional advice about the safety of the tree.

There is evidence to suggest that if the tree is cut back below the dead branches it can regenerate; Ash trees are suitable for coppicing (cutting hard back almost to ground level) they can regrow vigorously.

Some good news for Tatsfield is the large crop of decent sized conkers on our chestnut trees this year; not just for our youngsters to have fun but also an indication that they are doing well after years of attack by the leaf miner and the ever-present threat of a disease called Bleeding Canker.

Jon Allbutt

COMPOSTER'S CHRONICLE - TATSFIELD LEADS THE WAY!

Our new Surrey County Councillor, Becky Rush, visited the composting site twice this year. One of her responsibilities in her new role is to look at ways in which green waste can be better dealt with in Surrey. She was enormously impressed with our Community Composting Scheme and spent a lot of time taking photographs and picking our brains for all the information about how the site works, how it was originally set up and the costs and benefits involved. All this led to her presenting a case-study to the council which I understand, having spoken to her a few days ago, attracted a lot of interest.

We also had a visit from one of the members of Caterham Horticultural Society who are thinking of setting up a similar scheme themselves and, in November, Martin Allen and I are visiting a group in Outwood at the request of their Surrey County Councillor to give a presentation on what we are doing here in Tatsfield.

Becky has offered to fully support our request for more funds to complete the renewal of the site and these will be aimed at building better receiving bays for the waste that arrives every Saturday morning.

The Community Composting Scheme was originally set up in 2001 by Jennie South and a group of like-minded individuals. Much of that first year was taken up with paperwork, mostly to do with getting planning and environmental consent, together with constructing the site. There were also some concerns expressed about having such a facility in the village.

Like most things, the scheme started small and has grown over time from the little plot it occupied in a backwater of the village to the much larger and much more visible and accessible position it is in now. Consequently, we are coping with much larger amounts of garden waste, saving more and more unnecessary car journeys to council recycling sites and greatly reducing the need for summer bonfires. Not only is this good for the environment but it also provides the community with a local supply of lovely compost to use in our gardens and allotments.

So, an idea that came to fruition in Tatsfield seventeen years ago is now being actively considered by others. I wasn't involved then but well done to all those who were!

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

TATSFIELD IN BLOOM

At the beginning of October, the volunteers planted polyanthus in mixed colours together with dwarf daffodils in the Tatol bed and in the containers and tubs around the Village Hall, noticeboards, the





mangers on the Bakery, the Ship, outside Sheree's Store and Tea Room and the School. The cascade planter has been planted with pansies of mixed colours.



The Committee have met this month to start planning the Themes and Schemes for 2020. We decided on a theme to commemorate the **80th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain** which falls in 2020. Our plans at present include a floral RAF roundel on the Tatol bed and red, white and blue flowers throughout the village. More news to follow!

On 27th September we held a Celebration Evening in the WI Hall to which all our volunteers, sponsors and friends were invited. Certificates were presented by the Chair



of the Parish Council, Kim Jennings, to Ian Longley, Jim McKenzie, Ruth and Jim Yeeles, Angela and Roger Sawyers, Marian Godfrey, Jessie Eales-White, Tatsfield Composting Scheme and Tatsfield Primary School. Certificates were also awarded to Ian Hayman, Ann Hayes and Terry Cartwright who were unable to attend the Presentation Evening.

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)

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 churchwardens 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.

Limpsfield & Tatsfield Team news

After five years among us, the Revd Wendy Harvey is to retire from her post as Minister in Charge of St Andrew's Limpsfield Chart, in the Limpsfield & Tatsfield Team Ministry. She will be leaving in January 2020 and her last services at St Andrew's will be on Christmas Day. Wendy will continue with her work as a prison chaplain. We give thanks for Wendy's sterling service at St Andrew's and across our team ministry.

Revd Kathryn Percival, wife of our Team Rector, James, has been appointed as Canon Chancellor and Vice Dean of Portsmouth Cathedral and will be installed at the Cathedral during a service of Evensong at 6pm on Sunday 15 December. Please pray for Wendy at this time of change, and for Kathryn and James as he now seeks a new post in the Portsmouth Diocese.

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

November 3rd (All Saints); December 1st (Advent); January 5th (Epiphany–The Wise Men) *On each of these Sundays there is also an 11.30am quiet Holy Communion service.*

Harvest Festival

St Mary's Food Bank Collection

Thank you to everyone who donated so generously — both at the church and at Tatsfield Primary School. We were able to take a large quantity of the food donated to Christ Church Brixton on Thursday the 10th of October. The gifts were received with grateful thanks and will go a long way in providing provisions to all those who attend the food bank. Also, some of the food has been taken to support the local food bank in Westerham. We regularly collect non — perishable food throughout the year and support these food banks. There are donation collection boxes located in the church entrance or in the church hall, for anyone who would like to donate. The next planned delivery will be at the beginning of December, in time for Christmas.

Hilary Vale

Flower Team

The Church was decorated for the Harvest Festival and we are immensely grateful to Mr Guy Innes of the Titsey Estate and his amazing gardening team, headed by Rhod Jones, for an abundance of beautiful flowers, foliage and vegetables. Together with further donations from many people too, the flower arranging team had much pleasure in transforming the Church into a real harvest thanksgiving spectacle. My sincere thanks go to the 'Friday team'; Tina Boys, Christine Rosenbaum, Gill Manners, Rita McKay and Sara Williams and to those who helped on Saturday; Sylvia Hyett, Kay Longley, Shirley Murgatroyd, Sue Saunders and Barbara, Barbara Piggott, Joan Payne and Kay Roberts for their wonderful arrangements and decorating skills. It is always a joy to see how quickly and seemingly effortlessly, all the produce is deployed to create such a wonderful display.

Jan and Peter Maynard



Thank you to Peter Maynard for the beautiful photos on this page and the following pages.

November Flower Rota

3rd Pat Walsh 10th Remembrance 17th Rita McKay 24th Rita Mckay

Many thanks to Pauline Conlon for her attractive floral display last month.

The Churchyard

Our next tidy-up morning (10am - 12noon) will be on Saturday 2^{nd} November. All help will be appreciated and a big thank you to those who have done such a good job in recent months.

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.



Remembrance Weekend 2019

On Saturday 9th November the Act of Remembrance in the Village Centre will be attended by our Team Rector, Revd James Percival.

On Sunday 10th November at 10am, we will hold a Remembrance Service, including Holy Communion and the observance of the 2 minutes silence at 11am, led by Revd Charles Bradshaw.

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

September 10th – Funeral of Patricia Baker September 15th – Baptisms of Poppy Shadrach and Samuel Charlie Shadrach October 13th - Baptism Francesca Worsley

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

9. R David £23.75 80. G & J South £14.25 77. B Heffernon £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 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 (1st 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 (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

NOVEMBER

9 th Sat	10.30am	Village Remembrance Celebration, Westmore Green	
9 th Sat	7.30pm	North Downs Sinfonia Concert, TVH	
10 th Sun	10.00am	Remembrance Service, St Mary's	
11 th Mon	7.30pm	Citizens Advice Talk, AMB	
11 th Mon	8.00pm	Parish Council meeting, AMB	
11 th Mon	7.30pm	TAG Ian McManus Water Colour Demo, TVH	
12 th Tues	8.00pm	THS Big Talk, TVH	
12 th Tues	7.30pm	Tatty Knitters, The Bakery	
16 th Sat	7.30pm	Little Acorns Race Night, TVH	
23 rd Sat	4.30pm	Aladdin, Curzon Cinema, TVH	
23 rd Sat	7.15pm	Red Joan, Curzon Cinema, TVH	
25 th Mon	7.30pm	TAG Pippa Doig Workshop, TVH	
30 th Sat	7.00pm	Beaujolais Nouveau Quiz Night, TVH	

DECEMBER

2 nd Mon	7.30pm	TAG Pippa Doig Workshop, TVH	
8 th Sun	7.00pm	The Barnstormers – Encore! Barn Theatre, Oxted	
10 th Mon		Tatty Knitters Christmas Dinner, The Bakery	
13 th Sun	7.00pm	Christmas Carols in the village, Westmore Green	
14 th Sat	7.30pm	Tatsfield Singers, A Taste of Christmas, TVH	
14 th Sat	2.30pm	The Gift Barn Theatre, Oxted	
	7.30pm	The Gift, Barn Theatre, Oxted	

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.

NORTH DOWNS SINFONIA

The next NDS concert is on Saturday, November 9th, at 7.30pm in the Village Hall as usual.

Felix Mendelssohn was born in Hamburg in 1809 and died before he was 40 of severe overwork and the shock of his sister Fanny's – herself an extremely talented pianist and composer - sudden death. Despite his early death, he travelled widely, visiting England ten times, and writing such favourites as the 'Hebrides' overture and the 'Italian' symphony. He was a boy prodigy, playing the piano in public from the age of nine and started writing music very young, finishing his first full symphony (he had already written 12 symphonies for strings) at the age of 15, and his first opera at the age of 16. His gifts were phenomenal. He was an excellent painter, had wide literary knowledge, and wrote brilliantly. He was a superb pianist, a good violist, an exceptional organist and an inspiring conductor. All of his music has a poetic elegance, none more so than the 'Beautiful Melusine' overture, which opens the programme.

Beethoven needs no introduction. His piano concerto number 3 was completed in 1801, by when he was going deaf, perhaps the cruellest fate for a musician. The first movement begins with a long introduction by the orchestra, before the piano enters with a series of ascending scales. This is unlike both the second and final (third) movement, both of which begin with solo piano. At the first performance, where it was played by Beethoven, his page turner and friend Ignaz von Seyfried wrote: "I saw almost nothing but empty pages; at the most, on one page or another a few Egyptian hieroglyphs wholly unintelligible to me were scribbled down to serve as clues for him; for he played nearly all the solo part from memory since, as was so often the case, he had not had time to set it all down on paper." A remarkable work by a remarkable man.

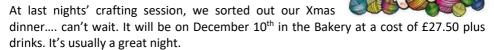
Franz Schubert died even younger than Mendelssohn, at the age of 31. He wrote nine symphonies, of which the eighth was unfinished. This, and the third and the ninth, have been played at NDS concerts before. Number 6, the little C major, was composed in 1818, although it was not premiered until after his death. As with all his works, this symphony is graced with beautiful melodies. It is in the usual four movements, with the second and third being especially well-known.

Tickets are £10 for adults and £8 for concessions. As usual, they may be obtained by phoning 01959 577659, or by emailing northdownssinfonia@gmail.com.

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.

TATTY KNITTERS

As I type this, my mind is making a mental shopping list of all the goodies I want to buy at the Knitting and Stitching show tomorrow.... whilst trying to fool myself that all I need is buttons. But one can never have too much yarn.



Our get together in November is on the 12th, as usual in the Bakery from 7.30 until 9.30 ish. Cakes supplied buy your own drink.

Looking forward to seeing you. All crafts and beginners welcome.

Val Quick 07761571071



TATSFIELD ART GROUP

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

Monday - 11 November: Ian Mcmanus - Water Colour

Demo (Non-members – £10.00)

Mondays – 25 November & 2 December – Workshops: Pippa Doig – In the style of Freda Kahlo (Non-members - £15 each workshop)

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

BANANA CORNER AT THE ANNUAL HILL CLIMB!

Tatsfield Fairtrade Group were really pleased to be invited to support the Bec Cycling Club Hill Climb on White Lane on Sunday October 13th. It was a wet and blustery day, so the



conditions were extra tough for the 120 cyclists who challenged themselves to race up the steep, slippery hill in as short a time as possible. We set up our gazebo at the top of the lane and offered free Fairtrade bananas to all the competitors to provide energy before the two minute race or to help replace much needed nutrients.





Thank you to John White for the photographs.

Our inflatable banana and banner got the message across - "Let's end the cvcle of with Fairpoverty trade". However, the star attraction had to be the famous yellow costume! banana Together we handed out 150 bananas and enioved talking to

cyclists and their supporters of all ages. It was suggested that we could become a permanent fixture at the event run by the club which formed back in 1924 - Banana Corner has a certain ring to it!



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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.



TATSFIELD MARTIAL ARTS ANNUAL INVITATIONAL JUDO COMPETITION

On Sunday 13th October, Tatsfield Martial Arts held its annual judo competition in the village hall. The club is now in its fifth year and this is the second time the competition has been held in the village hall, with other clubs invited to attend. Before this the annual club competition was just for TMA members, which meant lower numbers, so we were able to use the scout hut.

This year the event saw 72 junior judoka (judo players) competing from six local clubs that I have a connection/relationship with. So, as well as TMA we had judoka from Addington JC, Kensho JC in Redhill, Nutfield JC and Yoshin Ryu JC in Coulsdon.

The competition is all about providing a positive competitive experience for all the children, so plenty of encouragement from everyone and no mat-side coaching. We want the children to enjoy the day and leave wanting to do another competition, rather than deciding it was too much pressure and not worth trying again. For a lot of the children, it is their first taste of competitive judo, so it's really important it is a good one.

The children are grouped into pools based on their weight and age. They all fight each other (normally 3-4 fights) and how they perform decides who wins which colour medal. By using this pool approach, we can ensure every single child leaves with a medal around their neck — another positive. There are also additional trophies to win on the day, such as the quickest throw and the Spirit of Judo Award (based on attitude and determination, rather than how many wins).

A lot of Tatsfield children took part, too many to mention, with some great judo and fantastic sportsmanship on display. Lots of big throws and loads of effort on the mat. The day really was a great success and we will be doing it all again in 2020!





THE NIGHT SKY IN TATSFIELD – NOVEMBER 2019

"Third Rock from the Sun" is a phrase used in the title of a TV series and on a number of other occasions to describe our position in the Solar System. It ties down the location of the Earth by saying there are two other planetary bodies between us and our parent star. Those two other bodies are Mercury and Venus with the latter of the two having an orbit that is closest to that of the Earth although this doesn't mean that Venus is closest to us all of the time.

Because Mercury and Venus lie between us and the Sun it follows that sometimes as seen from Earth, the two planets pass, in transit, across the face of the Sun. In the case of Venus these transits occur in pairs where the two are separated by eight years although the pairs can be 120 years apart. The most recent pair occurred in 2004 and 2012 with the pair before that being in 1874 and 1882. The next transits of Venus will be in 2117 and 2125 so you can see that these are incredibly rare events.

In the case of Mercury transits are more common because, being nearer the Sun, it orbits more quickly than Venus. There were transits of Mercury in 2003, 2006 and 2016 with the next one occurring on November 11th this year. This is an event that can be observed with some amateur telescopes although there are two important points to bear in mind.

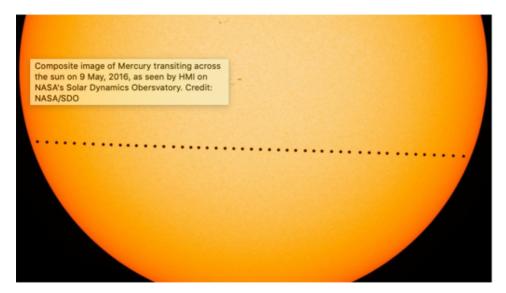


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Firstly, and most importantly, observing the Sun at any time can be dangerous although it need not be if care is taken. You may remember as a child, like I do, setting fire to dry leaves or straw by focussing the Sun's light, and heat, onto them with a magnifying glass. By looking through a telescope at the Sun you would be repeating this with the

only difference being that your eye would take the place of the dry leaves. It therefore follows that you should NEVER look at the Sun with any type of optical aid. This includes telescopes, binoculars, opera glasses and any other type of magnifying visual aid that you can think of. In fact you shouldn't look at the Sun for any length of time even when not using a telescope or binoculars. If you think back to seeing ships captains with a patch over one eye, it was because that eye had been damaged by repeatedly using a sextant to take measurements of the altitude of the Sun.

The safest ways for amateur astronomers to observe the Sun is either by projection or by using a specialist solar telescope. This projection method is where sunlight is allowed to pass through the telescope and fall on a piece of card held behind the eyepiece where an image can be viewed in safety. However, you should only do this for a brief period because the amount of heat that builds up inside the telescope could damage the components, particularly where plastics are involved. Where this method is used the telescope must never be left unattended.

The second point to make, specifically about transits, is that Mercury is exceedingly small and appears as the tiniest dot on the disk of the Sun so that a moderately sized telescope would be needed to see it. I'm hopeful that there will be some live internet feeds available in the same way as there are for eclipses to allow more people to watch this comparatively rare event in safety. The transit begins at 12:35 GMT and ends for us when the Sun sets at 16:12 GMT (although the event continues until 18:04 GMT).

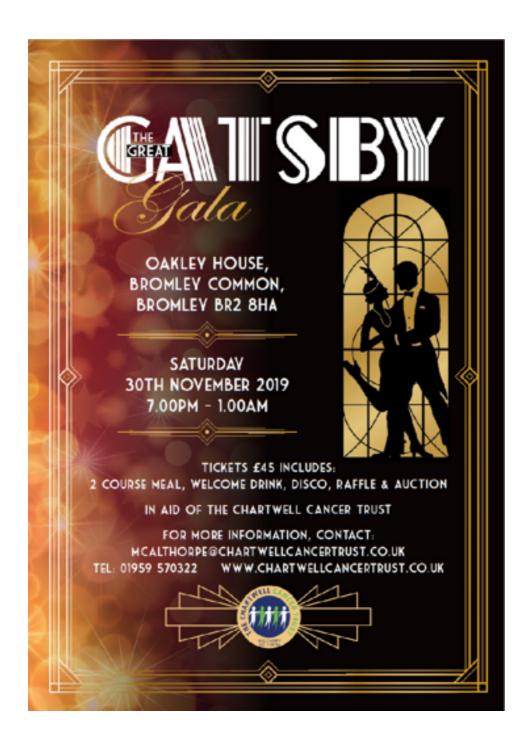
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TATSFIELD ART GROUP CALENDAR, 2019 -2020

DATE	TUTOR & FOCUS	GUEST	NOTES	
2019				
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		Members Challenge BRING COMPLETED	
	SELF PORTRAIT		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				
18 May	Kit Leese	£10	Water Colour demo – stormy skies & coast	
25-29 May	HALF TERM			
1 June	lan Henderson	£15	Demo / Workshop Skies in Pastel	
8 June	lan 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.



NIGEL'S NATURE NOTES

Correspondence:

It's time to review this year's butterfly sightings, so let's begin with 'Adventurer' Jim (Yeeles) and Ruth's annual report (09.09.19):

'Here are a few butterfly observations, as requested. Although the numbers are down at Hill Park, the visitors to our garden have never been higher, probably due to the changes I've made to the planting recently.

The weather has been kinder for butterflies this year and expectations were high for Hill Park, but our survey results so far show lower numbers than last year. This could, however, be down to a combination of degraded habitat and my poor observational skills. It will be interesting to see if our downward trend has been replicated at other sites.

As ever there are winners and losers. Few will have failed to notice the welcome influx of **Painted Ladies** this year and many Tatsfield gardens will have been blessed with multiple visits from this pretty migrant. Worryingly, again this year we have not seen any **Grizzled skippers** and I wonder if we've lost this species from the reserve. The **Small tortoiseshell** also appear to be in trouble. Numbers are crashing throughout the country for reasons unknown. It's not all bad news though – I saw my first **Purple Emperor** on my birthday in early July (!) and **Brown Hairstreaks** have now crossed the county border into Kent. I'm hopeful that they will soon be seen in the Parish as we have plenty of Blackthorn, their larval food plant.

Here is a table of this year's first sightings at home in Old Lane (OL) and Hill Park (HP).'

Brimstone 25/02/19 OL	Comma 24/03/19 OL	Peacock 25/03/19 OL
Orange-tip 15/04/19 HP	Small tortoiseshell 15/04/19 HP	Speckled wood 15/04/19 HP
Red admiral 21/04/19 OL	Holly blue 21/04/19 OL	
Dingy skipper 13/05/19 HP	Green hairstreak 13/05/19 HP	Green-veined white 13/05/19 HP
Small Heath 13/05/19 HP	Common blue 20/05/19 HP	Painted lady 02/06/19 HP
Large skipper 03/06/19 HP	Meadow brown 03/06/19 HP	Ringlet 14/06/19 HP
Marbled white 24/06/19 HP	Large white 01/07/19 HP	Silver-washed fritillary 01/07/19 HP
Small skipper 15/07/19 HP	Essex skipper 15/07/19 HP	Small white 15/07/19 HP
Gatekeeper 15/07/19 HP	Small copper 29/07/19 HP	Brown argus 29/07/19 HP

Many thanks for your extensive report, Jim. Perhaps, at some point in the future, you could tell us about the new (butterfly-friendly) planting you mentioned?

Jim and Ruth weren't the only readers to send in their butterfly news. Philip (Brett) and Helen had an experience that many of us would simply love to have shared (30.07.19):

'Jim Yeeles suggested I tell you that Helen and I saw a **Purple Emperor** clinging to the church wall a few days ago. Although it was a sunny day, it was in shade and quite high up, which made it difficult to see whether it was a male or female. But I am reasonably sure I could see enough colour to say it was a male.'

Wow, Philip, what a lucky person you are. I was there the day before (another warm, sunny day) and, following your email, returned a few days later, but saw nothing! In fact, that's very typical of my entire summer which was virtually butterfly-free. Compared to Jim and Ruth's extensive sightings, my annual list seems miserable, comprising just nine species, all noted on Jim's table. I didn't even see one of those supposedly numerous Painted Ladies. Oh, well — there's always next summer to look forward to!

Now, hold onto your seats because here comes one of the most unlikely reports you are likely to read for a long time. It comes via email from Paul (Jackson) (11.09.19):

'Today I saw a **Humming-bird Hawk-moth** feeding on Buddleia in the garden (Maesmaur Road). This is the first time I've seen one in Tatsfield. Also there are **Otters** in the Mill Pond in Westerham - scaring the Moorhens when we saw them.'

Yes, you read that correctly: Otters! Now, the Humming-bird Hawk-moth I accepted without question. But Otters? Occasionally I receive a report and think — mmm, what's the likelihood of this being a genuine sighting? But as my role is simply to report and comment, these reports nearly always find their way into the magazine. However, when I saw 'Otters', my facility for doubt went into overdrive and, to be honest, if Paul hadn't made an appearance in the library and expanded upon his claim I think I might have 'accidently' lost his email. But I now feel totally reassured that the observation was indeed genuine. Otters in Westerham! Who would have thought it possible? Thanks for your report, Paul, and apologies for doubting your sanity.

I'm going to finish this month's notes, not with the expected doom-and-gloom article, but with a personal observation that filled me with an intense sense of joy. I like to drive along part of Pilgrims Lane at least once a week, simply to keep an eye on any farm-based wildlife that may be around. Over the summer this includes a few House Martins that nest under the eaves of the cottages. Seeing these gives me a lot of pleasure, so imagine how I felt when on Thursday October 3rd I drove along the lane with what must easily have been 100+ of these little beauties flying all around, feeding above the fields on either side of me. Joy can truly be found in the most unexpected and simplest of ways.

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



THE NOVEMBER FILMS



There are two films from Curzon Country Cinema this month, at the Village Hall on Saturday 23rd

November. Tickets are £5 (£3 for children under 14). Pay at the door or reserve and pay online at www.curzoncountrycinema.co.uk.



In the afternoon is "Aladdin" (doors open at 4.30pm), directed by Guy Ritchie and released earlier this year. It is a live action version of Disney's 1992 animated film. Aladdin is a lovable street urchin who meets Princess Jasmine, the beautiful daughter of a sultan. While visiting her exotic palace, Aladdin stumbles upon a magic oil lamp which unleashes a powerful, wisecracking, larger than life genie (played by Will Smith). As Aladdin and the genie start to become friends, they soon embark on a dangerous mission to stop an evil sorcerer from overthrowing young Jasmine's kingdom. Don't worry – it ends happily.

In the evening (doors open at 7.15pm), we have "Red Joan", directed by Trevor Nunn and with Judi Dench and Sophie Cookson in leading parts. The film is based on a novel by Jennie

Rooney which itself was inspired by the story of Melita Norwood, who worked as a secretary for the British Non-Ferrous Metals Research Association and supplied the Soviet Union with nuclear secrets (her spying is credited with advancing the Soviet nuclear weapons programme by two years). In the film, her story is recalled in

flashbacks as Joan in old age is questioned by Special Branch. Although not referred to in the film, there are links with the story of the infamous Cambridge spies, one of whom lived in Tatsfield for a time, as local historians will know.



Bob David

TATSFIELD RAMBLERS



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

Sunday 10th November 2019

Leader: Richard Gadd

Start Point: 10.30am Farnborough High Street – outside The Woodman (park in the street no

the pub car park please).

Map Ref: TQ 442642 Postcode: BR6 7BA

Description: Approximately 5.5 miles; 3.5 to Downe and back. Some mild hills. Refreshments

to be taken in Downe at one of The Teashop (if it's still open) or The Queens Head

- your choice. One stile.

Sunday 17th November 2019 - 70's Saunter

Leader: Carol Vening

Start Point: 11:00am outside The Carpenters Arms, Limspfield Chart.

Map Ref: TQ 424518 Postcode: RH8 0TG

Description: A gentle stroll starting off from The Carpenters Arms through Limpsfield

Common, past some of the delightful "Animal Houses" – though sadly some of them are now a bit "distressed". We will return to The Carpenters Arms for

refreshment. Approximate distance 2.5 miles, 2 hours. No stiles.

Sunday 24th November 2019

Leader: Carol Hunter, Annette Glazebrook and Jean Bossley

Start Point: 10.30am Toys Hill Car Park

Map Ref: TQ470519 Postcode: TN16 1QG

Description: We walk around Toys Hill and then up to Ide Hill village for refreshments stopping

at either the Cock Inn or the Community Coffee Shop (your choice) before returning via a more direct route. There is a hill in both directions – but no stiles.

This is the short 4.5 miles, 3 hours version of the walk.

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)

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

A year after the end of the First World War, it was clear from the archives and local papers of a hundred years ago that the fate of those who had come back from the war



and the condition of the housing to which they were returning was of significant concern.

The YMCA had set up Red Triangle Clubs across the country to provide non-alcoholic leisure facilities for returning soldiers and their families. In Tatsfield, the club's accounts show members had raised money for socials, whist drives, concerts and other entertainment as well as for grants for cricket and tennis players. An un-dated postcard appears to illustrate a Red Triangle Sports Ground on the Approach Road opposite Furze Corner.

The Parish Council was often asking the local Sanitary Inspector about the state of some of Tatsfield's houses. In one case, a landlord went to court when a tenant in Old Lane was four weeks behind with the rent. The tenant had written to the Ministry of Health complaining that the house was damp and the water supply contaminated. The Sanitary Inspector's view in court was that the condition of the house "was not such as to make it unfit to live in during the summer months".

The Rural District Council had its own ideas for housing in Tatsfield. In November 1919 it agreed to buy an acre of land at Tatsfield Green on which to build six houses. To save money, the Housing Board in London was ready for an experimental method of construction to be used on the understanding that the work was carried out under expert technical advice.

The method to be used was the 'Pisé de Terre' system. I'm told that this is essentially 'rammed earth' the oldest example of which dates from 7,000BC. The raw materials are earth, chalk, lime and gravel. It's a 'green' way of building in which there's been a revival of interest in recent years as people seek more sustainable building materials and natural building methods. The mixture of materials is tamped into a framework to provide the walls of the house. A hundred years ago it was considered to be almost revolutionary. The question is whether the system really was used in Tatsfield or whether Godstone Rural District Council decided that conventional methods were preferable.

By the way, if you have any information to challenge, add to or confirm any local history matters, please get in touch. It's easy to misinterpret what appear to be incontrovertible facts!

Ian Mitchell, Tatsfield History Project - Tatsfield.history@talk21.com Tel: 577376 www.surreycommunity.info/tatsfieldhistoryproject/

EVENING DRINKS AND CHRISTMAS SALE IN SUPPORT OF CANCER RESEARCH UK

Tuesday 5th November 6.30-8.30pm, Bottle Store, Squerryes Winery, Beggars Lane, Westerham, TN16 1QP

We will be selling CRUK Christmas cards, fresh produce, Christmas cakes and puddings, Christmas trees, olive oil from Olio di Piatello, and Squerryes sparkling wines.

Entry is £10 (by advance ticket only) to include a glass of Squerryes and smoked salmon canapes. Tickets can be bought via Eventbrite or by email to debbieinnes@hotmail.com.

Eventbrite link:

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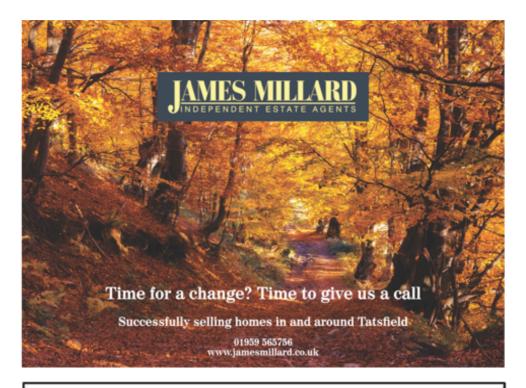
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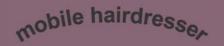












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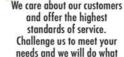
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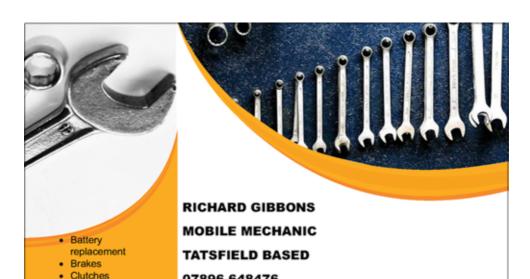


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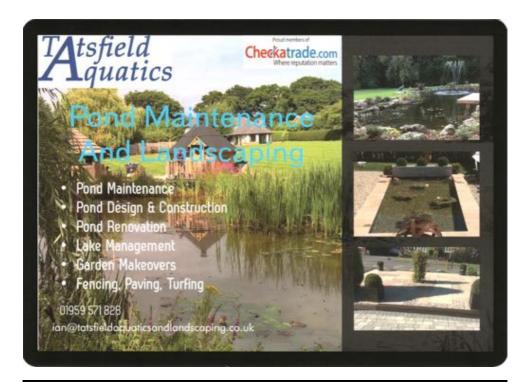


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