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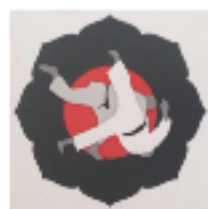
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## EDITORIAL

As I write this, we as a village are spending the vast majority of our time inside our houses and gardens, often using technology that is new to us to keep up to date with friends, family and the latest news.

The Coronavirus outbreak has changed all of our lives. There are lots of superlatives to use, but let's simply say, we've never seen anything like this, but as we always do in Tatsfield, we will pull together as a village, and get through this!

Thank you to everyone who has sent in messages, photos and creative arts to brighten the pages of this issue. Even more thanks go to the keyworkers in our village – those who are in the NHS, but also working in roles vital to deliver us with essentials – and not least for the fantastic teams at Sheree's and the Post Office who are very definitely "Keeping Calm and Carrying On".

Whether you are reading this issue online via the newly relaunched Tatsfield Village Website, or you picked up a copy on your daily walk or essential shopping visit to Sheree's or the Post office, we hope that some of the pictures and photos brighten your day.

I hope that by the time we are editing the June issue, we may be planning to deliver the issue to your doors again as normal. Please do keep the messages of thanks to your village Superheroes coming in via email to [tatsfieldpm@gmail.com](mailto:tatsfieldpm@gmail.com).

Stay safe!

**Tracey Syrett**



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## LETTERS

Dear Editors,

My family and I would like to convey our utmost thanks for the wonderful support, love and prayers we have received over the past few weeks. As many of you know my husband, Brian Cook, very sadly passed away in East Surrey hospital suffering with Covid-19 and pneumonia. A deeply difficult time made that much harder by the environment we all find ourselves in.

Our gratitude at this time must go to the CCU and staff at East Surrey Hospital who cared for him round the clock and gave their all to try and make him well. We, as a family, would like to express our deep felt thanks to everyone who has given us support - the thoughts, prayers, emails, cards, flowers, check-ins and food parcels left on the doorstep, often anonymously, have made us feel very humble and enormously touched by the kindness shown.

Having lived in Tatsfield for over 50 years and now with many family associations here, we are very proud to be connected to this wonderful village and we truly thank you all.

Keep safe,

**Sheila Cook and all the family**



*This arrangement appeared at the St Mary's Easter Day zoom service In Loving Memory of Brian*



## **THANK YOU!**

*We have asked for submissions of thanks to villagers who have helped others during the lockdown. Below are the messages sent so far:*

During this Coronavirus time friends and neighbours have been helping me. They have queued for my shopping and happily delivered it to my door. On unpacking the bags, I have found gifts of chocolates, daffodils and hot cross buns. I was also given a lovely azalea. Thank you all so much for your thoughtfulness and care. The telephone calls have been so welcome. I feel very fortunate indeed to live in this lovely village with a strong community.

**Sylvia Hyett**

Can I praise Sheree for her and her team for keeping the virtues of the village shop going in these strange times? The woman is a marvel. She has stocked the shop with all essential items including fruit and veg. She has extended her area of operations by delivering groceries to those who cannot manage to shop for themselves.

And all this has been achieved without any fuss but always combined with a cheerful “can do” positive attitude.

It is a delight to go into the shop albeit restricted to a 2m distance between each other; Sheree’s smile and welcome is worth it. And we are all missing our daily coffee shot!

Well done, Sheree, you are my candidate for Outstanding Villager of the Year!! Keep up the good work.

**Terry Cartwright**

### **Times are a’changing**

This virus has changed so many things and one of them has had an effect as to hold up the writings of the team of people who write the weekly reports in the Surrey Mirror newspaper of the events in their villages. In my case that has been for the last twenty years. Our editor wrote an email to all of us last week stating that due to there being no theatres open or public events taking, there was no income coming into the business. The result was that most of the newspaper staff has been put on furlough and it just left a skeleton few to carry on producing the weekly Surrey Mirror. As expected, there will be changes and as far as we know, there will be no more Community News and other items. But we reporters have been requested to send news into the newspaper and they will be looked at for putting into another title in the newspaper. Currently I have sent in some news about Tatsfield and we shall see what is used.



### **Time for some DIY**

Living in our house for many years, we have been involved my BBC work and my DB Sound business. The result is that we've had hardly any spare time to mend things that needed replacing with a new one or needed some do it yourself effort. We decided that we would spend this enforced "stay at home for your own safety" request by doing one job a day, each. Some 30 plus years ago my Jan, along with a kitchen designer from MFI, had our kitchen designed exactly how she wanted it. It took one full week of three young chaps grafting from 8am sharp till 6pm. The finished job looked stunning and so it has been ever since, except recently one of the horizontal taps started dripping in the sink. So, yours truly decided to go to Lillies at Biggin Hill to buy the new hot and cold washers to do the job properly. I was told that MFI parts were no longer available. So being a clever smarty, I drove the extra half mile to Biggin Hill airfield to Screwfix. No luck there either with the same reason given by the nice man behind the counter. Both places offered me a new system that would cost quite a bit of cash, but it seemed that this was going to have to be. So, home I drive and there greeting me with a smile was my ever-loving wife who has done her best (again!) From her electronic notebook she showed me a picture of both hot and cold washer units complete with two chromium knobs. They were put on order from MFI who has everything available for us to buy on their website. Two days later they arrived and in fifteen minutes the worn ones were replaced with the brand new and working. The total cost, dear friends, was £24. Job done!

### **Some Clapping!**

We love saying thank you on a Thursday evening at 8pm to the wonderful teams of the NHS and other people in the front line who are fighting this virus on behalf of you, me and everybody. I came to live here in Tatsfield the early 1950s when starting a career for in the BBC and since then I have been involved in having quite a few ideas for public participation and enjoyment. I have always been very grateful for the help of the local Parish councillors with every event. So, I have made up my mind that when this shadow over us has passed and this virus has been beaten, (as it surely will) then we are going to have an **Everybody Tatsfield** celebration party. I don't know what form it will take at the moment, but I promise you that it'll be a good one. All the best,

**Dave Bishop**

May I say on behalf of us all a huge thank you to the Saturday Community Volunteers and the Parish councillors who are "at it" whatever the weather!





Some super front line Service Team workers are the three Biffa boys seen at The Square Tatsfield on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April. (Left to Right) Len LaRoche, Gareth Stanton, Kyle O'Leary.



The Saturday Community Volunteers, Front Row (Left to Right) Kim Jennings - Parish Council Chairman, Stephen Mittins, Jessie Eeles-White, Christine Stainer, Kay Longley and Marion Godfrey.

Back row (Left to Right) Liam Kirk, Ian Longley, Howard Aylett, Mary Smith and Bob David.



I would like to shout out a big 'thank you' to Tony Hearn our neighbour who has made and donated loads of face splash visor masks for me and my colleagues in the Radiology Department of the PRUH. The lack of sufficient PPE in hospitals has been well documented and the splash visors which Tony made with his 3D printer have been so much appreciated and well used by the staff when performing x-rays and scans on patients with the Covid-19 virus.

**Gillian Phillips**

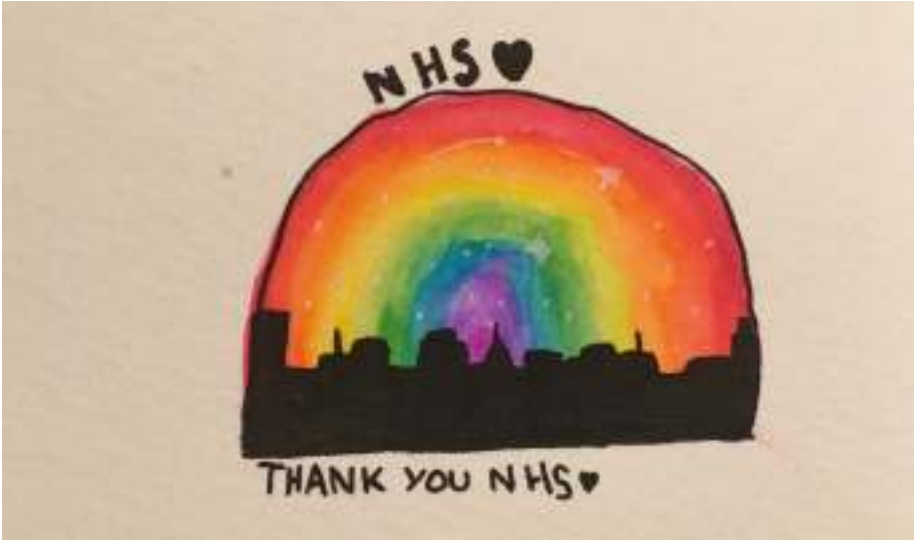


Geoff and I have a veritable “milky way” of stars who have been our shoppers, got money for us, got shopping from all sorts of venues, and we are even lucky enough to get a newspaper every day, to keep Geoff’s brain ticking over. My son has kept me sane by facetime talks on our phones. My friends keep in touch on the ‘telling bone’. Our garden looks glorious and the greenhouse is bursting with seeds waiting to go in the veg patch. Even though we have lost friends because of this scourge, the kindness and courage of my neighbours makes us proud to live in our ‘London Alps’. So thank you stars, I look forward to reciprocating in any way I can when this pandemic has gone.

**Dawn Forrester**



**LOCAL ARTISTS AT WORK**



**Rainbow by Elizabeth and Helena Troake**



**Easter bunnies and NHS Superheroes by Olivia Rose**





Emily in the sunshine





## PHOTOS OF THE VILLAGE

These photos of the village have been taken by Peter Boys:





This cheeky chap  
is a regular visitor  
to Sue Warren's  
garden!



And whilst us humans have to stay close to home, some more of our feathered friends  
can fly free! Photo taken by Ted Shillibeer





## **CORONAVIRUS: COMMUNITY SUPPORT ADVICE**

Tatsfield Parish Council is working alongside Sheree's Store and the Post Office in Tatsfield to ensure anyone having to self-isolate within our community will be able to receive food and supplies during this difficult time.

**Latest Information:** The latest information from Public Health England on Coronavirus or COVID-19 can be found on the **Public Health England** website.

**Sheree's Store:** Sheree and her team will make up food packages and get them delivered to your door 7 days a week. You can phone the shop on **01959 928181** or phone/message Sheree direct on **07727 418968** with your orders. Sheree and Simon are keeping the store fully stocked with bread, milk, tinned food, paracetamol and other basic medicines, toilet rolls, soaps, newspapers and all your basic needs. They take payments over the phone so no need to panic about needing cash available.

**Post Office:** If you have a parcel or Letter delivered to the Post Office which you cannot collect, please phone them on **01959 575549** and they will arrange to get it delivered to your door.

**Prescription collection and delivery service:** Contact Kim Jennings 01959 577328 / 07951072326

**Check your neighbours:** Could we please ask the residents of Tatsfield to look out for each other during these difficult times. If you have a neighbour who lives alone, please check on them or make the Parish Council or Sheree aware so we can get in contact and provide assistance.

**Facebook:** We will post regular updates on the local Facebook group **Tatsfield Talk**.

**Morrisons:** Morrison's are now offering two special next day delivery services. Both services can be accessed by phone as well as online.

0345 611 6111 (I have called and through within a few minutes.)

### **1.Essential Food Items**

Only for those who are elderly or vulnerable and unable to go to store.

Tel 0345 611 6111 option 5

These are delivered the next day. Payment is made to the driver by card only. They will only be able to give an approximate cost on the telephone. Payment by contactless card on machine while the delivery driver steps well back.

Items are chosen from the list of 47 essential items maximum of three of each item.

### **2.FOOD BOXES**

Tel 0345 611 6111 option 4 (or can also order online):

<https://www.morrisons.com/food-boxes/>

These are 5 set boxes: Vegetarian £35, Meat eaters £35, Family meat £45, Market kitchen square meals (8 complete meals) £30, Market kitchen meal maker (8 meals to make) £30. Full details of the contents are online or can be explained over the phone.

Next day delivery by DPD. Delivery charge £5.





### **Think of others, consider your actions & be kind**

People in every community will face the challenges of Covid-19 in some way – from needing basic provisions to help while they are unwell.



### **Connect and reach out to your neighbours**

As self-isolation increases, we need to find new ways to stay connected and check in on one another for our physical and mental wellbeing. Share phone numbers and stay in touch.



### **Make the most of local online groups**

Keep up to date, share information and be a positive part of your local community conversations.



### **Support vulnerable or isolated people**

Different groups in our communities are at increased risk and social isolation and loneliness are key concerns for all ages. There are things you can do like volunteering for local support services or donating to food banks to help.



### **Share accurate information and advice**

Support anyone who may be anxious about Covid-19. Sign post them to the correct advice from Public Health England and encourage people to follow the correct hygiene practices.



## **TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

The Parish Council are being informed regularly from Tandridge Council with regard to any problems. Our website is up to date with any information and any Parish Councillor can be contacted via email or phone. The wonderful Sheree at Sheree's Store and her team are keeping the village well supplied with food and basic requirements to help us all through the lockdown. Please continue to use this valuable village asset. We are also very grateful to Tatsfield Post Office for parcel delivery and all the Post Office needs and of course the National Lottery.

We have been unable to hold our normal Parish Council monthly meetings and are now organising to be able to hold remote meetings online. Will let you know when this is up and running so you can join in. Of course, some of our duties cannot be put on hold and we have had five planning notifications to consider. They are as follows:

### **TA/2020/559 - 2 Rag Hill Close**

Erection of first floor extension over existing Garage to front Elevation.

Recommendation - No Comment.

### **Waylands Farm, Tatsfield Approach Road**

Existing dwelling (Certificate of Lawfulness for existing use or development. Amended description).

Recommendation - No Comment

### **TA/2019/2216 Holly Cottage, Barnfield Road**

Erection of two storey rear and single storey side extensions and replacement of front porch.

Recommendation - Object. The application proposes 60% approximate increase in built volume. The development is considered inappropriate and causes harm to the openness of the Green Belt and is contrary to NPPF and Tandridge Local Plan Green Belt policies.

### **TA/2019/2216 Land West of Thistle Cottage, Shaw Road**

Amended address and description.

Recommendation - No Action Required.

### **APPEAL: TA/2019/2010 34 Westmore Road**

Recommendation - No further recommendation required but will monitor progress of appeal.

## **PRESCRIPTION COLLECTION AND DELIVERY SERVICE**

The Parish Council are organising a collection and delivery service for prescriptions to residents. If you would like to use this service, please contact Kim Jennings 01959 577328 /07951072326. Thank you to the volunteers who have agreed to help with this job.



## RAINBOWS OF HOPE

We are such a great community and its lovely to see so many wonderful pictures of rainbows in lots of windows. Please keep hold of these precious pictures as we would like to make a large display in the Village to celebrate when we can get back to normal.

Stay safe all,

**Kim Jennings Chairman Tatsfield Parish Council**  
**kimjennings@tatsfieldparishcouncil.org.uk**  
**01959 577328 / 07951072326**

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

In response to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) outbreak, the Brigitte Trust is expanding its telephone support service to offer emotional support to any adult in the Surrey area who is vulnerable, lonely, isolated, bereaved or a carer who needs someone to chat to.

For more information please contact our Service  
Co-ordinator Sarah Pattenden on 07469 932192  
Email: [sarah.pattenden@brigittetrust.com](mailto:sarah.pattenden@brigittetrust.com)



## TATSFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Neighbourhood plan has a new Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/Tatsfield-Neighbourhood-Plan>

After much hard work, we are looking for feedback from members of our community to help gauge whether we've got our Neighbourhood Plan about right or badly wrong; all constructive comments will be gratefully received!

Tatsfield Neighbourhood Plan will enable our community to influence and shape the future of our village. It can be used to:

- Develop a shared vision for the village
- Choose where new homes, shops and other development should be built and what it should look like
- Identify and protect our green spaces and community assets
- Preserve and enhance the character of the village



## TANDRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL

It has obviously been a quiet month for me since the last report to the April magazine. I keep turning pages over in my diary only to write “cancelled” or “postponed” against the entries that were written in months ago.

However, that seems unimportant within the current climate of the pandemic that is affecting us all and I hope everyone, and their extended families, remain safe and well. It is good to have seen us all taking the proper precautions and to see everyone so friendly whilst taking their exercise around the village. And if you are anything like me and have a garden, I presume you have been catching up with the weeding and making all in the garden neat and tidy.

You may be interested to know that the order not to congregate caused every Council (Parish, District, County and Parliament) to have a problem as they were unable to hold meetings, it took our Government some time to pass a law that would allow that to happen. At the time of writing this report there will not be a “remote” Council meeting until the 14<sup>th</sup> May when the Officers and Councillors will get back to the running of the District Council.

In the meantime, the officers have been assisting those most in need whilst also running the business of the council part of which has been to be part of the Surrey Local Resilience Forum which includes other Surrey councils, the emergency services, health and utilities. In the event of a specific incident we work together to provide a multi-agency response. That forum is currently being used to provide mutual support and guidance.

### **Apply now for the Small Business Grant Fund or Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grants**

If you are eligible for a business grant under one of the government’s new schemes, please complete the application form on the TDC website, you will need your Business Rate account number, shown on your bill. Once we have your application, we will check it and contact you to let you know the outcome.

New bills are also being sent out this week to all businesses eligible to receive 100% business rates relief. If the April payment has already been paid, we will refund any overpaid monies, if you are eligible, as soon as is practicably possible.

I have been surprised at how many TDC related questions appear on Facebook and Tatsfield Talk, all good for communication amongst villagers but if you were to sign up to the TDC e-newsletters you can receive all of this information and updates direct to your email. It includes news and events, recycling and rubbish, a business newsletter, Local Plan and planning. You can sign up to this by visiting [www.tandridge.gov.uk/mag](http://www.tandridge.gov.uk/mag).



The promised April programme regarding the change of “size of waste bins” will obviously be delayed so you should take this time and opportunity to start to increase your recycling, not only will this help the environment and the Council’s finances but it will save you money as additional recycling bins are free, but waste bins will cost you.

### **Bulky rubbish clearance weekend 25 April cancelled**

To follow the current social distancing guidance and to minimise any risk to our staff and residents, other weekends are scheduled for May and we will make any decision to cancel these nearer the time. Sign up to stay informed.

### **Community recycling centres are closed**

The community recycling centres in Caterham on the Hill, Warlingham and the Earlswood depot have closed until further notice. Please store at home any items you would normally take to a centre until they re-open, please don’t put them in your bins. The skip hire companies are still operating if you are having a much larger clear out or starting on some DIY.

I am still dealing with reports of multiple “overflying” which I am checking and will pursue with the CEO/BHA.

**Remember to help Tatsfield good causes by buying your Tandridge Together lottery tickets.**

Thank you.

If there is anything you think I can help you with, please contact me accordingly.

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

### **RECYCLING AND RUBBISH COLLECTION UPDATES**

From Tuesday 21 April your recycling and rubbish will be collected on your normal day.

There may be delays to the service because:

- There is an increase in the amount of waste being collected in the district.
- There are more parked cars which can block access to roads or make it difficult for the vehicles to manoeuvre.
- Staff absence due to sickness may affect or temporarily suspend the service.
- If your bin has not been emptied, please leave it at the edge of your property until it has been.

### **YOU MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE BY RECYCLING YOUR FOOD WASTE**

With more people at home, the amount of food waste being collected in the green food caddies has increased. This increase will help protect the environment as it doesn’t end



up in landfill and leaves more space in the council issued wheeled rubbish bin for items which cannot be recycled.

The food waste we collect from your green caddy is recycled into fertiliser and used to create green electricity, rather than going to landfill, where it can create methane, a harmful greenhouse gas, which damages our atmosphere.

The food waste also costs us less to recycle than your general rubbish, so by putting your food waste in the green caddy you are helping us make savings and protecting the environment.

Please don't buy more food than you need particularly during the pandemic and remember to freeze it, if you can't eat it before the use by date. Use up leftovers rather than throwing them away. Check the recipe page for ideas.

If you need another green caddy because you are producing more food waste at home complete this form, or you may like to consider turning your kitchen and garden waste into compost, for more information visit [www.getcomposting.com](http://www.getcomposting.com).

### **THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO RECYCLING**

As well as our increase in food recycling, we have also seen an increase in the amount of recycling collected. To maximise space in your blue lidded recycling bins, please compact your recycling as much as possible and only put items which can be recycled in the bin. Use the Surrey Recycles search tool to find out what goes where.

You can place additional recycling in carrier bags, or cardboard boxes or clear recycling sacks next to your recycling bin. Please don't use black sacks, as the collection crew needs to be able to see that it is actually recycling.

If you often fill up your blue lidded recycling bin, you can order a second or third bin by completing this form. Since the lockdown started last month, we have delivered over 170 recycling bins and 190 green food caddies to homes.

If you can, please reduce the amount of waste you produce. Could you use an alternative reusable item, or use something again instead of throwing it away? Read these tips on how to reduce the amount of waste.

### **DON'T FLYTIP YOUR WASTE**

Over the Easter bank holiday weekend, we saw an increase in flytipping in the district. We appreciate options for disposing of your waste are reduced now, but please don't be tempted to dispose of your waste elsewhere in the district.



Flytipping is against the law and those convicted face fines of up to £50,000 or up to five years' imprisonment, as well as other potential penalties.

If you cannot store your waste until the community recycling centres open and you want to hire a private waste collection company, please check they are a registered carrier and get a copy of the disposal ticket. To see if a company is registered visit the Environment Agency's public register or call 03708 506 506. If you hire a non-registered carrier and they flytip your waste, you can still be prosecuted and fined.

If you are concerned a company isn't disposing of waste correctly, call the Environment Agency on 0800 80 70 60 or report it to Crimestoppers.

Skip hire companies are still operating if you are having a much larger clear out or starting on some DIY.

## **NO BONFIRES**

Some residents are still regularly burning their waste. We are asking everyone to stop and think about their neighbours. Please don't have a bonfire.

Bonfires create smoke, cause air pollution and prevent people from being in their gardens and can have a bigger impact at this time.

Coronavirus is known to cause serious respiratory problems, which could be made much worse if the sufferer is exposed to smoke from bonfires.

Bonfires can also become out of control or cause accidents, creating extra pressure on the already busy emergency services.

Please think of others, compost your garden waste where possible and store your rubbish for disposal when the current emergency is over, rather than burn it.

If you are regularly affected by smoke in your home and/or garden you can report this to us - for more details please visit <https://www.tandridge.gov.uk/Environmental-concerns/Bonfires-and-smoke>.

## **NO FIREWORKS**

Every Thursday at 8pm many residents are standing on their doorsteps and joining together with the nation by clapping their support for the valuable work the NHS is doing.

Some residents are also setting off fireworks or releasing sky lanterns at this time. Fireworks can frighten people and animals so please consider your neighbours who are likely to be at home during the lockdown.



Fireworks and sky lanterns also emit harmful polluting toxins and particles into the air which can damage the environment. These toxins could make it harder for people to breathe if they have serious respiratory problems, such as the coronavirus.

Like bonfires, if you are injured by a firework, it can put additional pressure on our NHS.

If you do have fireworks, please don't put them in your bin as they may not be finished and could cause a fire in the bin or the bin lorry. Instead, soak them overnight in a bucket of water and take them to a community recycling centre when they reopen.

To show your support for the NHS, please consider clapping and cheering, using kitchen equipment such as pots, pans and wooden spoons.

### **CHANGES TO CAR PARKING ARRANGEMENTS**

Car parking charges in all council owned car parks across the district are suspended until 30 June, to help those who need to make essential journeys. We will keep this under review in line with the government's [social isolation restrictions](#).

We are contacting all permit holders and putting up signs in our car parks to confirm the arrangements.

Although our car parks remain open, we encourage residents to follow the government's advice and stay at home during this pandemic.

Please continue to park legally and responsibly throughout the district.

### **URGENT APPEAL FOR PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**

Surrey County Council is appealing to businesses to provide vital personal protective equipment (PPE) supplies to help protect frontline workers deliver essential services to vulnerable Surrey residents during the Covid-19 pandemic.

As the nation faces unprecedented demand for PPE, there is a very limited supply coming into the county for social workers, care home staff, firefighters and volunteers, with the NHS understandably being prioritised.

Businesses such as tattoo artists, beauty salons, nail bars and others using these products daily can help by offering stocks while they are closed. Donations would be gratefully received as soon as possible:

Donations can be made by contacting [ppe.donations@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:ppe.donations@surreycc.gov.uk). Delivery and collection can be arranged. All items need to conform to the safety standards highlighted above and any suppliers who manufacture PPE are also encouraged to contact Surrey County Council.



## FOOD AVAILABLE FOR PARENTS STRUGGLING TO PROVIDE FAMILY MEALS

Surrey parents struggling to provide meals for their children during the coronavirus pandemic are being urged to seek help to access the food that they need.

Easter and the school holidays, alongside the ongoing challenges of the coronavirus pandemic, are likely to bring added pressure for many families. Those finding it hard to put food on the table are being encouraged to talk to their child's school or early years setting, or to contact the [Community Helpline](#) set up by Surrey County Council to find out about the options available.

Children who usually receive free school meals due to benefit entitlement are able to continue to receive food even if they aren't going to school at the moment. In some cases, meals have been replaced by food packages or £15 vouchers to spend in supermarkets, and these are being distributed to families by schools.

There are various other sources of food available, including food banks and community fridges. In addition, food hampers are available for some families who need them and again schools will be able to help with allocation.

## DOMESTIC ABUSE

The [Surrey Domestic Abuse Partnership](#) is aware the measures to reduce the spread of Covid-19 will put survivors of domestic abuse at further risk. Being unable to leave the home will make accessing support even more difficult and being isolated at home with a perpetrator increases the risk of serious harm or worse. The Home Office has published [advice and guidance for those who are experiencing or feel at risk of domestic abuse](#) during the outbreak.

## IN DANGER, NEED THE POLICE, BUT CAN'T SPEAK?

[SILENT SOLUTION](#) is a way for the public to access help in an emergency situation even if it's not safe, or they are unable to speak. This solution allows someone to make themselves heard and let the 999 operator know the call is genuine.

## BRIGHT SKY APP

Bright Sky is an App providing support and information for anyone experiencing domestic abuse, or someone concerned about a friend or family member. In addition, the app is available for use by employers and service providers and includes:

- A UK-wide directory of specialist domestic abuse support services
- A secure My Journal tool to record incidents of abuse via text, audio, video or photo form, without any of the content being saved on the device itself
- Questionnaires to assess the safety of a relationship, plus a section on dispelling myths around domestic and sexual abuse
- Links to further resources and information on topics around domestic abuse



You can [download Bright Sky](#) for free on the Google Play Store and App Store, where it is available in English, Polish, Punjabi and Urdu.

## **CITIZENS ADVICE OXTED & DISTRICT ANNOUNCES EMERGENCY CHANGES TO SERVICES**

There are a number of ways people can continue to get advice during this time. Citizens Advice Oxted & District has announced that face-to-face advice services in Oxted will be suspended for the foreseeable future from 18<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

People who have already booked appointments should not attend but can email our office on [advisers@oxted.cabnet.org.uk](mailto:advisers@oxted.cabnet.org.uk) if they have not already been contacted

- General advice will be given via our Adviceline which people can reach by calling 03444 111 444. This is open Monday to Friday from 10am to 4pm
- General advice can be given via email: [advisers@oxted.cabnet.org.uk](mailto:advisers@oxted.cabnet.org.uk). Please remember to include your postcode and a contact number. The email address is monitored weekdays from 10am to 4pm.
- People can chat online to an adviser by visiting our website at [citizensadvice.org.uk/contact-us](http://citizensadvice.org.uk/contact-us).
- People looking for advice on consumer issues (e.g. issues related to products or services you've purchased) can contact the Citizens Advice consumer helpline on 0808 223 1133 or chat online to an advisor on our website.

**Catherine Wyncoll, Manager of Citizens Advice Oxted & District**

## **FROM CLAIRE COUTHINHO, MP EAST SURREY**

The coronavirus is the biggest health and economic threat the world has faced in over a century. It has infected every aspect of our normal lives and yet it has been met with unprecedented action from government, from public services and our wonderful local communities. I would like to personally thank the Tatsfield Parish Council for all they have been doing to support those in need. I have been humbled by the community response that has sprung up across East Surrey. Thank you all, for your kindness to each other and your patience as we fight this killer.

I am delighted to be launching an East Surrey Community Champions scheme to celebrate the work of individuals and businesses in supporting us through this national crisis. If you know anyone who has gone above and beyond, please let me know. We will thank them now and at a special event once this is over.

My work has continued unabated albeit with the aid of video conferencing. I have been dealing with hundreds of constituents' queries and concerns, helping to source and



deploy PPE, and holding discussions with our local providers from the County and District Councils, Local Resilience Forum, supermarkets, hospital, GPs and social care settings to help them get the resources they need. I also continue my work with Treasury on the economic packages which are being made available at a scale and speed unknown in peacetime. Instead of my normal travelling surgeries around the constituency I am holding telephone surgeries to speak to residents about local issues.

If you need help, please contact me at: [claire.coutinho.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:claire.coutinho.mp@parliament.uk); or call 0207 219 5972. You can also sign-up to my regular newsletter on <https://www.clairecoutinho.com/>.

**Claire Coutinho**

## **KEY HELPLINES**

**Fraud:** If you need to report a scam, please contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040

**Domestic Abuse:** If you are at risk, please contact East Surrey Domestic Abuse Service in confidence on: 01737 771350 or the National Helpline 0800 2000 247 which is manned 24/7.

**Surrey County Council Helpline:** If you need the help of volunteers and community groups, financial support, or help with prescriptions they can be contacted on 0300 200 1008.

**Tandridge District Council:** If you have a business, Tandridge are responsible for administering the grants and business rate relief that you may be eligible for. You can register on <https://www.tandridge.gov.uk/Your-council/Coronavirus>



## POLICING

Hi Tatsfield. Well, where does one start at a time like no other? Police work still needs doing, so we're still around the village. You would naturally think that something from regular times, like crime, would just stop happening when everything regular stops. Well, sadly not. During March, a resident's 4x4 vehicle had its spare wheel stolen from it, damaging the vehicle in the process. This happened in Parkwood Road overnight, so sadly there were no lines of enquiry to investigate. At the end of March, a resident of Westmore Green discovered one of their property windows had been smashed causing a clear hole, suggesting an air rifle or catapult had been used from a distance. Nothing was heard or seen at the time, so without a defined timeframe, we had no leads. Finally, in early April a Tatsfield resident was returning home on motorbike and stopped on Ricketts Hill Road late at night. He was approached by two males who attempted to take the bike. The victim punched one of them, before escaping from the scene. Without an accurate description of the males or any CCTV or witnesses, the case had to be filed.

**CORONAVIRUS.** Needless to say, but here it is: Current Government Guidance is to **STAY AT HOME**. Here below are the details:

- 1) Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (only if you cannot work from home).
- 2) If you go out, stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people at all times.
- 3) Wash your hands as soon as you get home.
- 4) **Do not** meet others, even friends or family. You can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms.

Whilst we appreciate that there is a desire to head out to some of the beautiful spots around the county, please consider the impact that doing so may have. Government advice has been given to reduce the potential of spreading Covid-19; by attending places where others also congregate, the risk of spread is increased. For more information, please visit [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus).

Stay safe, look after each other, and do what you can to help neighbours without close contact. It will produce a community legacy.

**KIDS:** please consider the positives right now, like no school, and please keep the football to the garden, not indoors, thanks!!

That's all folks...see you around the village. If you need us, call 101/999, or flag me down.

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



## NEW TATSFIELD WEBSITES GO LIVE

Tatsfield Village  
Website

[www.tatsfield.org.uk](http://www.tatsfield.org.uk)



<https://e-voice.org.uk/tatsfieldhistoryproject>

Tatsfield Neighbourhood Plan

<https://e-voice.org.uk/tatsfieldneighbourhoodplan>



[www.tatsfieldpc.org.uk/](http://www.tatsfieldpc.org.uk/)

Over the past few months a team of Tatsfielders has been working on changes to four of the websites which cover various aspects of Tatsfield life. Six months ago, Surrey County Council said that for financial reasons they were no longer able to provide the software on which the four websites ran. So the team, brought together by Parish Councillor Alex Davies, began work on redeveloping the websites using different software. The team consisted of Samantha Head, Chris Mitton, Ian Mitchell and Trevor Sykes and the results of their efforts can be found on the websites shown above.

All the websites can be accessed via the Menu on the Tatsfield Village Website – [www.tatsfield.org.uk](http://www.tatsfield.org.uk) and the Parish Council website – [www.tatsfieldpc.org.uk](http://www.tatsfieldpc.org.uk). **If you haven't visited any of them recently, take a look – you might be surprised at what you find!**



## BIGGIN HILL AIRPORT UPDATE

I write to bring you and in turn your residents up to date on the operational situation here at Biggin Hill Airport.

As you may have seen on our social media we remain open in support of the national transport infrastructure in line with government guidelines. I have instructed that only essential flight be permitted to depart or arrive, and these essential movements fall into a number of categories:

- ***Repatriation. This applies to both passengers and the crews that operate the aircraft, this applies to both incoming and departing passengers and crew.***
- ***Delivery of medical and other essential supplies.***
- ***Essential Business Flights. For instance, a group of engineers supporting ventilator production departed from Biggin Hill this week.***
- ***Licence currency flights. All pilots are required under CAA regulations to revalidate their licences on a regular basis should they not be flying frequently. These flights are restricted to professional pilots only.***
- ***Renewal of Certificate of Airworthiness. A certificate of airworthiness is an internationally recognised document, which confirms that the airworthiness of the aircraft. Only aircraft used for commercial operations will be permitted to undertake a flight to renew the certificate.***

To ensure that such flights are essential, all flights are required to submit an approved flight plan or book in using the PPR (Prior Permission Required) system, specifying the purpose of the flight and receiving Air Traffic Control approval.

The Executive Team and Heads of Department's conduct daily COVID – 19 conferencing so that we can formulate and adapt policies, practices and procedures to react to the fast moving and unique challenges we currently face.

The challenge we face like many businesses is to ensure we support our staff, protect the business and the many contractors that support the airport on a regular basis.

If you have any questions please email our Community team

[colin.hitchins@bigginhillairport.com](mailto:colin.hitchins@bigginhillairport.com) and we will respond as soon as we can.

I wish you your family, friends and the community that you represent my sincere best wishes during this challenging period.

**David Winstanley**



# **Tatsfield Primary School**

## **Rainbows of Hope**

Whilst the school is closed, many of our children have been putting their creative skills to work and have produced some wonderful rainbows to display in their windows at home. Here is a small selection for you to enjoy as well as a poem by a staff member to let everyone know how much we are thinking of them- well done everyone!

The school is closed, it's very still,  
no chatting boys or girlie shrills.  
The playground's quiet, the corridors darker,  
school's not school without children's laughter.

We miss the lessons, we miss the fun,  
playing with friends in glorious sun.  
But through all this, we must inform,  
that after storms, rainbows are born.  
So stay home safe and remember the rules,  
and someday soon, we'll be back at school.





## Treat yourself to Fairtrade chocolate

Following on from our Fairtrade chocolate brunch at the end of February, which was such a heartening event with the inspiring cocoa farmer Rosine, who came from Côte d'Ivoire. She spoke to us about the positive difference having a fair income and the added benefits for the community Fairtrade made to their lives.



At this point in our lives with the coronavirus causing such devastation across the world the poorer communities will suffer even more greatly than us due to living in such close proximity to each other and having poorer healthcare to fall back on when they get sick.

We may not be able to go out, or see our loved ones but we can indulge in Fairtrade chocolate, buy a treat for someone, surprise someone with a gesture of kindness.



The photos show pictures of some of the different brands of Fairtrade chocolate..... so, whether you are getting your shopping from Waitrose, Sainsbury's, Morrisons you can buy Fairtrade chocolate.

One of our founder members, Carol Jordan who sadly died shortly after our event always kept Sheree's stocked with Divine Fairtrade chocolate. As soon as we can source more her shelves will be filled again, and we remember Carol for all the hard work she did sourcing the products.

**Alizon Mooney**  
**Tatsfield Fairtrade Group**





## REGULAR TATSFIELD EVENTS AND INFORMATION

*In accordance with guidelines, all clubs are suspended.  
This page is for future reference only, once the lockdown is lifted - ED*

Sun	10.00 am Church service –SERVICES CURRENTLY ON ZOOM
Mon	9.00 am Fitness classes with Charlotte Limpenny – WIH 9.30 am Tots on Top – CH 1.30 pm Bridge Club – WIH 5.00 pm Junior Street Dance - VH 5.45pm Break Dance for All - VH 7.15 pm Adult Ballet - TPS 7.30 pm Art Group – VH [Term time] 8.15 pm Bingo – TVC
Tue	1.30pm Whist – WIH (Last Tuesday of the month) 1.45pm Not So Young Club (2nd Tuesday of the month) WIH 2.15pm WI Meeting (1st Tuesday of the month) WIH 5.30pm Beavers – SH 7.00 pm Scouts – SH
Wed	10.00 am WI Pop In – WIH 1.30 pm Short Mat Bowls –VH 6.00 pm Cubs – SH 7.30 pm Yoga – VH
Thu	1.30 pm Hear Here – AMB (1 <sup>st</sup> 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 <b>PLEASE VISIT THS WEBSITE FOR UPDATE</b> 10.15 am Over 8's Judo – SH 11.00 am Parish Council Café -The Bakery <b>PLEASE CONTACT PC (SEE PAGE 16)</b> 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

*With the ongoing guidelines on social distancing we have included events that are scheduled beyond the current lockdown date at going to press. Please check with organisers nearer the time.*

### May

29<sup>th</sup> Fri      10-12      Claire Coutinho MP, Constituency Surgery, VH

### June

**Oxted Comedy Night** (*When did you last have a good laugh? Change that and come and see Arthur Smith and the comedians from House of Stand Up*)

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> (7.45) (Tickets (£12.50 - £17.50) available from [www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk](http://www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk) or 01959 561811) **18+**

**Barn Film Night - 1917** (*A new venture for the Barn, screening 1917, a WWI film in which two British soldiers receive seemingly impossible orders. In a race against time they must cross over into enemy territory to deliver a message that could potentially save 1,600 of their fellow comrades*)

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> (7.30) (Tickets (£8.00) available from [www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk](http://www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk))

### 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.



## LITTLE ACORNS

At the end of the Spring term we were having lots of fun learning about nursery rhymes and continuing with our phonics sounds. The children particularly enjoyed some messy play including cornflour mixed with paint, outside water play and painting cling film!



We've been missing all our Little Acorns' families during our temporary closure, but we have been enjoying seeing what everyone has been getting up to at home with their families! We have seen lots of baking, creative play, walks in the sunshine, indoor exercise and our older children practising skills to prepare them for school! Our practitioners have been taking the time to further their knowledge with some online training courses and have loved seeing all of the photos uploaded by parents onto the children's online learning journals.





Thank you to everyone that has been displaying a beautiful rainbow in their windows; it's really brightened up our walks and know that many of our Little Acorns children have thoroughly enjoyed spotting them around the village too! It's been lovely to see Tatsfield coming together in this challenging time and we feel very proud to be part of such a wonderful community.

We continue to plan for the new academic year when we hope to have returned to normality, and are excited to offer more hours to our families with the addition of our new Wednesday afternoon session along with the options of our daily breakfast club and lunch club and a range of funding options available.

Whilst the preschool will be closed until we are advised it is safe to reopen, our office will remain open for any queries so please do get in touch via [office@littleacornstatsfield.co.uk](mailto:office@littleacornstatsfield.co.uk). If you are interested in a place for September please do get in contact; we'll be happy to answer any questions you may have and you'll be welcome to visit the preschool as soon as we reopen.

Thank you for reading!

**The Little Acorns Team**

***office@littleacornstatsfield.co.uk***

## **NOT SO YOUNG CLUB**

We are happy to say all our members are keeping safe in their homes.

The committee are in regular contact and helping wherever possible.

Everyone seems in good spirits and looking forward to our next meeting, whenever that will be.

Our members would like to thank everyone who has helped and is helping them during the lockdown, it is greatly appreciated.

Whilst you are around the village either exercising or going to the shop if you see someone looking out of their window please give them a smile and a wave, you may be the only person they see that day.

Take care and keep safe.

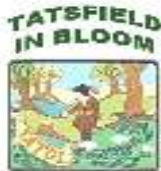
**Sue Dowse**

**467750(answerphone)**

**notsoyoung100@gmail.com**







We hope you will agree that the daffodils, hyacinths and polyanthus have looked stunning in the containers and mangers during the Spring. It is lovely to be able to focus on the beautiful things in our village during these difficult times.

Whilst we are unsure what the restrictions on our movements will be by the end of May, we are determined to find a way, which will be of course in accordance with the Government rules at the time, to have some summer colour in the village to cheer us up and commemorate the 80th anniversary of the Battle of Britain. We are proposing to ask our grower, Barnsfold Nurseries, to delay our early May order - this is when we normally make up our mangers and hanging baskets - until the end of the month. We may reduce the number of containers we plant, perhaps have no baskets or planted containers in the school. If, by the end of May, it is possible for a small group of volunteers to drive to the allotment site, collect a manger/basket and all the materials needed, deliver them to a volunteer to plant them up at home, we can then collect them and hang them up immediately. Jon Allbutt would take and circulate some pictures and instructions of what the finished job should look like.



With a few volunteers we also are planning to receive the plants for the Tatol Bed and plant up the carpet bed. We stress that the above will only take place if it can be done in accordance with the Government rules at the time.

We realise that our number of volunteers will be less than usual as many of our regulars are vulnerable with underlying medical conditions, or have members of their family to protect, so that makes it important that they remain isolated. We therefore are very keen to hear from anyone who could help us make the village look lovely and colourful.

Many thanks for your support.

**Jill Hancock (577622 – [jillhancock12@gmail.com](mailto:jillhancock12@gmail.com))**



## ST MARY'S NEWS

*All services and events at the present time are by Zoom Conference until the easing of the Government lockdown in the face of the Coronavirus pandemic.*

*Zoom meeting Link for 10am Sunday services from St Mary's Rectory:*

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4397128020?pwd=b1VjTjJlTUKrYXNScTlabFptQWh1dz09>

**Please note that on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May there will not be any services from the Tatsfield Rectory, as we shall be joining St Peter's, Limpsfield, for their 11.00am livestream from St Peter's Rectory, which can be accessed on their website: <https://www.stpeterslimpsfield.org/>**

For further information or if we may be able to help in any other way, please do contact us on 01959 577289. **Rev'd Vince Short**

### **Mothering Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020**

This was the first Sunday when we were not allowed to hold services in church and some of our members enjoyed the livestream from St Peter's, Limpsfield. It was the last Sunday that the church building could be open, before the Coronavirus lockdown, and a day of prayer for the nation was observed. Posies and a prayer tree were available, and these were appreciated by visitors.



### **Palm Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

26 people joined our Palm Sunday services by Zoom Conference hosted from the Rectory. Some decorations for Palm Sunday were kindly prepared.





**Easter Day 12<sup>th</sup> April 2020**

We are very grateful to members of the St Mary’s flower arranging team for preparing displays at home and sending in photos for sharing at our zoom service for Easter Day and in this magazine. Special thanks to Jan and Peter Maynard for the Easter garden which was much enjoyed by those who saw it.





### **Appointment of Minister-in-Charge (House for Duty) at St Andrew's Limpsfield Chart**

We are pleased to announce that the Reverend Paul Perkin, presently Vicar of St Mark's, Battersea Rise in the Diocese of Southwark, has been appointed Minister-in-Charge (House for Duty) at St Andrew, Limpsfield Chart. A public service of welcome and licensing will follow in due course after public worship has been resumed and at a date to be announced. Paul writes:

'I have been delighted to accept the post of minister at St Andrew's Limpsfield Chart, as part of the Limpsfield and Tatsfield team. Christine and I are so looking forward to joining you as soon as that becomes possible, and meanwhile you are in our prayers. May this strange time be overshadowed by the joy of the Easter message of our risen Lord Jesus. Paul and Christine Perkin'

As Team Rector, James adds: 'I am delighted at the prospect, before too long, we pray, of Paul and Christine's arrival in Limpsfield Chart, for our team churches and especially for St Andrew's. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank warmly Ruth, Diana and Gareth for their valuable ministry and leadership as priest and churchwardens, and all who have supported and prayed for them. Please continue to do this in the coming weeks and months. I wish you all at St Andrew's, St Mary's and St Peter's, even and especially in these strange and demanding times, a wonderful Easter, and a share afresh in the joy of Christ crucified and risen.'

### **How have you been spending your time at home?**

Some have enjoyed extra time for their hobbies. Here is a painting kindly submitted by Brian Ling.





### **Food Bank**

Although contributions cannot be left at the church at the present time, they are still very much needed for the Brixton and Westerham foodbanks, which continue to operate. If you have a contribution, please contact Hilary on 01959 577864 or leave it in the box on The Rectory doorstep (Ricketts Hill Road, TN16 2NA) if you are passing while on a permitted journey. Thank you for your support. **Hilary**

### **Sunday Teas**

These were due to start on 10<sup>th</sup> May, but they have been cancelled until further notice.

### **Classical guitar concert by Mark Jennings 30<sup>th</sup> May**

This event has had to be postponed – we hope to rearrange for the autumn.

### **Records**

19<sup>th</sup> March      Funeral of Pamela Rowland

25<sup>th</sup> March      Funeral of Christina (Tina) Miles

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

61. P Menham £23.25    51. R Gascoigne £13.95    18. P & J Pinder £9.30    St Mary's £46.50

### **A prayer for hospital staff and medical researchers**

Gracious God,  
give skill, sympathy and resilience  
to all who are caring for the sick,  
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.  
Strengthen them with your Spirit,  
that through their work  
many will be restored to health;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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



## **NORTH DOWNS SINFONIA**

In these uncertain, unprecedented times, North Downs Sinfonia is of course forced to cancel their Spring Concert, due on May 9th.

We are therefore planning to hold the same concert on November 14th - all of the players took their music home, and will no doubt be practising it during their enforced stay there!

To remind you of what you have to look forward to, the concert is a celebration of Beethoven's 250th anniversary, so we will be opening with his 'Creatures of Prometheus' overture, and then Haydn's Symphony 99. Haydn wrote this (one of his twelve 'London' symphonies) whilst Beethoven was studying with him and the influence of this is clear in Beethoven's symphonic works.

The second half will consist of Beethoven's Violin Concerto, with the amazing Haru Ushigusa as soloist. Haru last played with North Downs Sinfonia during our celebration of English music, giving a spellbinding performance of Vaughan Williams 'The Lark Ascending' - so we jumped at the opportunity to ask her back to play with us again!

The concert will be conducted by Francis Griffin, one of NDS's stalwarts, who is always able to bring the best out of the orchestra.

Although all of the above is subject to change of course, we are all looking forward to get back to playing music, and hope you will be able to join us for a much overdue and much needed evening of live music on 14th November, at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. We'll post further updates in the magazine and on our website – [www.northdownssinfonia.com](http://www.northdownssinfonia.com) - over the coming months. We hope everyone is keeping safe and well during these testing times and that classical music is keeping you all company!

**Peter Maynard**

### **FILMS AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

We are sorry that, like so much else which has had to stop, there will be no films from Curzon Country Cinema at the Village Hall for the time being. Barrie Gilbert of Curzon, who shows films at half a dozen village halls in the area, is as keen to be back in business as we are.

**Helena Garcia MacLeod, Roger Sawyers and Bob David**



## THE NIGHT SKY IN TATSFIELD – MAY 2020

Jupiter, Saturn and Mars are all visible in the (very) early morning sky. Nautical twilight ends and civil twilight begins at the point when the Sun is  $6^\circ$  below the horizon and lasts until sunrise.

At the beginning of May the transition from one to the other occurs just before 5am and is probably the latest time that you could expect to see the three planets before the sky becomes too bright. As the month progresses those planets rise earlier and earlier until by the last day of May you could just glimpse two of them by staying up late rather than by getting up early! On that date Jupiter and Saturn are above the south eastern horizon, although not by much, at half past midnight.

In the evenings Venus still dominates the west as soon as the Sun has set. It is at maximum brightness in the early part of the month although by then it is (apparently) moving back towards the Sun and will be lost in the solar glare before the end of May. If you get the chance to look at Venus through moderately sized binoculars or a telescope you will see that it displays a crescent shape exactly like the Moon. If the sky is clear on May 21st or 22nd the planet Mercury is extremely close to Venus on both these dates. On the 21st Mercury is  $1\frac{1}{2}^\circ$  below Venus and on the 22nd it is a similar distance to the east or left. For reference don't forget that the Moon is about  $\frac{1}{2}^\circ$  across and in reality appears much smaller than people tend to imagine.

Don't forget, during the evenings of enforced isolation, to step outside occasionally and just look up and be amazed at what you can see in a dark, clear night sky.

As you know I've often spoken here about, and promoted the role of, women in astronomy so it was with some sadness that recently we saw the passing of two females who had carved out a niche for themselves in their particular scientific field.

The first was Heather Couper who did so much to promote amateur astronomy both by her writings and by television appearances, sometimes with Patrick Moore on the "Sky at Night". I met her when she was Senior Lecturer at the planetarium in the Royal Observatory, Greenwich in the late 1970's. She left there to pursue her media interests, and soon after became the first ever female President of the British Astronomical Association. She was made a CBE in 2007 and has an asteroid named after her, 3922 Heather. She died in February at the age of 70.

The other lady played a key role more in space exploration than in astronomy although without her the space race could have developed very differently. She was Katherine Johnson who also passed away in February at the grand age of 101 and was one of the three females who inspired the book and film "Hidden Figures". This was the story of three African American women who fought against racial (and sometimes gender)



segregation and prejudice to make life easier and more accessible for those that followed. Johnson was responsible for the calculations and equations that were used to compute the orbits and trajectories for manned space capsules. It is a fact that having met her, John Glenn refused to lift off for the first ever American orbit of the Earth until Johnson had manually checked the calculations herself. The current head of NASA said they would “.....never forget her courage and leadership and the milestones we could not have reached without her”.

**Brian Mills FRAS**

## **TATSFIELD ALLOTMENTS**

It's been a long time since there was anything to say about the allotments - mainly because it was winter - and what a wet winter - so nothing to report. But now we have had a long dry spell, so lucky that the new water taps were installed just in time, replacing the unsightly water tanks that collected algae.

We have had lots of enquiries about rentals, and as a few plots were released, they were snapped up immediately, some by young couples, which is very heartening to see. Since Coronavirus, the site has been a hive of activity, plenty of fresh air, good exercise, a new interest - maybe the only positive thing to come out of it! The allotment site is big enough, and the plots spaced out enough for plot holders to work comfortably but still observing the social distancing rules. So, we have been working up there almost every day since the lockdown began, with many others, doing all the preparatory jobs at a steady pace, rather than a frantic rush to get everything done. Every cloud, (even a corona cloud) has a silver lining!

Fortunately, we had a large amount of aged manure delivered just before lockdown, so everyone has been making good use of that. Almost every plot has had a spruce up, paths trimmed, beds edged, ground rotivated, and the planting will soon begin. We have also noticed an increase in bee activity - maybe they are enjoying the reduced pollution levels, as we are. The air smells cleaner, the sky seems more blue, the flowers more vivid. The views from the allotments have always been stunning, but now even more so. We are so lucky to live in this peaceful village.

**Liz Armitage**



## COMPOSTER'S CHRONICLE

Just a very quick update this month.

Due to a shortage of volunteers this year, the composting site will not re-open as soon as the current restrictions are lifted. We will complete the rebuild and generally get the site into a good place before we accept any waste.

We should be able to get a supply of compost available fairly soon, though, should you wish to have any.

It is quite possible that once we do start, we will not be able to open every Saturday. So, this year, please check the composting section of the Tatsfield Horticultural Society website before taking any waste up to the site. We will update the page by 6pm on the preceding Thursday.

**Philip Brett   577420   [philip.k.brett@btinternet.com](mailto:philip.k.brett@btinternet.com)**

## THE TATSFIELD GARDENER IN MAY

Life is very tough for old and young alike at the moment, but we must look forward to better days ahead and having some colour in the garden will be a great help in restoring our spirits. The THS Committee have decided to release to all gardeners in the village the special THS members discount arrangements with Suttons seeds; their website is working well at the moment ([www.suttons.co.uk](http://www.suttons.co.uk)). If you order vegetable and flower seeds you will get a 50% discount and also 15% discount off other items – just quote the unique order code GS 1006F – go on have a look at my suggestions below and look forward to a happier and colourful summer!

*Our local garden centre Westerham Heights (call on 571545 or email them on [Westerham.heights@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:Westerham.heights@yahoo.co.uk)) is taking orders and is open to customers to collect their orders; they deserve our support.*

For a lovely splash of colour in the garden all you need is a packet of seed! Annual plants can now be sown directly into the garden, or containers, and will germinate in 7–14 days, they will grow quickly and be in flower in just a few weeks after germination. Try Cosmos, Nigella, Calendula (Cottage Marigolds), Cornflower, Sunflowers, Sweet Peas; or try annual climbers like Sweet Peas, Nasturtium and Morning Glory.

May is also a very good time to sow quick growing vegetable seeds. No need to have a garden plot, these seeds can be sown in a pot, a tray or any handy container. Try sowing a pinch of seed every few weeks to get continuity of supply and avoid a big crop all at one time. Quick growing vegetables include Spring Onions, Radishes, all sorts of leaves including Little Gem Lettuce, Annual Spinach, Courgettes, Haricot and other dwarf beans, Baby Beetroot, Mange Tout and Sugar Snap Peas, Mustard and Cress.



If you can get hold of vegetable plants in pots, look out for Tomatoes (try the super flavoured tiny cherry, yellow and plum types), Green, Red and Yellow Peppers, Aubergines and many more. These plants will grow well in containers as well as in garden soil.

There is nothing more satisfying than growing, picking and eating your own produce!

The old saying "If the Ash be before the Oak, we shall have a soak; but if the Oak be before the Ash then we shall have a splash" What do you think, will we have another dry summer? So far our rainfall levels are below average and I fancy the Oak is ahead of the Ash. We are watching with some anxiety to see how the Ash will do this year after such a bad year locally in 2019 with the dreaded Ash Dieback disease.

**Jon Allbutt**

## **TATSFIELD RAMBLERS**

Rambles have been cancelled for now in view of the Government guidelines on social distancing. Please keep an eye out in future magazines or on the village noticeboards and the Ramblers web site for when they may recommence.



## **TATSFIELD ART GROUP**

**If the Government Rulings for Meetings has been lifted:**



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

**Mondays – 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> June**

**Ian Henderson – Pastels - Demo/Workshop**

(Subject TBA in next Magazine if going ahead)

(Non-Members £15.00 per session)

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**Mondays – 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

**John Kenyon-Roberts - Watercolour demo/workshop**

(Non- members £15.00 per session)

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



## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

Tatsfield's gradual return to 'normal' after the end of the First World War continued in the spring of 1920. Technological progress was noted in the local newspapers when they reported that the Post Office had received permission to install a 'telegraphic line' along Rag Hill Road. This was to connect with the existing line at Tatsfield Green and extend the service to a point opposite 'the Old Chalk Pit'. I can't find a chalk pit off Rag Hill Road on any of the maps in the archive, so its location remains a mystery.

Another item of good news that month was that after constant complaints from Tatsfield, the damage to the surface of Tatsfield Lane reported in the summer of 1919 had at last been repaired. This had apparently been caused by traffic to and from Biggin Hill aerodrome. The total cost was £194/5/1d!

On May 14<sup>th</sup>, the Surrey Mirror carried a long report of a court hearing after a fracas involving two Tatsfielders on their way home from Westerham on market day. Both described as 'dealers', they had been drinking at the George and Dragon, where one of them is alleged to have said he could drink more beer than he could pay for. There followed an argument about one of their horses and carts blocking the other. Witnesses for the plaintiff and the accused gave conflicting accounts of one of the dealers jumping into the other's cart, apparently armed with a knuckle-duster and cutting his adversary's eye. When they got back to Tatsfield, trouble started all over again and a whip was said to have been involved. One of the witnesses admitted to the clerk of the court that he had also had several drinks and could not exactly say what had happened. Both parties were bound over to keep the peace for six months.



After the upheaval and suffering of the war, political turmoil and revolution in continental Europe, there was a sign of a revival of political activity here in Tatsfield. It came at the end of May with this notice advertising a meeting outside the Ship to discuss whether Tatsfield voters wanted Nationalism or Socialism. The choice was said to be between

"industrial prosperity and happiness under a progressive and representative government" and "industrial conscription and discontent under Socialist bureaucrats". There was not to be a general election for another couple of years.

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Our new website address is: <http://e-voice.org.uk/tatsfieldhistoryproject/>



## PAST EPIDEMICS

**‘Spanish Flu’** – Apart from the cancellation or postponement of some social events, there are few references in the Tatsfield archives to indicate the effect on the parish of the ‘Spanish Flu’ epidemic at the end of the First World War in 1918. 50 million people are believed to have died in that worldwide pandemic. There are however indications in newspaper reports of what life was like then and in the next couple of years in neighbouring areas.

At one stage, Westerham’s schools were closed because of influenza but there were also outbreaks of German measles, measles and whooping cough at that time. In Sevenoaks, the town’s medical officer recommended *“the establishment of a body of persons skilled in sick nursing and home management, who could be quickly mobilised to help the stricken homes in the event of an epidemic”*. This was before the welfare state. People relied on subscribing to ‘friendly societies’ for medical care. A meeting of the Tunbridge Wells branch of the Equitable Friendly Society was told of record sums being paid out in sickness benefit. Nevertheless, the society’s finances were in good shape.

On this side of the county border, school attendance was down to 82 percent, partly because of the war, but mainly because of influenza. Only seven of the 24 schools in East Surrey had not been closed at some point and 20 had been closed for several weeks in 1919. In the Reigate area, there were two waves of influenza in 1919, resulting in a total of 69 deaths. The shortage of medical and nursing staff at Redhill Hospital was reported as was the problem of finding beds for cases of severe influenza that could be isolated from surgical cases.

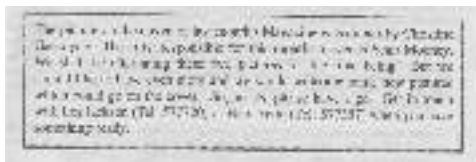
**The 1665 Plague** - The late Doris Geary, who lived at Pond Cottages in the 1980s, wrote a history of Tatsfield – ‘Tales of Tatsfield’ in 1987. In her book, she recounts that when the Great Plague was at its worst in London in 1665, people who could afford to travel made their way out of the capital to country villages. *“It is reputed that Pond Cottages were used to house the folk of Tatsfield, who caught the plague. At one time, Pond Cottages were known as ‘Pestilence Houses’”*. Mrs Geary also recalled that William Tapsell told her that when he was a young lad in late Victorian times that: *“he had a very bad throat infection. He was very ill, and was taken to Pond Cottages and looked after by other sick people there. Food came up from Oxted for them, by horse and trap. This was left outside by the pond for five minutes, or until the driver of the horse and trap was out of range and at that point, a bell was rung. Mr Tapsell said that when he was better, he was sent to get the food which had been left outside. He was away from home eight or nine weeks”*.

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# TATSFIELD PARISH MAGAZINE – 25 YEARS AGO

This month we continue our review of the magazine as it was in 1995. We are pleased to note that nothing like the events we are currently experiencing was happening at that time! Again, we would like to thank all those who have for years produced the Magazine. It has informed, entertained, allowed debate and we hope it will continue to do so. For now, we hope you enjoy reminiscing with us. And look forward to a birthday party as soon as we can – currently we have a date pencilled in for September!



Let's look forward to resuming our twinning trips in 2021!





## SUPPORT YOUR TATSFIELD JAVELIN THROWER!

Of late we have heard of the sporting feats of the village clubs, football, cricket, netball, for example. But the one sport we often overlook is that of athletics, forgotten even though there are some 20 athletes in the village who are affiliated to various clubs. The best example of this is the annual Fun-Run, which is always well attended.

I am a 19 year old student who throws the javelin, and is in need of any support that the village can offer me. My name is Lucy Cook and you may have seen either me or my two sisters training around the village over the last 15 years. I also train at Crystal Palace, in an international training squad - for which me has to be invited to join. Last season I was rated 6th in the UK for the under 20 women's javelin, and also represented Southern England against Scotland.

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All donations will be acknowledged. I will also report the outcome of this appeal to the Parish Magazine - and, in case anyone is interested, I will report how I progress.

Lucy Cook (Tel: 577443) Roydall, Greve ways

This young lady is none other than Lucy Budgen!



This year's VE day celebration will be a quieter affair







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