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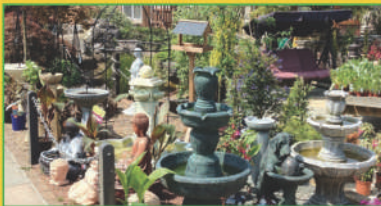


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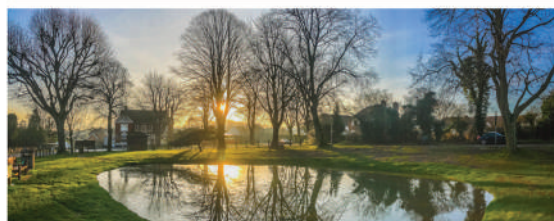
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EDITORIAL

On 23rd April, Veronica and I planted some recently purchased vegetable seeds in seed trays and placed them in one of our warmer rooms which catches the sun in the morning. I expected them to spring up within days but soon the days increased in number and became weeks. Were they too dry? We added further water but still to no effect. I then imagined that they were duff seeds (excuse my crude gardening terminology) or that the passage of time had caused them to rot in the trays. I gave up looking. Imagine my joy and surprise when one suddenly popped up to greet us on 11th May. By then our labels had faded and we had to work out whether it was pumpkin, courgette or butternut squash. We think we know but you may wish to identify or guess the answer from the photo.



There was something really encouraging about the green shoots of new life from what seemed dead, especially as it was bold in appearance compared to those plants that start smaller. On the other hand, it somehow seemed lonely, and the next stage was to hope that it would be joined by a number of friends and family, as other seed emerged from their deep sleep.

Perhaps all of this has parallels with the hope of coming out of lockdown.

In our rather inexperienced hands, we're not entirely sure what the future holds for our few seeds but in company with others we aim to make the most of the growing season.

Although much has been suffered and lost thus far in the Pandemic, the hope expressed in my little reflection on the seed speaks to me of being thankful for what we still have, including the small things. In addition to our personal response, this will be expressed on our behalf in the prayers of the Church, alongside our ongoing prayer for all who suffer, wherever they are.

God bless,

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Below is a summary of the financial position of the magazine for the year to 31 March 2021. As you know the magazine is distributed to all houses in the village free of charge. This is only possible by charging for advertising, sales (to those outside the village), donations from village organisations and individual donations. However, in the past year we have made no request for donations from village organisations and individuals although we did receive amounts from the Parish Council and the Village Hall, so our income was reduced resulting in a deficit for the year which has been met from reserves. Our costs are mainly the printing of the magazine but also include some postage and stationery and sundry expenses. A summary of these figures on the basis of the actual amounts paid and received in the year is as follows.

Income	<u>2021</u>
	£
Advertising	7072
Sales (Including postage from Subscribers)	179
Donations from Village Organisations	550
Donations from Individuals	57
Bank Interest	<u>36</u>
Total	<u><u>7894</u></u>
Expenditure	
Printing	8959
Postage and Stationery	217
Sundry Expenses	<u>16</u>
Total	<u><u>9192</u></u>
Deficit in year	<u><u>1298</u></u>

Many thanks to all who advertise, give donations and give of their time thus enabling the production of a great magazine.

Madie Langford, Treasurer

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SHIRLEY MURGATROYD

Christine, David and their families wish to thank everyone for the lovely cards, letters and acts of kindness over the last six months, especially more recently following Shirley's death.

I know mum and dad thoroughly enjoyed living in Tatsfield; they loved the people, the vibrant social life and the beautiful surroundings. All very different to their native Yorkshire but still stunning; albeit somewhat drier and warmer!

Thank you to all the members of the various clubs, societies and organisations that they both belonged to for your support and contact during this difficult time for everyone. I know they were of great comfort and solace to mum.

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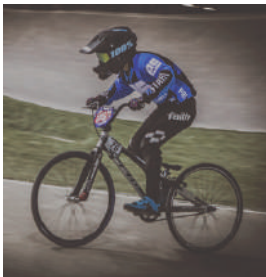
Sincere thanks to you all.

Christine and David

LETTERS

Dear Editors,

British Cycling have announced this week the qualified riders to represent Great Britain at the 2021 World BMX Championships in Papendal, Holland in August of this year. And the **Longley Brothers both qualify to represent GB in the 2021 BMX World Championships!**



Ben

Due to only two national competitions taking place at the start of 2020, British Cycling have decided to use the final rankings from 2019. In 2019 Ben finished 8th in his age category and Lewis finished 2nd in his age category. Both have therefore been selected and will hopefully, all COVID restrictions allowing, be travelling to Holland to compete against the best riders in the World.

Ben and Lewis have been racing for a number of years and have been fortunate enough to compete all over the World with the British team in the past.

The National season starts again in the UK in June when we will be able to see how the home training has been going!



Lewis

Dear Editors

Family Picnic on Westmore Green Sunday August 15th, 2 -5pm.

As the Covid-19 vaccination programme has progressed, millions of us are now feeling a bit safer. To celebrate this and the move, hopefully, towards normality, we going to have a Family Picnic on Westmore Green. The date is Sunday August 15th, 2-5pm.

The 30-piece (Black Tie) Ravensbourne Concert Band under its conductor Lesley Lake will play a nice selection of music, and there will be other entertainment during the interlude.

For a special treat, everyone who attends will be offered a free picnic box. This has kindly been offered by Tatsfield's Mask Makers, Kim Jennings, Tracey Syrett and Bobby Pinchin, who handmade hundreds of facemasks at the beginning of the pandemic, which were sold to raise money for the village recovery post-Covid. Some of the money raised will fund the picnic.

Please look out for details of how to request your free picnic in next month's issue.

Sponsors at the moment include Tatsfield Aquatics and the Roseheath Foundation.

Chairs and tables will be supplied by the 1st Tatsfield Scouts and the necessary electricity by David and Abi of Pond Cottage, Westmore Green. Other trade stands have been invited to come as well. If you do happen to have your own relaxing snug portable chair, you might prefer to bring that along with you.

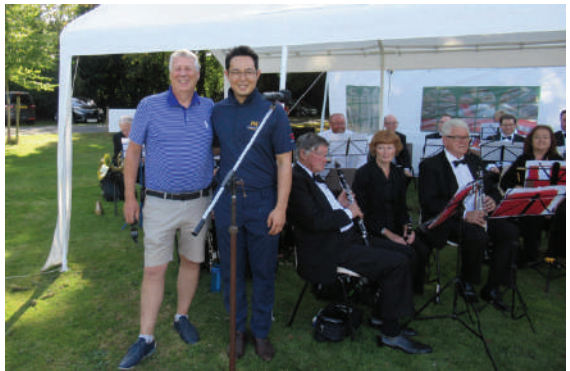
The Parish Council have given permission to hold the picnic on Westmore Green.

All the best,

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The last Picnic on Westmore Green held in September 2019 with KJ the MD of Parkwood Golf Club and Parish Councillor Stephen Mittins and just a part of the large orchestra.

TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The meeting of Tatsfield Parish Council took place on 5th May at 8.00pm via Zoom. We hope this will be our last Zoom meeting and plan to return to face to face meetings next month.

The meeting was our AGM so started with the election of Chairman for the year. I am happy to take on this role for another year and am pleased to have David Pinchin also re-elected as Vice Chairman.

The approval of details relating to the running of the Parish Council were then agreed and we moved onto normal business.

Planning

TA/2021/411 Clacket Lane Services. Motorway Service Area North. Erection of a digital advertising unit measuring 4mx2m with a height of above 3m located near the entrance to the amenities building at Clacket Lane North (East) Services (Advertising Consent) for which the Parish Council had No Comment.

TA/2021/411 Clacket Lane Services, Motorway Service Area South. Erection of a digital advertising unit measuring 4mx2m with a height of 2.8m above ground. Located near the entrance to amenities building at Clacket Lane South Services. (Advertising Consent) for which the Parish Council had No Comment.

TA/2021/631 Two Ways Redhouse Road. Formation of pitched roof over garage (Retrospective). No Comment.

Finance

The Parish Council have applied for a Grant from GO FUND Surrey to hopefully be able to replace the picnic benches on Westmore Green. The benches have been a big benefit to the village during the past year and we would love to continue with this asset if we are successful with our application.

We are also looking into the possibility of an electric car charging point in the village but this is in early stages at moment.

The Allotments group have applied to the PC for permission to erect a polytunnel for use by TIB and the Allotments group, The PC were very happy to approve this request.

Hustings

Thanks to David Pinchin and Samantha Head for organising the local PCC and CC Elections Hustings, and thanks to all who attended Via Zoom. A very successful event.

We are looking forward to seeing you all again soon when we can welcome parishioners to join us once again.

Kim Jennings, Chairman, Tatsfield Parish Council
Email: kimjennings@tatsfieldparishcouncil.org.uk

TANDRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Elections on May 6th - Tandridge District Council elections results

There have been some changes following the Tandridge District Council elections on Thursday 6 May. Of the 42 seats, the Independents and OLRG Alliance now hold 16, Conservatives 14, Liberal Democrats 9 and the Independent Group 2. There is one vacant seat in the Felbridge ward which will be contested on 17th June. The turnout of voters was 40.5%. The count was held on Friday 7th May and all the results published by 12.53am on Saturday 8th May.

My co-councillor on the Independent group held his seat, and his Parish Council seat by a clear margin that shows his work for his residents is clearly being appreciated by them.

Full details for the Tandridge District Council elections results are available on the Tandridge website. Including Becky Rush's re-election in her role.

So now it just remains to be seen how the Council which remains in a No Overall Control situation shares out the seats and Chairmanship of the Committees needed to run this level of local government. This has to be sorted in time for the Annual Council meeting on 27th May, after which the Council year will start again in earnest. I will confirm my own situation in next Month's magazine.

Census 2021

A final reminder...please complete your census forms and send them in.

Financial support to restart your business

Information on all financial support available for businesses is available on our website, including the:

- **Restart Grant Scheme**, which offers one-off grants to eligible non-essential retail businesses and hospitality, accommodation, leisure, personal care and gym business premises, to help them reopen safely.
- **Additional Restrictions Grant**, which offers a discretionary one-off payment to businesses severely impacted, but not forced to close, by Covid-19. This grant is available until 31 May.
- **Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme**, open until 30 September, known as the furlough scheme, which offers eligible employees 80% of their current salary up to a maximum of £2,500.
- **Self-employed Income Support Scheme**, which provides a grant of 80% of three months' trading profits, capped at £7,500.

I now believe I have been in contact with every business/businessperson I know in the village regarding the Additional Restrictions Grant but if I have not contacted you please do call me.

Our local businesses need you

It is good to see and be part of the early support to our businesses that are beginning to reopen under the new Covid relaxation guidelines. Please do support them in every way that you can, especially now that we do not have to do it outdoor in the cold. But please do it safely and sensibly.

Advice for businesses ahead of reopening

TDC have updated the Environmental Health advice for businesses page on our website, providing advice on safely running indoor hospitality businesses from 17th May, as well as guidance for the safe running of small and medium sized events.

We've also produced a template Covid-19 risk assessment to help businesses manage any potential Covid-19 risk in their workplaces.

Biggin Hill Airport

I attended a Biggin Hill Airport Committee where the Parish Council Vice Chair and I ensured that the Noise Sensitive Area of Tatsfield was kept firmly at the forefront of the Airport's Noise and safety commitments. We will continue to follow up with them on any overflying aircraft that are reported.

Further easing of Covid-19 restrictions

Under the government's roadmap, more lockdown restrictions have been eased, including:

- Indoor hospitality and indoor entertainment venues, including cinemas, museums and children's play areas, can reopen.
- Up to six people or two households will be able to meet indoors and up to 30 people can meet outdoors.
- All remaining outdoor entertainment can reopen, including outdoor cinemas and performances.
- Some larger events will be able to take place, including conferences, theatre and concert performances and sports events, subject to restrictions on the number of attendees as set out in the roadmap.
- The public will be asked to make informed, personal decisions on close contact with friends and family members, such as hugging.
- Covid-secure rules remain for workplaces and businesses, including in shops and hospitality venues.
- International travel can begin to safely reopen, with people able to travel to 'green' list countries. Strict border control measures will remain in place, including pre-departure tests and a PCR Covid test on or before day two of arrival back in the UK.
- Face coverings will no longer be needed in classrooms or for students in communal areas in secondary schools and colleges.
- Up to 30 people will be able to attend weddings, receptions and commemorative events including wakes, as well as standalone life-cycle events. These can take place outdoors or at any indoor Covid secure venue permitted to open.

- Organised adult sport and exercise classes can resume indoors, and saunas and steam rooms may reopen.
- Care homes residents will be able to have up to five named visitors, with two visitors able to attend at once provided they are tested and follow infection control measures. Residents will also have greater freedoms to leave their home without having to isolate on their return.

Update to library services

Now that all Surrey libraries are back open, they will be returning to a normal borrowing service:

- All spoken word and book loans have changed back to three-week loans, although exceptions may apply if you fall under a special borrower category.
- All DVDs have reverted to a one-week loan period but remain at the cheaper £2 weekly charge.
- Request charges of 75p online and £1.75 in person have been re-introduced at pre-Covid rates, however the Ready Reads service will remain free for contact free borrowing.

More information, including library opening hours is available on Surrey County Council's website.

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

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

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

Thank you so much to the residents of Tatsfield for re-electing me to be your County Councillor for the next term of office. I am absolutely delighted and feel totally privileged to be able to continue working hard for you all to help Tatsfield to continue to be the amazing place it is today. As before I am always contactable on becky.rush@surreycc.gov.uk – do send me an email with your thoughts, issues, concerns; I will always get back to you. As well as working on pan village issues such as roads, drains etc I do support a huge number of residents with individual issues such as social care and school places; I am always happy to help, don't be afraid to get in touch.

You can also find me at the Parish Council meetings on the second Monday of the month. I work very closely with the Parish Council and Martin Allen and I'm looking forward to more face-to-face meetings as we come out of lockdown.

I have a continuous list of things I am working on for Tatsfield. Priorities on my list include keeping my foot to the peddle on road issues and resurfacing, securing funding from Your Fund Surrey for projects such as Furze Corner, introducing an HGV watch for the village to address the issue of HGVs on our narrow country lanes, lobbying Greater

London Council regarding the Outer London tax proposals. Plus of course anything else that crops up or comes my way!

Things that are in the pipeline to watch out for soon are the new signage at Furze Corner (the bend) and the resurfacing of Limpsfield Road near Botley Hill that is scheduled for August.

I look forward to seeing you out and about soon.

Becky Rush, Surrey County Councillor

CLAIRE COUTINHO, EAST SURREY MP

Like all of you, I've really enjoyed life starting to get back to normal over the past month. After restrictions were eased in April, one of my first visits was to Priory Farm Estate, which is always such a wonderful experience. And for the first time in a long time, we were able to share their amazing maple ribs with friends in our garden.

Just before the weather took a turn for the worst at the end of April, I also met with Peter and George of family-run business J & J Franks at Mercers Quarry, which some of you may know is actually the largest deposit of soft sand in the South East. I thanked them for ensuring that their HGVs use the main roads and for protecting the local environment and wildlife, including planting 30,000 trees on their land. They're a brilliant example of a thriving local business supporting the local community and how HGV movements can work if they're using the right roads and are not excessive.

A reminder for businesses that the Government's Restart Grant scheme for the hospitality, leisure, accommodation, personal care and non-essential sector is now live and worth up to £18,000 for bigger hospitality, accommodation and leisure sites, and up to £6,000 for non-essential retailers.

Earlier this month, I was delighted that the Prime Minister confirmed not only that we met the four tests needed to move to Step 3 of the roadmap out of lockdown on 17 May, but that we are also on course to move to Step 4 next month, which would see the removal of most restrictions.

At the time of writing, Britain has administered over 53 million vaccinations, with more than 796,800 people across Surrey Heartlands having already received a vaccine. I actually had the chance to visit one of our local vaccination centres in Smallfield recently. The entire operation is so impressive, and I know everyone across East Surrey will join me in thanking everyone involved for their herculean efforts over the past few months.

Another priority of mine in the months ahead will be making sure our young people don't fall behind after the challenges of the past year. I was very pleased to have collaborated with local leaders to secure a Youth Hub for East Surrey, which launched on 1 March and has already supported more than 20 young people into work and training opportunities.

Looking ahead, the Hub will have a physical presence in the Harlequin Theatre, the Workary and East Surrey College, with the physical launch in mid-June. You can get in touch with the team and find out more by emailing youth.hub@reigate-banstead.gov.uk.

The new Gatwick Response Hub is also open to provide advice and skills support to all those affected by the aviation industry's job losses. The Hub will have a physical presence in Gatwick Airport, but you can also get in touch with the team and find out more by emailing gatwick.resourcehub@dwp.gov.uk.

As part of a digital workshop by Parliament's education centre, I also had the chance to take part in a Q&A session with pupils from Tatsfield Primary School recently. They asked about a range of issues, from what law I would pass if I could wave a magic wand, whether MPs automatically become members of the House of Lords and, crucially, when they can go on holiday again! Tatsfield certainly has a strong crop of future MPs in the making.

On the subject of schools, I would just like to thank everyone working in education across the whole of East Surrey – from staff to parents to volunteers – for all their hard work to ensure a successful return to the classroom last month. From my experience working on education policy, I know all too well that there is no substitute for in-person teaching and the social interaction it brings, so it was wonderful to see our children back with their teachers and friends.

Like all of you, I'm very much looking forward to what will hopefully be a great British summer – with a great British heatwave too if we're lucky. I hope you will all get a chance to spend some quality time with family and friends in the weeks ahead, able to catch up on lost time.

If you have any questions or need my help, please do email me at claire.coutinho.mp@parliament.uk or leave me a message at 020 7219 5972.

COVERS FARM PLANNING APPLICATION - UPDATE

Readers may be familiar with the disused Covers Farm Sandpit, just to the west of Westerham in the Kent Downs AONB and adjoining the Surrey Hills AONB/Tatsfield Parish - details of which appeared in the March edition of the Parish Magazine.

We wanted to update residents on the current status.

The current application to Kent County Council is to import 800,000 cubic metres of construction waste from south/south-east London using large tipper trucks, over a period of a number of years (up to 6), to fulfil a restoration planning condition now that the excavating has finished. There are alternatives to restore the site which do not require the importation of construction material.

For readers not familiar with the application: Morants Promotions Ltd/Squerries Estate (the applicant) are proposing the Coulsdon area as one source of the waste to be dumped

in the quarry. They are proposing that 15% of the 84,200 four-axle trucks would travel through Warlingham, past Tatsfield and the Approach Road along Clark's Lane, under the M25 bridge on the Westerham Croydon Road, turning right into the quarry. Other tipper truck routes come through Biggin Hill and from Junction 5 of the M25 along the A25 through Sundridge and Brasted.

Aside from the many issues with these proposals there is real concern on the road traffic safety and congestion issues. The tippers (along the Tatsfield route) would need to turn right at a new stop-light junction located in the 60-mph stretch of the Croydon Road, just as the southbound traffic emerges from underneath the M25. Why a new stop-light junction? Because the trucks would be joined here by the remaining 85% of trucks emerging from a new 'temporary' road on the left that is also part of the application (readers won't be surprised to learn that RPS Traffic Consultants, commissioned by Westerham Town Council, are worried that this needs to go through an independent Road Safety Audit).

Formal public consultation closed in early March attracting a large number of objections from Tatsfield residents, the Tatsfield Parish Council as well as many other parishes and residents in the locality. Morants Promotions Ltd/Squerres Estate were asked to respond to a couple of weighty objections and a letter from the Environment Agency, one of the important statutory consultees that assesses these matters. We are awaiting details of the various documents including the Environment Agency correspondence so we can assess the detailed responses to the application.

What's the next step for this application? The body that decides Covers Farm, the KCC Planning Applications Committee, have had a shake-up of its membership following the recent County Council elections and the new members will need to be trained before they are in a position to review the application. Now that Covid restrictions are being lifted there should be a site meeting where the Planning Committee members get to see Covers Farm first hand, though such a meeting is not required by law. We are pressing for an actual site meeting and encouraging the committee members to visit both the quarry and assess for themselves the proposed access roads. This timing means that the hearing on Covers Farm is unlikely to take place before the Committee's September meeting.

The Head of KCC Planning Applications will be writing a report on the Covers Farm application ahead of this meeting. We sincerely hope that this officer assesses the applicant's proposal against the extent to which local people have testified to the disruption, the road safety and congestion issues and the risk to health that this proposal would create.

CALLING ALL YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 16 OR UNDER

As posted on Tatsfield Talk – a call to all those aged 16 and under. Collect some free GIANT SUNFLOWER seeds and a guidance sheet from Sheree's Store and get planting.

Your sunflowers will be judged by John Allbutt and winners announced at the Horticultural Show in September.

Enjoy the challenge, **Carol Gaskell**



Having started my sunflowers on the windowsill – possibly a bit too early – I now have ten rather large sunflowers in pots waiting to be planted outside when the weather allows.

At the time of going to print the tallest is already 138cm! I'll keep you posted.

Have fun with your sunflowers, **Tara Barry**

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

SATURDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

TATSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY – AUTUMN SHOW

Please see insert at the centre of this magazine and keep it safe!

TATSFIELD 100 CLUB

Congratulations to the winners of the Tatsfield PFA 100 Club for April 2021:

1 st Prize:	Matthew Perrett	£48.00
2 nd Prize:	Tim Scott	£32.00
3 rd Prize:	Pete Harrison	£16.00

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.

Year 3 start their journey back in time to the Ancient Maya!

We acted as archaeologists and investigated some incredible artefacts, discussing what they may reveal about the ancient civilization.



I think it is a picture they hung on the wall.

This could be a letter or a number.

It looks like it could be a countdown to a special occasion.

One of the symbols round the edge looks like the one on the paper.



There are a group of people. The person in the middle has on a large headdress; they could be a chief.



It looks like the person is being sacrificed

They could be sacrificed to the gods!



It may hold precious herbs or spices as it is quite small.

It has faces around the side.

Maybe it held a candle?

We think this may be a god they worshipped.

The face on the tall pot looks similar to this one!



This could be made from dried plants. It smells strange.

It could have been burned at an important event. Maybe the Maya people put it into that tall pot.



LITTLE ACORNS PRE SCHOOL

Welcome to the summer term at Little Acorns.

This term we have made some lovely biscuits, enjoyed lots of water play outside in the sunshine, practised our writing, listened to lots of different stories, sung along to the piano and been generally very busy!

This is our last term with some of our children before they start at their new 'big' schools in September. Over the next few weeks we will be talking about going to school and all the exciting changes and challenges that this will bring.



At the end of this month we hope to make further progress with our outside play area by having the 'safety' flooring laid. This slightly spongy play surface will be much more child friendly and we have great ideas for ways to make the area more child appealing. We will be looking for support and advice from the village residents who can maybe help us make these ideas into a reality! Anybody who could help us choose and grow some plants and vegetables, anyone who can help us with ideas of how to encourage wildlife/nature into the area (we were thinking of a bug hotel?) – and anybody who is handy or creative and willing to donate any time or construction to make our outside play amazing! If you are able to offer help, creativity or donate something we might be able to use we would be extremely grateful. Please contact us on the telephone or email address below.

If you would like to enquire about a place for your child from 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.

Thank you for reading!

The Little Acorns Team

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NOT SO YOUNG CLUB



How lovely it is that things are slowly getting back to normal, and the village is springing back to life.

Currently it looks like we will be on schedule to hold our first meeting of the year, a Garden Party on Tuesday 13th July. It will be a pleasure to welcome our fully vaccinated members, helpers and committee members back. There are lots for everyone to catch upon so let's hope the sun will shine too. We will be in touch with our members with further details of this event very soon.

The July meeting will commence with a short AGM and will include the election of a new committee. Currently, the committee is running on the minimum number and we are desperately in need of a least one member. It will be extremely sad for the club if we did not have enough committee members to continue, especially as we have managed over the past year. If there is anyone in the village or surrounding area who would like to join us, please do get in contact - it is an extremely worthwhile and rewarding Club to be a part of.

Keep safe

Sue Dowse notsoyoung100@gmail.com 07816110929

BARN THEATRE, OXTED

JULY

LCA Stage Academy – Aladdin JNR & Legally Blond JNR (*LCA Stage Academy performers tread the boards this summer to showcase their talents with Junior Performers (6-11yrs) in Aladdin and Senior Performers (12-18yrs) in Legally Blonde*)

Saturday 17th (6.30) (Tickets (£15.00) available from www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk)

AUGUST

Kenley Holiday Workshop – Oliver (*The award-winning musical adaptation of the classic Dickens novel springs to life with some of the most memorable characters and songs ever to grace the stage*)

Wednesday 11th – Saturday 14th (2.30 (Sat) & 7.30) (Tickets (£17.00) available from 01883 331400 or www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk)

Contact: www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk / 15a High Street, Westerham, Kent TN16 1RA / tel: 01959 561811

ST MARY'S NEWS

"Happy Hour" Coffee to celebrate the arrival of summer

Vince and others from St Mary's, Tatsfield, look forward to welcoming and meeting with you at Sheree's between 10am and 11am on Tuesday 29th June, when the Church will offer a £1 subsidy for every coffee, tea or hot chocolate purchased. Please mention "Happy Hour" when ordering to obtain your discount.



Flower Ladies

Firstly, Jan and I have been amazed at how long the Easter flowers lasted, some of which have only just been disposed of. It is not good to wish one's life away but it will be so good if, in October, we can all be together again for Harvest Festival to create our arrangements and chat and laugh together. Very sadly, Shirley will no longer be with us and will be so missed especially without her organ playing and contribution with her floral arrangements. We will be starting the flower rota once again in June and trust you are all keeping well. **Ann 577127 Jan 577659**

Toilet Twinning Thanks

A big thank you to those who contributed to the recent appeal. Together we raised the £120 to twin our 2 toilets in the Millennium Hall with new toilets in Democratic Republic of Congo and Honduras. Framed certificates (pictured below) have been received for display in the Millennium Hall toilets. For more information about toilet twinning, please visit: www.toilettwinning.org.



Ascension Day

We were blessed with a gap in the rain for our 6am outdoor service with singing and takeaway refreshments on Thursday 13th May. 20 people from various local churches were present and gifts totalling £100 were received for Christian Aid.

Sunday services and Hall usage

Our 9am short spoken Holy Communion service in church and 10am service on Zoom are currently set to continue until at least 20th June. We had hoped to return to a 10am service and possibly re-open the Millennium Hall after 21st June but this is now dependent on Government decisions in the face of the threat posed by the Indian variant of Covid-19. *Service arrangements and further information are published in the notice sheet which can be accessed by clicking on the link on the home page of our website: www.lttm.org.uk/stmarys*

New Parochial Church Council

Following our recent Annual Meeting, our Parochial Church Council (*including vacancies*) is now made up as follows:

Vicar and Chair	Revd Vince Short
Churchwardens	Marjory Broughton and Chris Hancock
Deanery Synod	<i>2 Vacancies for a 2-year term of office</i>

Parochial Church Council Members:

Madie Langford (Treasurer),
Richard Budgen,
Jennifer Evans,
Stephen Jackaman,
Hilary Vale
Rebecca Veale

2 Vacancies for a 2-year term of office

1 Vacancy for a 1-year term of office

The role of PCC Secretary is also to be filled – grateful thanks are expressed to our retiring Secretary, Margaret Grover, for her many years of excellent work in the role.

Churchyard tidy-up (1st Saturday of the month 10am – 12noon)

Thanks again to our socially distanced churchyard tidy-up team for all that they do. Some of our volunteers are seen here taking a well-earned break at a recent work morning. Others are welcome to join with us or simply to come and enjoy the beautiful setting at other times.



Next Food Bank Deliveries

We made another delivery of food to Christ Church Brixton on Monday 17th May. A good quantity of non-perishable food was taken. These items will provide the supplies which are much needed. We have also supported the Westerham food bank with a delivery on Thursday 8th April. There continues to be a growing need for support from families at both Food Banks. Westerham has 50 adults and 55 children registered with them now. If you would like to donate any non-perishable food, for future deliveries, they can be left at The Rectory or please contact me. If you would like to donate in the monetary way, this will be used to purchase further food. Thank you for your support, **Hilary Vale (01959) 577864**

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

76. Billingshurst Group £25 32. K. Munday £15 98. J. A. Howard £10 St Mary's £50

Church Teas

We continue to monitor the Government roadmap out of lockdown in the hope of being able to open for a short period at the end of the season. Any dates will be publicised on our website and Village noticeboards.

Records

20th April Funeral of Joscelyn (Jos) Reeves-Eastwood
26th April Funeral of Brenda (Bee) Garnham
4th May Interment of ashes of Pamela Izzard
14th May Funeral of Doreen Heywood

St Mary's Tatsfield is currently open for private prayer at the following times:

10am-1pm on Thursdays and 1pm-4pm on Sundays

Visitors are required to wear a mask. Please read and follow the **safety guidelines** by the entrance porch, including the use of the **hand sanitiser** provided on entry and exit.

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

TATSFIELD VILLAGE HALL REOPENING

The Tatsfield Village Hall Management Committee are pleased to announce the re-opening the Village Hall on the 6th June 2021 for our regular hall users.

We are planning to re-open the hall from the 21st June 2021 for open bookings.

This is subject to review and could change at any time and will be in line with current Government guidance and legislation.

Further information can be obtained from the Tatsfield Village Hall Web Site on:

www.tatsfieldvillagehall.org.uk

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

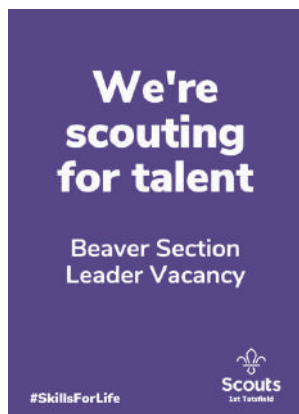
Mayfield Stables, Ricketts Hill Road, Tatsfield, 24 hours a day, on left hand side of entrance.

1ST TATSFIELD SCOUTS







We are pleased to say that our Cubs and Scouts Sections will be returning in September while our Explorers are planning some activities before the summer holidays. If you would like further details please contact the relevant Section Leader via their email below.

cubs	8 - 10½ yrs	Leigh Keegan: cubs.tatsfieldscouting@gmail.com
SCOUTS	10½ - 14 yrs	Matt Regan: mrregan1974@gmail.com
EXPLORERS	14 - 18 yrs	S-J Mumford: sj_466@hotmail.com



Put your skills to use, learn new ones and play an active role in your local community. Tatsfield's Beavers are currently looking for a new Beaver Section Leader to run the colony, to help them get going, get thinking and get stuck into all kinds of things to give them skills for life. You don't have to be Bear Grylls to volunteer but someone who:

-  Enjoys interacting with young people
-  Would be great at organising craft activities
-  Has plenty of energy and enjoys playing games
-  Is patient and caring

A typical week may involve simple task setting, helping our 6 - 8 year old Beavers achieve their award badges, organising and coordinating craft activities, outdoor activities and indoor games. Full training and support will be given and you will be very ably assisted by our Assistant Beaver Leader and parent volunteers.

Interested? Please visit <https://www.scouts.org.uk/volunteer/volunteering-with-scouts/> for more information and contact us via tatsfieldscouting@gmail.com - we'd be delighted to hear from you.

Sarah Tait

Group Secretary, 1st Tatsfield Scouts
Tatsfieldscouting@gmail.com

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE THE TREASURER OF TATSFIELD VILLAGE HALL?

Tatsfield Village Hall have a Vacancy for a Treasurer, this is an established role acting in a voluntary capacity. We are a registered charity in a sound financial position. The Treasurer's duties take on average about 2 hours per week and include:

- Sending out invoices for the bookings
- Recording receipts and payments in the cash book
- Producing a set of monthly accounts to be presented to the monthly committee meetings
- The annual preparation of the accounts and a budget

The other officers in addition to that of Treasurer are:

- Bob David (Vice Chairman)
- Chris Mitton (Secretary)
- Helena Garcia Macleod (Bookings Secretary).

The rest of the management committee consist of representatives of the regular users of the hall.

The hall is booked solidly during weekday day times (mostly by Little Acorns Pre-School) but also in normal times by Bowls and Dog Training classes. Weekday evenings (by regular users such as the Art Group, Table Tennis Club, Badminton Club and Yoga). At weekends it is booked for parties and celebrations, for the Curzon Cinema film showings and for such village events as the Horticultural Shows and the North Downs Sinfonia concerts.

The committee aim to keep the hall in good condition and to keep hire rates as low as possible. Villagers are charged preferential rates.

If you think you may be interested in the role to help preserve this important village facility and for further details, on a no obligation basis, **please contact our Chairman, Lloyd Gulley on 07941 822580 or chairman@tatsfieldvillagehall.org.uk**.

TATSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

AUTUMN SHOW

SATURDAY
11th September 2021

Tatsfield Village Hall
(Open to the public at 3.00 pm)

This is to notify you that we are now able (under Government Rulings) to hold our Autumn Show 2021.

We hope that you will support us, in your usual way, with your splendid entries and attendance in our effort to return to some kind of safe normality.

Attached is the **Autumn Show Schedule** and we look forward to receiving your entries in good time for the show either through the website or to members of the committee by 6pm on the Thursday before the Show (9th September) in the usual way.

Staging your entries on 11th September may commence at 08.30 a.m. but must be completed by 10.30 a.m.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

In the hope that following our release from the Covid restrictions in May and things go according to plan with no further lockdowns or restrictions brought in, please put the following dates in your diaries:

26 June	Visit to Wisley
11 September	Autumn Show – see attached
14 September	Garden Club – Speaker to be announced
9 October	Plant Sale
12 October	Garden Club – Speaker to be announced

Autumn Show Schedule

VILLAGE HALL - 3 p.m. SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11th

Section A. VEGETABLES

Exhibitor with most points in Sections A, B, C, and D wins the President's Challenge Cup, and with most points in Section A wins the Club Challenge Cup. The best exhibit in Section A wins the Ron Draper Award. The best exhibit in Class 31 wins the Allotment Trophy. The best exhibit in classes 8 9 10 and 41 wins the Tony Erbes Cup.

1. Six pods of peas — one variety
 2. Six pods of snap peas or mangetout - one variety
 3. Six runner beans — one variety
 4. Six French beans — one variety
 5. Three beetroot — one variety
 6. Four white potatoes — one variety
 7. Four coloured potatoes — one variety
 8. Four red onions — one variety
 9. Four white, golden or brown onions — one variety
 10. A rope of onions — of at least 8 onions
 11. Twelve shallots — Over 30mm in diameter
 12. Twelve shallots — Pickling, not over 30mm in diameter
 13. Three leeks — one variety
 14. Four carrots — one variety
 15. Three parsnips — one variety
 16. Two cabbages — one variety
 17. One cauliflower
 18. Two marrows — one variety, to exceed 8 inches in length
 19. Three courgettes — one variety, not to exceed 8 inches in length
 20. Six spinach leaves, with stalks — vase provided
 21. Six chard leaves, with stalks — vase provided
 22. Five tomatoes — one variety (ordinary)
 23. Ten tomatoes — one variety, cherry or novelty (under 35mm diameter)
 24. Two lettuce — one variety
 25. Two cucumbers grown in a greenhouse — one variety
 26. Two cucumbers grown outdoors — one variety
 27. Six stems of mixed culinary herbs - vase provided
 28. Parsley, grown in a pot (maximum 7" pot)
 29. A collection of vegetables in a box not larger than 2ft x 2ft. Five distinct kinds, numbers as above
 30. A collection of salad vegetables in a box. Four kinds from the following: 2 lettuce, 1 cucumber, 4 tomatoes, 2 beetroot, 6 radishes, 6 spring onions
 31. A basket of six fruit and/or vegetables grown on the Tatsfield Allotments
 32. A basket of six fruit and/or vegetables not grown on the Tatsfield Allotments
 33. Rhubarb - six sticks, foliage part trimmed
 34. Any vegetable grown in a greenhouse, not covered in previous classes
 35. Two sweet peppers — one variety
 36. Sweet corn — two cobs
 37. Any other vegetable not covered in previous classes
 38. One specimen vegetable
 39. One runner bean — judged on length
 40. One potato — judged on weight
 41. One onion — judged on weight
 42. One marrow — judged on weight
 43. A vegetable disaster (one prize only — points will not count towards trophies)
- JUNIORS SECTION - see Section N for details

Section B. FLOWERS

Exhibitor with most points in this section wins the Elizabeth Challenge Cup and the best exhibit in the dahlia classes wins the Harry Shrubbs Memorial Trophy.

** Special awards of vouchers of £20 for first prize and £10 for the second prize have been donated by Knight's Garden Centre, Woldingham.*

+All entries in these classes are to be displayed in the vases provided at the show.

44. +Three Roses, one or more varieties Hybrid Tea
45. +Three Stems of Floribunda Roses, one or more varieties
46. +Three Roses of one variety, in the bud, half open and fully open stages
47. +One Specimen Rose, any variety
48. +Three Dahlias, decorative up to 6 inches in diameter

49. +Three Dahlias, decorative over 6 inches in diameter
50. +Three Dahlias, Cactus or Semi-Cactus up to 6 inches in diameter
51. +Three Dahlias, Cactus or Semi-Cactus over 6 inches in diameter
52. +Five Dahlias, Pom Pom up to 2 inches in diameter
53. +Three Dahlias, Ball, any size
54. +Vase of three Dahlias, one or more of these varieties: Single, Waterlily, Collarette, Anemone
55. +Three early flowering Chrysanthemums, any variety
56. +Three stems of Spray Chrysanthemums, any variety
57. Three stems of large Gladioli, any variety
58. Vase of five Asters, any variety
59. Vase of five Marigolds, any variety
60. Vase of Sweet Peas, five stems
61. A dish of six Fuchsia blooms displayed on sand
62. +Vase of Hardy Herbaceous Perennial Flowers (not shrubs)
63. +Vase of Annual Flowers
64. Vase of Flowers for Fragrance
65. One Specimen Bloom
66. Largest Annual Sunflower head, measured by width
67. A floral disaster (one prize only – points will not count towards cups)
68. An outdoor Hanging Basket (basket to be no more than 18 inches in diameter)
69. One Patio Planter, any size - for colour
70. +*Vase of mixed Garden Flowers (picked from the garden or allotment); maximum 10 stems [Knight's Garden Centre Award]

Section C. POT PLANTS, Etc

71. One foliage Pot Plant excluding Cactus or Succulent (pot not to exceed 10 inches in diameter)
72. One flowering Pot Plant excluding Cactus, Succulent or Geranium (pot not to exceed 10 inches in diameter)
73. One Cactus or Succulent (container not to exceed 10 inches in diameter)
74. An arrangement for effect for Cacti for Succulents
75. One Geranium (pot not to exceed 10 inches in diameter)
76. One Fuchsia (pot not to exceed 10 inches in diameter)

Section D. FRUIT

77. Three Dessert Apples, one variety
78. Three Culinary Apples, one variety
79. A dish of 15 Raspberries, one variety
80. A dish of any soft fruit other than Raspberries, eg. Blackcurrants, Redcurrants, White Currants, Blackberries, Loganberries, Strawberries
81. Any other fruit not in schedule
82. A basket of Fruit, not larger than 100sq. ins., with at least 5 types of fruit
83. Three non-edible fruit eg. Gourds, fir cones etc.
84. One Dessert Apple, judged on taste
85. A dish of any soft fruit, judged on taste

Section E. FLOWER ARRANGEMENT

The competitor securing most points in Section E wins the McHugo Trophy. The best exhibit in Section E wins the Clark Cup. Alcoves provided 30in. wide, 27in. deep and 32in. high. Unless otherwise specified, flowers and/or foliage, fresh and/or dry, accessories and drapes may be used.

86. 'Summer Holiday' – an arrangement to include a memento or postcard (niche)
87. 'Rugby World Cup' – a Japanese inspired arrangement (niche)
88. 'Man on the Moon' – an arrangement to celebrate the first man on the moon. Maybe you could use a round ball of floral foam on a plate and decorate. These will be available with the compliments of the Society (please pre-order in good time from Sue Warren if you are interested (open table)
89. 'Harvest Thanksgiving' – an arrangement to celebrate harvest (open table)
90. Novice. 'Cook's Delight' – an arrangement in a container from your kitchen eg saucepan, mixing bowl, etc. You can use accessories as well (open table)

Section F. CRAFTS

Exhibitor with the most points in this section wins the Slatter Trophy

Craft items can be interpreted in any medium as long as those materials stipulated are included Exhibitors in this section may, if they wish, offer an exhibit for sale by displaying its price.

91. Paper Lace

92. Winter Woollies – a hand knitted or crocheted clothing item ready for winter
93. A piece of jewellery
94. An Advent Calendar which can store chocolate or similar each day
95. A personalised Tote Bag

Section G. ART

Exhibitor with the most points in this section wins the Peter Warner Trophy. If possible please remove all glass from exhibits prior to bringing to the show.

Unless specified the medium used to interpret the title is up to the artist.

Exhibitors in this section may, if they wish, offer an exhibit for sale by displaying its price.

96. FAIR, TRADE FAIR, one day at a time. A celebration of Tatsfield's decade of FAIRTRADE STATUS
97. The falling leaves drift by my window.....
98. A favourite COSY PLACE
99. WINTER is coming.....

Section H. PHOTOGRAPHY

Exhibitor with the most points in this section wins the Jeff Bloxham Trophy.

All exhibits to be individually mounted or framed print size max 10" x 8". If a photograph is framed it should be capable of being hung. If possible please remove all glass from exhibits prior to bringing to the show. Entrants may include a title.

Exhibitors in this section may, if they wish, offer an exhibit for sale by displaying its price.

100. A young animal
101. Feet
102. Vegetables

SECTION I. DOMESTIC

Exhibitor with most points in Section I wins the Tom Black Cup. Use Fairtrade ingredients where possible.

103. A jar of jam
104. A jar of jelly
105. Pot to plate: An entry consisting of two items: a fruit or vegetable and a cooked product of that fruit or vegetable. Examples might include an apple and an apple pie; a carrot and a carrot cake; and a courgette and a courgette chutney
106. 5 mince pies or tarts, open or closed
107. A savoury pizza of your choice, with a homemade base
108. MEN ONLY : 10 honey melts (set recipe)

SECTION J. PRODUCE

109. Six hen eggs in an egg box – one will be broken by the judge to test for freshness
110. Four eggs from any other domestic fowl

JUNIOR SECTIONS

The Tatsfield School Cup is awarded to the junior exhibitor with the most points from Sections K, L, M, N and O. The Giant Sunflower competition is open to all juniors with prizes for the tallest plant and the largest flower in two age groups - under 9, and 9 - 16 years old (see page 5).

Computer use is acceptable but all pieces must be original. Any craft materials are acceptable eg wood, clay, plastic and cardboard waste.

SECTION K. JUNIORS 2 to 4 years (inclusive)

Please state age on entry form

111. Decorate a paper plate with Woodland Materials (it is 100 years of the Forestry Commission)
112. Make a Monster out of vegetables and/or fruit
113. Decorate a pebble or large stone to resemble an insect or bug

SECTION L. JUNIORS 5 to 11 years (inclusive)

Please state age on entry form

114. Make a 'Tatsfield' Bookmark
115. Make a miniature Seaside Garden in a seed tray (available from committee member Sue Warren on 542892)
116. Make a Super-Hero out of vegetables and/or fruit

SECTION M. JUNIORS 12 to 16 years (inclusive)

Please state age on entry form

- 117. Display a collage of Garden photos
- 118. Design a Garden for a young family
- 119. Make a Super-Hero out of vegetables and/or fruit

SECTION N. Open to all Juniors under the age of 17 years

Please state age on entry form

- 120. Horticulture – 3 vegetables on a plate grown in the garden
- 121. Flower arranging – An arrangement of flowers grown in a vegetable eg a small pumpkin
- 122. Photography – A holiday photograph
- 123. Cookery – 4 decorated cup cakes

SET RECIPE FOR HONEY SELTS (Adapted from Mary Berry)

Oven heated to 180°C (160°C fan) gas 4. Two baking sheets lined with baking paper.

Ingredients

- 100g icing sugar
- 125g softened butter
- 3 egg whites
- 1 tbsp runny honey
- 125g plain flour, plus extra for dusting

Method

Put the icing sugar and butter into a large bowl and whisk until light and fluffy. Add the egg whites slowly, beating all the time. Stir in the honey, then fold in the flour. Wrap in cling film and leave in a refrigerator for one hour. On a work surface lightly dusted with flour, roll the mixture into about 24 balls each the size of a walnut. Arrange half on the baking sheets, spacing them apart to allow them to spread. Bake for about 10 minutes until golden brown. Leave to cool for about 5 minutes before transferring to a wire rack to cool thoroughly. Bake the remainder similarly.

AUTUMN SHOW 2021 ENTRY FORM

All queries to Show Secretary: Carol Gaskell, 01959 577724

This form should be completed and delivered by **6pm on the Thursday** before the Show to a Committee member – their addresses are overleaf.

Entries may also be made through the website: tatsfieldhorticulturalsociety.weebly.com

PLEASE PRINT ALL NAMES IN BLOCK CAPITALS

Surname:		Address:			
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		address			
Adults		Numbers of classes entered			
First name					
First name					
Juniors under 17					
Names(s)	Age				

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A REMINDER

Please note that there are four sections for the juniors —please check that juniors are entered in the correct sections.

A REQUEST

Exhibitors in the horticultural sections are invited to indicate, where appropriate, the variety of their exhibits when displaying these for judging.

Notes and Reminders

GATHERING NO MOSS

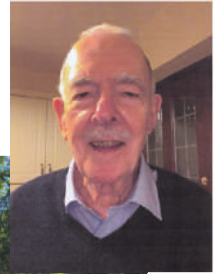
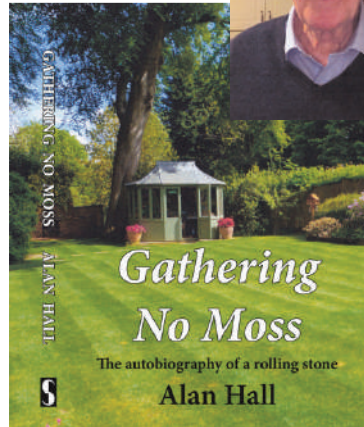
Tatsfield resident Alan Hall has published his autobiography. *Gathering No Moss* is his story – telling of his education, his work in East Africa and with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation.

His experience led to him being appointed Deputy Director of the Centre for International Briefing at Farnham Castle, Surrey, helping develop better understanding of cross-cultural relations.

Post-retirement, he keeps an eye on our changing world!

If you would be interested in a copy, please contact Alan:

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BRAND NEW JOB CLUB LAUNCHING SOON!

Have you been searching for a job but to no avail? Do not worry, help is at hand with a new job club launching in June within the Oxted District organised jointly by Churches Together Oxted District (CTOD) and Titsey Rotary Club. As a member of the job club, you will be able to receive one to one mentoring from an experienced job club volunteer and also access small group seminars that will keep you motivated during your search for employment. Both the one to one mentoring and seminars are designed to help you to:

- Overcome the disappointment of being out of work.
- Determine career direction based on personal strengths and preferences
- Research relevant sectors/companies
- Complete CV and job applications
- Prepare for job interviews
- Prepare for effective networking
- Negotiate job offers

For more information about how to join this free job club please contact Richard Piskorz at jobcluboxteddistrict@gmail.com



The Fairtrade Tea Tent is Back!



**Saturday 26th of June 10.00am
on the Green outside of Sheree's stores**

Please come and join us for a FREE Fairtrade tea, coffee, or hot chocolate. Also, there will be an opportunity to try the Fairtrade olive oil, almond and chocolate cookies (see following recipe).

Plus, a chance to browse and buy Fairtrade goods and gifts, a sample of these products was being sold in Sheree's stores during Fairtrade Fortnight 2021.

Fairtrade olive oil, almond and chocolate cookies

Ingredients

- 100g Zaytoun almonds
- 200g self-raising flour
- 200g plain flour
- ½ tsp salt
- 140ml of Zaytoun olive oil
- 200g Fairtrade dark brown, soft sugar
- 100g Fairtrade caster sugar
- 1 tsp Fairtrade vanilla extract
- 1 egg and 1 egg yolk
- 100g dark Fairtrade chocolate, cut into small pieces.



This recipe makes 20 – 25 cookies.

Method

Preheat the oven to 200°C or Gas Mark 6 and line two large baking trays with parchment paper.

Roughly chop the almonds and then mix the chunks with the flours and salt in a large bowl.

Then add the sugars and vanilla extract to the olive oil and whisk well.

Beat the eggs into the mixture, then pour into the flour mix and stir well. Add the chocolate chunks and mix.

Roll the dough pieces into small balls, about the size of a walnut, and space them out on the baking trays. Flatten each ball slightly with the palm of your hand.

Bake for 10 minutes or until lightly brown. Let them cool before transferring to a cooling rack. Eat when cool or store in a biscuit tin.

Zaytoun olive oil supports 2,500 families to earn a sustainable living in Palestine.

Calling all prospective digital journalists or Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme students

Would you like to help Tatsfield Fairtrade Group to maintain their website and social media accounts? We have an opportunity to develop your skills as a copywriter and gain experience that could be useful for your personal statement, CV, or DoE award.

If you are interested in giving up to one hour a week, please contact tatsfieldfairtradegroup@gmail.com

Tatsfield Fairtrade Group



THE NIGHT SKY IN TATSFIELD – JUNE 2021

Venus is becoming gradually more obvious in the evening skies immediately after sunset. On the 1st of the month, as soon as the Sun has set, you should be able to see Venus at an altitude of 11° in the west-north-west (WNW). If you wait until the end of civil twilight (Sun 6° below the horizon) you will find the planet slightly further to the NW but by then it will be just 5° high. By the end of June things have improved only marginally with Venus being fractionally further above the horizon despite the distance between it and the Sun increasing considerably.

Both Jupiter and Saturn are early morning objects rising around 1am at the start of the month although both will rise before midnight by the end. Jupiter is high between the south and south-east around 4am with Saturn much fainter and around 20° to the west (right). A waning gibbous Moon is south west of Jupiter on the 1st and south east of it on the 29th.

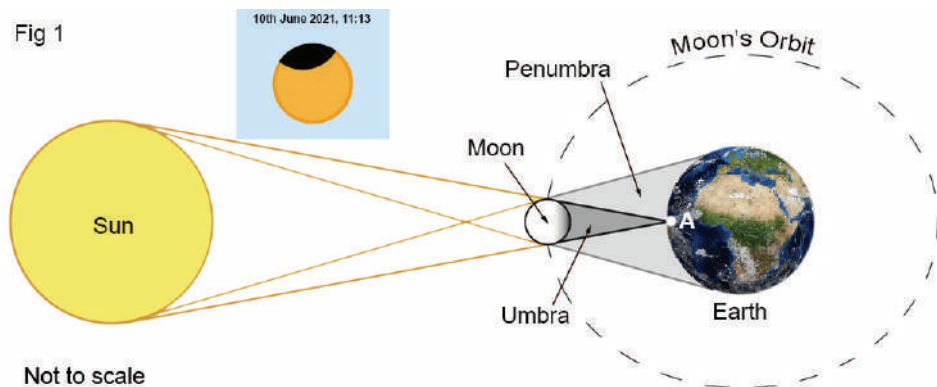
As I mentioned last month, if we are lucky with the weather on the morning of June 10th, we will see a partial eclipse of the Sun.

A solar eclipse is caused by the Moon moving between the Earth and Sun and covering the Sun's disk. Due to the happy coincidence that the Sun is 400 times more distant than the Moon but also 400 times larger, the two bodies appear approximately the same size in the sky. I say approximately for a good reason. As you will know the orbit of the Moon around the Earth and the Earth around the Sun are not perfect circles but are instead ellipses. The result of this is that the distances between the three bodies are constantly changing meaning that, for example, when the Moon is closer to us, as at the time of a "supermoon" it looks a little larger than normal. Conversely, when the Moon is further away it appears smaller which is the circumstance that occurs on June 10th.

Most of the time the Moon is large enough to hide the Sun's disk entirely and allow us to briefly see the Sun's outer atmosphere – the corona. However, occasionally when the Moon is closer to apogee (its furthest from us) it's not large enough to hide the Sun in its entirety with the result that a ring of the Sun remains visible around the dark body of the Moon when the eclipse is central. This is called an annular eclipse because an annulus of the Sun remains on view and this is the type of eclipse that occurs on June 10th.

The diagrams show the situation during a total and annular eclipse. Where the umbral shadow cone touches the Earth's surface (point A in fig 1) is where you can see the total phase of an eclipse from and as you can tell, this area is very small. Because the Earth is rotating, that tiny point describes an arc over the duration of the eclipse. If however you were standing in the penumbral shadow, you would see a partial eclipse where the Sun looks as if a bite has been taken out of it which is how it will appear to us. The inset image in fig 1 shows how the Sun will appear from southern England at maximum eclipse on June 10th.

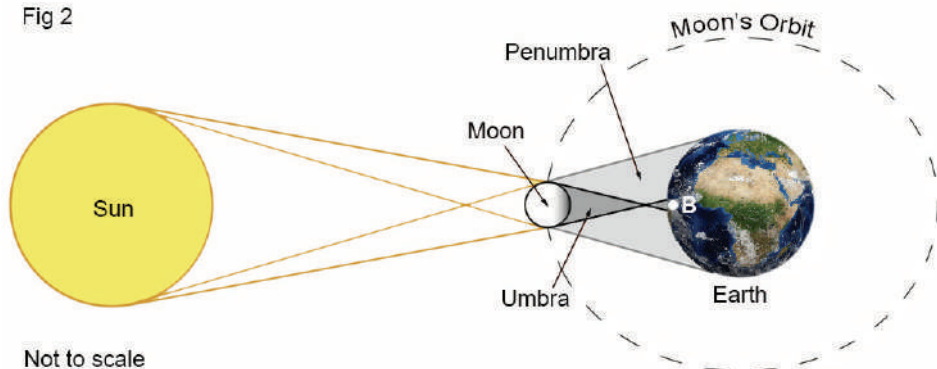
Fig 1



Not to scale

In the case of an eclipse that occurs when the Moon is further away from us, the umbral shadow cone is too short to reach the Earth with the result that at the time of maximum eclipse, someone standing at point B in fig 2 would see the dark body of a new Moon with a ring of sunlight around it.

Fig 2



Not to scale

On June 10th the eclipse begins for us at 10:08 with maximum eclipse taking place at 11:13. The Moon leaves the Sun's disk at 12:22. Please remember you must **NEVER** look at the Sun with any optical aid or your eyes will be permanently damaged. If you watch the event with the naked eye, make sure you use "solar eclipse glasses" that are sold by reputable companies for around £3 to £4 and reduce the intensity of sunlight by 99.99%. An example is www.firstlightoptics.com

Brian Mills FRAS

COMMUNITY COMPOSTING PROJECT

With Summer on the horizon, the composting team have settled into a rhythm, processing everything thrown at us and producing luscious garden gold. Having introduced an additional session on Wednesdays, the energetic and frighteningly enthusiastic volunteers have successfully implemented more efficient and effective processes and now are able to produce significant quantities of high-grade compost, each week. Incorporating horse manure and bark chippings to garden waste, the end product is organically rich and is a robust soil conditioner. Our compost is ideal for adding as a mulch to flower or vegetable beds or around shrubs or trees.

We are open to the public on most Saturdays (weather permitting) from 10 am till midday. We urgently need your contributions of garden waste (grass clippings and hedge trimmings). You can also purchase bags or even barrow-loads of our excellent compost. If you are a member of the Tatsfield Horticultural Society (or are a Tatsfield allotmentor), you can take advantage of a discounted rate of £1.25 per bag or £2.50 a barrow, an excellent reason to join the THS if you are not already a member. Non-members pay £2.00 per bag or £5.00 per barrow load. Please bring your own bags or sacs. Recycling garden waste from the village back into our gardens keeps our carbon footprint small.

We also welcome new volunteers to join our friendly and happy team. Just pop in on a Wednesday afternoon or a Saturday morning.

We are found in the village allotment site, on your right, heading out of the village on Approach Road, as the road bends after the green.

Help us keep the village green.

Dilogen de Alwis

IN PRAISE OF THE NETTLE

Nettles have long been held as difficult and annoying weeds in our gardens. We have all been stung by them and gardeners have fought with their extensive root systems. Many naturalists and gardeners, however, are beginning to recognise that nettles are not the enemy, but a important ally in our garden and environment.

Many butterflies depend on nettles as a vital source of food for their caterpillars. These include the tortoiseshell, the comma and the peacock, as well as many moths. Leaving patches of nettles will help to protect these species. Additionally, if they lay eggs on



the nettles, then your vegetables and flowers will be less likely to be attacked by caterpillars.

More than forty other species of insects live on nettles. Aphids are attracted to nettles and this will keep them from your fruit and vegetable plants. In turn, Aphids will attract natural predators such as lady birds, damsel flies and hover flies to your garden.

All the insect life around nettle patches also provide food for frogs, toads, hedgehogs and shrews.

Nettles produce large quantities of seeds that are a good source of food for house sparrows, chaffinches, and bullfinches.

Many insects are keystone species and their decline affects the entire ecosystem. Just leaving a patch of nettles is a simple and effective step we can all take to help our threatened world.

We too can benefit from nettles. They can be eaten: the fresh tips can be used like spinach and cooked in a variety of dishes, and also made into teas and soups. There are many recipes on the internet. Nettles also make a rich, deep green dye that can be used to colour food.

There are nutritional benefits to eating nettles. They are rich in minerals such as Calcium, iron, magnesium, phosphorus, potassium and sodium. Additionally, they contain significant amounts of vitamins including A, C and K. Nettles also contain many beneficial antioxidant pigments and polyphenols, although probably not in significant levels compared to dark coloured fruits and vegetables such as beetroot, carrots, plums etc.

Less well supported by good research are the various health benefits and medicinal recommendations. A quick search on the internet will throw up wonderful lists of diseases that can be treated with nettle formulations but there is little robust evidence to support many of these claims.

Gardeners too can benefit from preserving a patch of nettles. By having an extensive and deep root system, nettles are more efficient than most vegetables and flowers in absorbing minerals from the soil. This fact has been used by some canny gardeners who use nettles as nutrient-rich, organic, fertilisers.

Traditionally, gardeners have crushed or shredded nettles which are steeped in water, allowing them to rot. This “nettle tea”, however, stinks (as does the much-venerated comfrey tea). When the liquid stops stinking, it’s ready to be added to your plants in a much-diluted form as an efficient liquid fertiliser.

A better way, minus the stink, is to ferment the nettles by adding some sugar to the mix – it’s also faster. There is a lot of lore about the exact way to do this and makes for interesting debate

As for me, my technique is based on the same principles as making Kimchi or other fermented foods. Use three parts of crushed or shredded leaves to two parts of brown

sugar. I put all of this with a little rainwater (or bottled still water – chlorinated water will hinder the organisms that produce fermentation) into a liquidiser. Once you have a thick mush, decant into a bottle and place a weight on top of the material to hold it down so that all of the bits remain within the liquid. This prevents moulds forming on top. You can get fermentation jars with glass or ceramic weights from Amazon or other retailers. You can use a stone as the weight but best sterilise it first by steeping in boiling water for a few minutes. Leave the mix in a warm dark place for at least a week. Then mix in a ratio of one part to ten parts of water to apply to your plants. Leave a little behind to add to the next batch as the active culture of organisms will kick-start the process.

This diluted nettle fertiliser is supposed to work well as a foliar feed but I am not convinced of the science behind foliar feeding. I add it directly to the soil.



Interestingly, several other “weeds” including dock and dandelions are also packed with minerals as their deep root systems extract nutrients that cannot be reached by the shallower roots of most vegetables and annual flowers. They too can be fermented into similar feeds, either on their own or as a mixture.

It is important to understand that both rotting and fermentation does not increase the amount of minerals and other nutrients, but simply makes it available in a form that can be readily absorbed by plants. If you just mash up the leaves and add to the soil around your plants, they will extract the same nutrients as the nettle leaves breakdown, albeit over a longer time.

If you continue to harvest the same patch of nettles many times over, however, you will exhaust the mineral and nutrient content of that patch of earth. So I would suggest that you keep your patch of nettles for the wildlife in your garden but harvest nettles sparingly on your countryside walks, avoiding using the same patches each time. Given time, natural decomposition will return nutrients to the soil and you can return to the same patch after a year or so.

So the next time you reach for those gloves and a fork, take a moment to consider this unsung hero. Preserving a patch of nettles in your garden is another little thing that can save our ecosphere.

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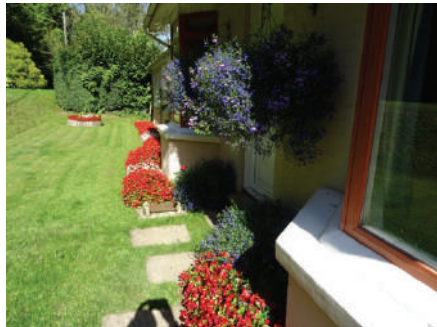
HINTS AND TIPS FOR GARDENING IN TATSFIELD

Making a bright splash of summer colour

This is the fourth in the series of articles by committee members of the Horticultural Society.

I have been a keen gardener all my adult life, which has been mainly here in Tatsfield, where I have been lucky enough to have a large garden at the end of Ninehams Road. My first gardening love was growing vegetables, and I still grow many vegetables, but I like growing flowers too, mostly annuals.

What I particularly like is making a bright splash of colour in the summer, as large and bright as I can manage. There is nothing skilful or difficult in this – anyone can do it who is prepared to spend the time and apply themselves to the job. And you might get a suntan as well as a bright summer garden! I think the best way to illustrate this is with pictures, which is why much of this article consists of photos.



I fill most of my summer flower beds with bedding begonias, whose proper name is *Begonia Semperflorens*. They are shortish plants, perhaps 8 inches high. My beds are completely filled with red flowers, with the odd dash of white (there are also begonias with pink flowers available). The plants come with a choice of two different colour leaves – green or bronze – and you can choose whichever combination you want.

These plants have a number of plus points for the amateur gardener: the plants don't mind if we don't have much rain, slugs don't like them, they don't need dead-heading - and most important for those of you, like me, whose gardens are vulnerable to deer, those animals won't eat them.

I buy my begonias as small plants from a garden centre or nursery



towards the end of each spring and plant them in beds in my front and back gardens once the danger of frost has gone. To have maximum impact, the plants should be planted close enough to each other so that they make a solid mass of colour when they



are fully grown (with no soil to be seen in between). That's it. Nothing more to do, other than keep the beds watered (but not in bright sunlight as the plants will burn) and weeded.

I hope you succeed in having a bright summer splash. I am afraid the plants won't survive outside once the frosts arrive, but I know some friends whose begonias have done well when brought indoors.

Bob David

TATSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Visit to the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Gardens at Wisley

This year the THS Committee is arranging a group visit on **Saturday 26 June** to the RHS Gardens at Wisley. At that time of year, we will be able to see the gardens when the Summer bedding is out, and the trials are well under way in the Portsmouth Field. The organisers also confirmed that our visit is well timed as the new **RHS Hilltop – The Home of Gardening Science** opens up on 24 June.

The suggestion is that we should all meet at Wisley at 10.00 on 26th June outside at the entrance by the Café. It is a free event for you, and family and friends are welcome. If you would like to join us for this visit please contact **Sue Warren**, on 01959 542892 and she will put you on the list.

An early response would be welcome.

Pamela Bishop

THE TATSFIELD GARDENER IN JUNE

We are bombarded with data these days and it is very understandable that we tend to be sceptical about a lot of it. The climate scientists are telling us that we must expect changes to our weather patterns, especially in the South, to a more Mediterranean type. We were told that rainfall would become more erratic with a tendency for more big falls of rain and periods of dry weather. After a very wet winter we had a very dry April; average rainfall should have been around 60mm but in fact we managed just 3.2mm in Tatsfield and that was in two days. May is looking better with 52mm so far by mid-month (the average for May is around 58). Frosts have been few and the prospects for frost free mornings are good, very important now as our fruit trees have flowered and are at the critical stage of setting fruit.

Early sowings of vegetables are growing strongly and the prospects for good crops are good; but have you planned what you will be sowing or planting in those empty spaces after picking these early crops? Successional sowing and planting is the way to ensure you can continue to harvest crops during the summer months and on into the autumn. Sow a selection of quick maturing crops like lettuce, spring onions, radishes, stump rooted carrots and also plant out summer cabbage and cauliflowers. The Tatsfield Horticultural Society have decided to have the Autumn Show on Saturday 11th September. Have a look at the Show Schedule, you will find a good selection of categories to suit your interests, the Society is particularly keen to have more entries by children.

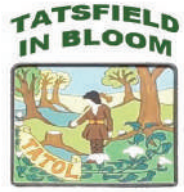
The old saying "If the Ash be before the Oak, we will have a soak, but if the Oak be before the Ash then we will have a splash" My observations this year give the Oak a clear lead over the Ash, maybe, just maybe, we might have a hot dry summer? The poor Ash continues to suffer greatly from the dreaded Ash Dieback disease. Last year it was very bad in and around Tatsfield and I am already seeing many trees with a lot of dead wood and unable to make a full leaf canopy. The latest advice from the experts suggests that there are some trees showing resistance and more work is needed to understand if this will be a permanent situation. The Parish Council have carried out work in the Millennium and Kemsley Woods, it will be very interesting to see whether the regrowth from these stumps will be able to resist further infection.

We had some superb displays of *Clematis montana* in the village, but I notice that many are now very big plants growing along the tops of wooden fence panels. These lovely plants are now growing fast to make shoots ready to flower next year. This heavy growth will make fence panels very vulnerable to damage by the wind; now is a good time to give them a severe 'haircut'! Remove the old growth making sure to check carefully that there are no active nesting birds please! This will generate a lot of prunings; pack them in bags and take them up to the community composting site at the allotments any Saturday morning between 10.00 and 12.00 and we will turn your green waste in the famous Tatsfield Black Gold compost ready for you to buy and put on the garden!

Jon Allbutt

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The Sunflower competition is running again for this year. Entry forms and sunflower seeds are available from Sheree's or from the Office at Tatsfield School.

This year it is obviously going to be difficult to ask for sponsorship from local businesses, but if you would like to make a donation to help with the cost of the plants, etc., please use the slip below or slip your change into the collection pot in Sheree's shop.

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Jill Hancock (577622)



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TATSFIELD A CENTURY AGO

Among issues making headlines in the local papers in June 1921 were overcrowding in

poor housing and the prospect of new bus services. There were also detailed reports on the social activities undertaken by villagers. These included the Choral Society's coach trip to Crystal Palace and the well-attended Annual General Meeting of the Football Club, where the possibility of raising a second eleven was raised.



According to the Surrey Mirror, the Parish Council continued to worry about the dangerous corner at the bottom of Ship Hill and asked for the hedge in the dip of the road to be replaced by a fence. Demand for allotments meant that an extra acre of land might be needed but members decided to check whether the existing plots were being properly cultivated before asking the Titsey Estate for more land. Concern was also expressed about the fact that at least three condemned, insanitary houses in different parts of the parish were still occupied.

Later in the month, a public meeting at the hall in Paynesfield Road was told about one of the sadder consequences of the 1914-18 conflict – war orphans. An appeal was made to help the one third of the 500 boys being cared for by the Farningham and Swanley Homes for Boys who were orphans. They had to be cared for or they would 'go to waste', was the message. Every boy, the audience was told, 'might be a potential Livingstone, Nelson or Shakespeare' with the proper training.

The Parish Council was updated about plans by the London General Omnibus Company to run a bus service which would serve Tatsfield. This was also the subject of detailed discussion by Godstone Rural District Council (one of Tandridge District Council's predecessors) in June 1921. There appeared to be no timetable link between routes of the recently-set-up London General Omnibus Company and one run by the long-established East Surrey Traction Company.

Several plans were discussed. The East Surrey company had given notice of one route from Sevenoaks to Croydon and another from Edenbridge to Sanderstead, both via Warlingham and Botley Hill. In addition, the London company was offering a route from South Croydon to Westerham via Botley Hill. One district councillor was worried about the viability of three routes covering Warlingham while Whyteleafe was offered nothing.

Attention was also drawn to the fact that timetables of the two companies' existing services in Godstone and Caterham were not convenient for passengers changing from one route to another. Some members said the Home Office should impress upon the London company that it should run the 'buses for the benefit of the public as well as for themselves'. 'You can't do that', said the chairman, 'it is a commercial undertaking'. After it was pointed out that the council did have the power to refuse consent, it was nevertheless agreed to offer no objection to what was planned.

The local Highways Surveyor was then called in to the meeting and was asked about the effect of the extra number of buses on road surfaces. He suggested that if buses were allowed to use these second class roads, there would be a good case for the roads to be re-classified as first class. That would mean responsibility for them would pass from the district to the County Council. That sounds familiar!

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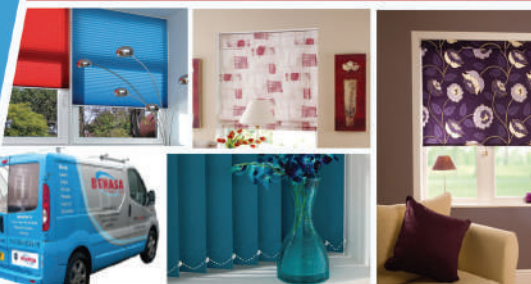


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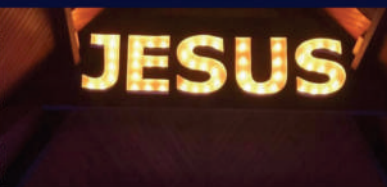
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This is the biggest golf tour in the UK and it is the first time we are welcoming the UK Golf Tour to TN16!

Subject to approval, you will be permitted to bring your own advertisement at our venue at your allocated space.

The Birdie Sponsorship: Monday 19th - 23rd July 2021

Take this opportunity to take one step further and spend the whole week with us. We would like to invite you to the whole week of this event which is featured on Sky Sports.

Sponsor a hole and have your company banner displayed around a tee box. These premium banners will be made via the design at Matchroom sport. Your company banners will be set up for the whole week and will be exposed to hundreds of golfers and the public.

£500 (+ VAT) will include a professionally made banner by Matchroom sport (In partnership with PGA Europro Tour) which will be located on the Golf Course for the whole week.

The Eagle add on: For an additional fee of £100 (+ VAT)

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