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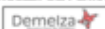
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## EDITORIAL

Whenever I start to talk about a problem, my wife, Veronica, says to me “Now tell me about the opportunity!” With the advent of Coronavirus, there is the opportunity for us to demonstrate the same Tatsfield spirit that has been in evidence during hard winters and storms in times gone by. For those who are more mature or know their history, the battle before us may also evoke memories of wartime, with the call to pull together; to look out for one another and the common good; and for everyone to play their part.

As in wartime, there will be some who make special sacrifices. They deserve our prayers and our praise – especially those involved in healthcare but also those in Government, as they grapple with difficult decisions and the scientists who strive to provide the longer-term solution through the provision of a vaccine in large quantities. I’m sure you can think of others.

I was so distracted with our “problem” – sorry – “opportunity”, that I almost forgot that we normally look forward to Easter in this month’s editorial. There might be plenty of space in church if we are still allowed to meet, allowing for the effects of self-isolation and any compulsory isolation measures that may be in place. If we cannot meet in church or other settings, then the younger members of the wider community could lead the way, as they are often the experts in social contact via electronic means. The bigger churches could live-stream a message, if not a full service, as some already do. On TV there’s always Songs of Praise and so on.

At the heart of Easter there is a good news story, which, in Christian belief, is for us all. No-one is immune to sin and its effects, but God comes among us in the person of Jesus Christ to suffer and die on the Cross to provide the cure – forgiveness of sin and a right relationship with God for all who look to Him. Key to this is the Biblical claim that He rose again from the dead on the third day, which is what we celebrate on Easter Sunday and, indeed, every Sunday until He returns.

Like everyone else, the Church has had to make changes, but we seek to continue to pray and, as far as possible, provide the opportunity for public worship. Additionally, if any need our help, please ask and we’ll try to assist or find someone else who can.

**God bless,**

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



### **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.

## LETTERS

**Dear Editors,**

Following my last letter regarding non-recyclable packaging, particularly related to the large amounts of bird food we all hopefully purchase to keep our precious wild birds happy, I have an update the Village may find interesting.



**Cartoon: David Myers**

I contacted the RSPB again to let them know their response would be published in our Tatsfield Parish Magazine and received an immediate reply: “Many thanks for letting us know that you will be including some of my reply in your Parish Magazine. It’s wonderful to hear how much your village is doing to help wildlife. It is a sad fact that these days there are ever-increasing problems facing wildlife and the environment. We would like to assure you that the Society will continue to do all it possibly can to protect birds and their habitats and, in doing so, secure a safer future for us all”.

The reply from Gardman (Westland) was not so fulsome. Also, they do not want their replies circulated other than to recipients and have disclaimers to that effect. But I can say they are working on it as they want to “get it right”. The BTO (British Trust for Ornithology) have not so far replied but have accepted my e-mail.

Am glad to say my National Trust for Scotland quarterly magazine arrived over the past few days in a very attractive and colourful 100% recyclable paper envelope for the first time! Although a member from the 1980’s it’s nothing to do with me – many others writing and demanding a change no doubt. The Editor of another Cornish magazine “Cornwall Life” tells me that she and others from the large, countrywide “Life” magazine juggernaut, such as “Kent Life” and “Surrey Life” are looking at ways to do the same.

Now, Neil Armstrong, walking on the moon ... where’s that balloon?

**Lin Saines**

**Dear Editors,**

**The Titsey Estate – Titsey Hill, March 2020**

The Titsey Estate as part of its Woodland Management Plan, approved by the Forestry Commission, is carrying out woodland operations in and around Titsey Hill. This is mainly due to a large number of ash trees that are suffering from Ash Dieback (Chalara) and an aging row of Beech trees that require remedial works. These trees are becoming increasingly dangerous and, in particular, they must be made safe within falling distance of the road.



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Members of the public are urged to be cautious and to follow any signage advising them to keep clear of certain areas, particularly around Titsey Hill. There will be an emergency road and footpath closure during this time to ensure safety of members of the public, and Titsey Hill may be closed for a number of days. We are unsure of timings at present because of the weather but please keep an eye out for signs and advanced warning notices of closure.

Thank you. Best wishes

**Florence Wolfe MRICS FAAV, Associate Director**

## **NEW ADVERTISERS**

We would like to welcome the following new advertisers and thank them for their support of our magazine:

- Tatsfield Village Club & Post Office
- Biggin Hill Steel
- Chandler Mortgages
- Created Lovely
- Inflated Creations
- Biggin Hill Paint Shop
- E.Products
- Westerham Place

### **A NOTE FROM THE EDITORS**

Due to the rapidly changing situation due to the Coronavirus pandemic, some events which are advertised may have to be postponed or cancelled. We have tried to be as accurate as possible at the time of going to print, but things may change further so please check with the organisers.

**Thank you for your understanding.**

### **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

**CLAIRE COUTINHO, MP FOR EAST SURREY**

**Constituency Surgery**

**Tatsfield Village Hall**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020, 10am-12.00pm**

**ALL WELCOME**

## TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March. At least on this occasion the weather had improved after all the recent storms and incessant rain.

Kim Jennings our Chairman had reluctantly given her apologies so, as in February, I again chaired the meeting. Regrettably, I had the unenviable task of opening the meeting by referring to two really sad events. After reporting the sad death of Wendy Maddison at the previous meeting, on this occasion it was the sad passing of Carol Jordan and Tina Miles. Both had been long-standing friends to many people in Tatsfield. Carol had been a Parish Councillor, a school governor, a Trustee of Citizens Advice and founding member and Secretary of the Village Hall Management Committee. She was also a leading light of the Food and Wine Society as well as the Book Club. Tina was one of Kim's very best friends, a life-long member of the Tatsfield Club and a founder member of Tatty Knitters. Sincere condolences were expressed to their families and friends; both Carol and Tina will be sorely missed.

### Planning

The Parish Council considered six planning applications in February:

**TA/2020/167 and TA/2020/202 – Clacket Lane Motorway Services TN16 2ER.** Erection of two digital advertising boards one on either side of the motorway between the parking areas and the service station entrances. Screens to be above head height, neither to be visible from the motorway or Clacket Lane. The PC had no comment.

**TA/2020/265 – Westwood Farm Barn, Clacket Lane TN16 2EP.** Change of use of a small timber barn into office accommodation without changing the form or character of the existing building. The PC had no comment.

**TA/2020/283 – 47 Paynesfield Road TN16 2BG.** Replacement of existing single-storey conservatory with larger conservatory. Same width and distance from boundary but longer into the back garden. The PC had no comment.

**TA/2019/359 – 29 Westmore Road TN16 2BD.** Conversion of existing garage to study and bedroom within the defined village. A previous application to replace the garage had been refused. The PC had no comment.

**TA/2019/1711 – 50 Crossways TN16 2BW.** Appeal against previous decision of TPC and TDC to refuse the erection of fencing. The PC continues to oppose these plans and will ask the Inspector to dismiss this appeal. The proposed fencing is out of context in a rural setting on a prominent street corner. Furthermore, the sleepers laid down 2 years ago encroached on the public highway narrowing the road and causing obstruction, also causing the loss of the grass verge. The PC agreed to raise this encroachment issue again with SCC to seek enforcement of the replacement of the grass verge.

### **Tatsfield in Bloom**

I am sure that everybody will be pleased to hear that the situation regarding insurance for our worthy band of volunteers has been resolved after a period of real uncertainty. As most of you will know it transpired that, unbeknown to us all, the presumed insurance covering Tatsfield in Bloom (TIB) volunteers did not exist after all. After a huge amount of work to get to the bottom of this, mainly by Sam our TPC clerk, and several hastily-called meetings involving TIB and TPC representatives, TIB insurance is now in place. Massive thanks to Stephen Mittens for arranging what is now a separate TIB policy. TPC has agreed to fund this year's premium. For clarity, it has now been established that TIB is a volunteer group that carries out horticultural activities within the Parish with the gratitude and grant-based financial support of the Parish Council but are NOT employees of the council. Many thanks to John Allbutt, Bob David and Pam Bishop for helping us get this matter resolved and of course to the volunteer team for all the hard work that they continue to do to keep our village looking the way it does. See you all on Saturday....

### **Tatsfield Beer Festival**

TPC were delighted once again to agree to plans submitted for the Annual Beer Festival on Westmore Green which will be held this year on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September. It will follow the same format as in previous years and subject to the same conditions. Advertising will be displayed for two weeks prior to the event. Please put the date in your diaries now...and let us hope for similar weather to last year!

### **Fairtrade**

Jason Syrett got all our taste buds going when reporting on the Fairtrade Group's recent Chocolate Morning in the Village Hall. He particularly highlighted the inspirational talk given by a lady called Rosine Bekoin from the Cote D'Ivoire about her drive and passion to establish her own cocoa farm. A brilliant morning for all those lucky enough to attend.

### **Closure of Ricketts Hill Road (RHR)**

A member of the public expressed real concern about the wholly inadequate arrangements for the closure of Ricketts Hill Road on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March, extending possibly to the end of that week. He quoted some appalling examples of traffic problems that had ensued that day, most of which could have been avoided with better planning, including the bus having to turn round in RHR, congestion in Lusted Hall Lane and diversions all the way to Westerham. Cllr Becky Rush, our Surrey CC colleague was in attendance and promised to take the matter up with Highways.

### **Policies**

A number of policies were finalised and approved including, most importantly, a revised TPC Emergency Plan which will be circulated to all those involved. Most recently, of course, and since our TPC meeting, coronavirus has affected all of our thinking and support for all those in the village who may need it in the coming weeks and months will be crucial. Thanks to several councillors and others, we have now published a document headed Coronavirus: Community Support Advice which appears in full elsewhere in this edition of the Parish Magazine. It will also be delivered to residents. We have had



tremendous support from Sheree's store and the Post Office so nobody should go short. Do please look out for friends and neighbours who may need support. There will regular updates on Tatsfield Talk.

**David Pinchin, Vice-Chair**

**Tatsfield Parish Council (Email: [davidpinchin@tatsfieldparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:davidpinchin@tatsfieldparishcouncil.org.uk))**

## **TANDRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL**



The Local Government Association is continuing to work with the Council on Governance and Strategic Planning to ensure better transparency and trust in the future.

Unfortunately, due to the Coronavirus situation a working group that was due to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> March was postponed so we have had to put this part of the improvement strategy on hold.

An emergency staffing meeting with CEO of TDC was held as part of a Group Leaders' Update on the Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and it was good news that the structure of the Council was being remodelled and new appointments and structures will return the council to a responsible working model again.

A Housing Meeting that was due on 12<sup>th</sup> March was completed and some important strategy in regard to Housing in the district was agreed going forward.

Council tax bills have recently arrived and included inside was a Leaflet from the Police and Crime Commissioner/Police in which it was confirmed that the promise the PCC made about increased staffing within the Police service in Surrey as a result of last year's increase has been made and further promises regarding increasing in staff will come in to effect during this tax year. Good news for us all.

I attended Kemsley Copse with Thames Water and TDC regarding the on-going flooding issue down in the unmade part of Westmore Road. Thames Water has agreed to come back with their response and a set of actions going forward.

I am pleased to advise that a good working and financial arrangement has been agreed between Tatsfield Parish, Surrey County, Tandridge District and your District councillor which has seen the Corner of Crossways and Westmore Green be reinstated and is now much safer for pedestrians walking along here and some good and positive reports have already been received.

Also pleasing to see that Old Lane has finally been repaired to some level although I have asked our current County Councillor to check what they previously had



said in that these roads have a ten year guarantee and should be repaired at no cost to the council tax payers - we will see what the response is shortly.

I am still receiving reports of multiple "overflying" which I am checking. Cllr Pinchin and I are meeting with the CEO of Biggin Hill Airport in April and will pursue this issue further.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> March the Appeal Notice on the Appeal Ref: APP/M3645/W/19/3232423 Land between Downalong and The Retreat, Kemsley Road, Tatsfield, Surrey TN16 2BH was announced and the Inspector dismissed the appeal. It was therefore pleasing to see that the inspector had taken the view to protect the Green Belt around the village.

The Tandridge magazine will have arrived by the time I write this and it contains lots of helpful and council related issues - especially about what can go in which bin. I am still seeing many plastic bags being left out and they will definitely not be collected so please read all of the guidelines within the magazine.

A reminder for your diaries for the Bulky Rubbish Clearance weekends for 2020:

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May 7.30a.m. – 10.45 a.m. in the Village Hall Car Park.

**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)  
Or [martin\\_allen@talk21.com](mailto:martin_allen@talk21.com)**

## **POLICING**

Hello Tatsfield, nice to see the village in full bloom. Hopefully by the time these words are read, we will all still be allowed out and not in lockdown or self-isolating.

In these uncertain times, we on the local team will do our utmost to keep law and order on a week-to-week basis, whilst trying to stay safe ourselves in order to serve you.

On the crime front in the village, things currently have been good, dare I say - quiet. Back in February, a storage area to the rear of The Village Club was deliberately set alight. CCTV footage and local knowledge confirmed a local youngster was responsible and was named. Thankfully the matter has been resolved with the club internally and quickly.

In March a local resident called in reporting a number of scrambler bikes racing with each other with riders without helmets on Chestnut Avenue. They were seen twice on the same day.

If any residents see anything similar, please call in immediately with the location and any description of riders and bikes. Hopefully this was a one-off sighting that day.

Finally, a vehicle was stopped by a police vehicle on patrol outside the parish church on Church Hill, with the driver receiving a fine for cannabis possession.

Following a series of recent shed/garage breaks in the Caterham area, please keep your own locked and secured at all times, with serialised equipment registered on Immobilise.com.

So, not too much happening recently (hope that becomes a trend). Please conduct welfare checks on any elderly neighbours, in these worrying and unpredictable times.

KIDS: I know you've heard it a million times before, but.....PLEASE wash your hands after doing anything that may make them unclean, and always before eating. Well Done!!

Take care of yourselves, I'll see you around the village,

**Rupert**

**PCSO 12599 KELLEY**

**Surrey Police, Caterham**

### **Catalytic converters**

There have been a continuing series of catalytic converter thefts in our area. There have been ongoing incidents in surrounding Surrey Boroughs and across the border in Kent and Sussex. We do not have resources available to use decoy vehicles and covert surveillance for this type of crime as some people have suggested but we are taking steps to track down the offenders. A specific tasking has been created for the Area Patrol Team and unmarked patrol cars are operating in our area. The vehicles these offenders use are driven on stolen index plates which are frequently switched.

You can assist us by reporting all such crimes so that we can maintain a comprehensive log of where they are taking place. Ring 999 immediately if you see a theft in progress in order to give us a chance to deploy officers. In addition, the more people who help us to combat index plate theft by fitting tamper proof plates to their vehicles the better. We were recently able to give a supply away free across Tandridge and now have a few more to distribute. However, they are sold on-line and at motor accessory stores like Halfords for around £1.99 per pack. They are well worth fitting.

Rest assured we are taking these issues seriously and my officers are working hard to do all they can to catch the people involved.

### **Number plates**

Due to a recent increase in vehicle number plate thefts, your local policing team have



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sourced a limited number of safety screws which they will be giving out, free of charge on:

**WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH 2020**

**Shell Petrol Station, Godstone Road, Lingfield 10.00am – 11.00am**

**Tescos , Plaistow Street , Lingfield 11.00am – 12.00 midday**

**(Keep your eyes peeled for additional locations and dates.)**

**Karen Hughes**

**Tandridge Safer Neighbourhood Inspector**

## **CANCELLATION OF THE EASTER TRIP TO VERN D'ANJOU**

The Tatsfield Vern d'Anjou Twinning Association has been doing an annual exchange every Easter for 44 years. This year the French were planning a special event for our 45th year. It is an exchange of friendship and cultures which has developed into long lasting relationships between individuals as well as within the Association.

We had an emergency committee meeting at the same time as our French counterparts to discuss what we should do about this year's visit in light of the coronavirus. We came to a joint decision that the most sensible thing to do was to cancel the trip for this Easter, with the intention that we will re-plan once life is in a calmer and more certain place about not spreading Coronavirus.

As it is a non-essential trip we did not want to be exchanging more than our friendship!

We are really sorry because so much planning goes into the event but hopefully it can be rescheduled without too much hard work for the Vern committee.

In Tatsfield everybody is a member of the Tatsfield Vern d'Anjou society so if people want to know more please feel free to get in contact with any of the committee members and we will let everyone know when we are re-planning.

**Alizon Mooney**

**on behalf of the Tatsfield Vern d'Anjou Twinning Association**

**Alizon.mooney1@gmail.com**



## **A BUSY FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT AT TATSFIELD SCHOOL**

### **Whole school display showing COCOA'S journey from BEAN to BAR**

The children at Tatsfield School did lots of learning about Cocoa farming and Living Incomes during Fairtrade Fortnight and at an assembly on 6<sup>th</sup> March the children shared all they had learned.

Children in Wren class designed their own chocolate bars and made Fairtrade chocolate crispy cakes.

Robins found out how chocolate is made while Kingfishers read a story about 'Guardians of the Rainforest' based on a Fairtrade film of the same name. Kestrels made electronic board games with questions about Fairtrade.



Woodpeckers looked at the journey of cocoa from bean to bar and cooked Fairtrade cakes and biscuits which they then served at a Family Afternoon Tea.

The children in Eagle class looked at the nature and impact of power imbalances in the cocoa supply chain. They illustrated this by dividing up a non-Fairtrade chocolate bar to show who gets what in the cocoa supply chain.



one square (5%) the farmer.

one square (5%) the exporter.

four squares (15%) the company who produces cocoa butter from the cocoa beans.

ten squares (40%) the chocolate bar manufacturer.

eight squares (35%) the retailer.

The children then shared that they had watched a video which explained how Fairtrade is working towards improving the amount of money the cocoa farmers receive and how improving conditions for the women farmers has a positive impact on the whole community.



Owl class wrote these fantastic lyrics for a Fairtrade song to the music of 'Old Town Road':

*Yeahh....*

*I'm gonna ask you all to buy Fairtrade to help the farmers get a decent wage*

*Yeahh....*

*I'm gonna ask you all to buy Fairtrade to help the farmers get a decent wage*

*They've got some cocoa out the back, filling up their sack*

*They came out of the pod that the farmers had to crack*

*Bananas in the trees, That feed communities*

*They're fresh and ripe and tasty and their grown organically*

*Ain't nobody gonna stop me helping the Fairtrade farmers*

*Ain't nobody gonna stop me helping the Fairtrade farmers*

*Gonna travel to the store, There's Fairtrade to explore*

*By buying Fairtrade items, We will help them out for sure*

*Helping communities, Supporting families*

*From paying that bit extra for the food that's in their trees*

*Ain't nobody gonna stop me, helping the Fairtrade farmers*

*Ain't nobody gonna stop me helping the Fairtrade farmers*

*I'm gonna ask you all to buy Fairtrade, to help the farmers get a decent wage*

*I'm gonna ask you all to buy Fairtrade, to help the farmers get a decent wage*

*Ain't nobody gonna stop me, helping the Fairtrade farmers*

*Ain't nobody gonna stop me, helping the Fairtrade farmers*

**Barbara Hester**

**Tatsfield Fairtrade Group**





## LITTLE ACORNS

On 5<sup>th</sup> March we celebrated World Book Day with the children. We based the day around the popular story of The Gruffalo by Julia Donaldson. Many of the children came dressed as one of the characters from the story, as well as the staff too!

We had many activities for them to enjoy, including making Gruffalo Crumble, playing with Owl Ice Cream and a sensory 'walk in the woods' tuff tray', to mention just a few.



We were thrilled to meet and welcome new families and children to our Open Day on March 14<sup>th</sup>. This was a great opportunity to particularly showcase all that our wonderful village preschool has to offer.

Little Acorns also looks forward to a busy summer term, with a trip to Godstone farm in May and our annual sports day in June for the children to enjoy.

Thanks for reading!

**Jen Creed**

**Practitioner**

**[office@littleacornstatsfield.co.uk](mailto:office@littleacornstatsfield.co.uk)**



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

### BEAVERS

We have had another busy month. Fifteen Beavers attended a special safety/cookery sleepover with Biggin Hill Beavers on the 29<sup>th</sup> February - 1<sup>st</sup> March. It was a brilliant weekend learning what each of the essential services do – police, fire brigade and ambulances. The children learned how to dial 999 in an emergency, their telephone number, recovery position and bandaging. We had a visit from two doctors who helped them to practice lots of skills. After a night hike it was time to settling down to watch a film before bed. The following morning the Beavers were joined by a lollipop man, a paramedic, a policeman, a dentist, Biggin Hill Fire crew, a vicar and two doctors. They enjoyed a full English breakfast and then spent time talking to the children about their jobs. All the Beavers who came were so well behaved and went home with lots of knowledge as well as badges that they had earned.



Also, this month we went to Pets@Home in Sevenoaks where the Beavers had a chance to hold lots of small animals and learn how to look after them. To complete their badge, they are currently



completing a booklet on looking after your pet. On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March we had an evening making and playing musical instruments. Many of the Beavers brought in instruments they currently play and bravely played them. Well done.





**Jenny Snelling, Beaver Scout Leader**

### cubs

We have started the new half term with making a survival tin. It was a great evening learning what was essential and how to fit it all in a tin. Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March, Cubs had a visit from Tatsfield Aquatics who brought lots of reptiles in for the children to handle. It was a great to learn about these wonderful creatures and our thanks goes to Lisa for giving us the opportunity to see them. On the 11<sup>th</sup> March we spent a muddy evening at Downe playing wide games. Downe is such a wonderful place to allow the Cubs freedom in a safe environment and give them the

chance to run around in the dark while learning lots of tactics to win games. We shall end the term making gifts for Mother's Day as well going to High Elms to work on our World Badge.

**Leigh Keegan, Cubs Scout Leader**

 **Scouts**  **EXPLORERS** Scouts and Explorers started this half term by going to Edenbridge Swimming Pool for an evening of swimming. Due to the extreme wet conditions this year's Coldiz event has had to be cancelled, this has not stopped the sections learning map skills and putting them to great use in a night hike.

Explorers spent the weekend of 7<sup>th</sup> March learning to scuba dive. All the explorers that took part have learned the basis to scuba diving.

If your child is interested in joining Scouts (10.5 years -14 years) or Explorers (14-18 years) please do contact 1<sup>st</sup> Tatsfield Scouts. If you are interested in joining either Scouts or Explorers, please contact Matt Regan or SJ Mumford for details.

## THE WI

On April 3<sup>rd</sup> our speaker shared with us her lifelong connection with auctions. Initially setting up a family home on a limited budget it seemed an obvious choice to visit the local auction house. Everything from furniture to a bulk purchase of baby sundries at a fraction of retail price set in motion her love of auctions. Things have changed and e-bay is now a great place to tap into the world of auctions, for both buying and selling. In general it is wise to view the items before the auction and do a bit of research but our speaker, who has a passion for sewing related items, once bought a huge wooden box of 'bits' in a specialist sale only to discover after a visit to the V&A museum in London that it was a valuable original knitting machine. Who would have thought it!



We also had a guest who told us about Tandridge Befriending Scheme, a great way to meet a like-minded new friend and share a common interest over a cup of coffee or tea. So, if you feel a bit out of things and would like to know more contact me or Lucy Darlow on 07796 307286.

At our next meeting on should have been on 7<sup>th</sup> April, however due to the Coronavirus meetings are cancelled until further notice.

**Susan Smale (01959 577660)**

## NOT SO YOUNG CLUB

Yet another rainy day for our meeting! However, once we were all dried off and warmed up our speaker Tessa Schooling, from the Fire Brigade, gave a fabulous presentation on fire safety.



Tessa joined the fire service from school and worked her way up the ranks to hold a senior post. She brought along lots of freebies and handouts for the members to take away and advised that anyone can contact the fire service to have smoke alarms or safety checks in their homes. All completed by fire fighters. She also brought along her protective clothing and allowed a committee member to model it! The fire service do so much more than put out fires and everyone at the Not So Young Club would like to thank Tessa and all her colleagues for the amazing job they do.

The committee was able to distribute the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms which were purchased from a grant given by Surrey County Council. This was perfect timing as members can now arrange for a fire person to fit them in their homes free of charge.

We then rounded off the meeting with cheese and biscuits complimented by a wee tippie of sherry or port-just to ensure the members we suitably warmed for their journey home.

The club's AGM has been postponed. New date to be advised.

**Sue Dowse**

**467750 (answerphone); notsoyoung100@gmail.com**

## PFA 100 CLUB DRAW

The draw has not yet been held for March. It will be drawn as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience.

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](mailto:les.eames@ntlworld.com)

### **DELIVERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Would you be able to spare some time each month as a delivery volunteer for the Parish Magazine? We currently urgently need people for Ricketts Hill Road, but if you would like to help and live elsewhere please do get in touch.

Thank you

**Jim and Ruth Yeeles (577489) (email: [jimandruth@yeeles.co.uk](mailto:jimandruth@yeeles.co.uk))**

## TATSFIELD IN BLOOM

Oh what a month February has been! So much rain has prevented the volunteers from carrying out any work apart from clearing fallen twigs and branches around the village centre and on Westmore Green. Hopefully with the better weather coming we are looking forward to our summer planting and the beautiful displays around the village.



To this end we will be planting up the hanging baskets and mangers on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May. We have entered the South & South-East In Bloom competition again this year and have just been informed that we will have four competitors in our section, Eastchurch, Eynsford, Limsfield and Titchfield, unlike last year when eight other large villages took part.

If you would like to make a donation towards our work in the village, donation boxes are in Sheree's Store, the Bakery, Old Ship and Village Club, but you can also send your donation as below or pay direct to our bank account.

Many thanks for your support.

**Jill Hancock (577622)**

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## TATSFIELD IN BLOOM APPEAL FOR FUNDS 2020

I should like to contribute £ .....

Name ..... (optional)

Please put your contribution in the special box on the counter at Sheree's Stores, The Bakery, Old Ship or Village Club, or send to Jill Hancock, 12 Shipfield Close, Tatsfield, TN16 2AU. Please make cheques payable to "Tatsfield in Bloom".

Contributions can also be made direct to:

Tatsfield In Bloom    A/c No: 65383694    Sort Code: 08-92-99







# TATSFIELD ART GROUP

EXHIBITION

**Sunday May 3  
11am – 4.30pm**

Village Hall  
Tatsfield TN16 2AG

**Paintings . Prints  
Sculpture . Cards  
Demonstrations**

*Cash or cheques preferred*

**Refreshments**

[tatsfield-art-group.weebly.com](http://tatsfield-art-group.weebly.com)

Supporting  
**Young  
Epilepsy**  
Registered Charity Number 211987

**CANCELLED**

## TATSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

### SPRING SHOW



**at 3pm  
SATURDAY 18 APRIL  
IN  
THE VILLAGE HALL**



Entry forms to be sent in by 16 April  
to any member of the committee  
or enter on the website  
[tatsfieldhorticulturalsociety.weebly.com](http://tatsfieldhorticulturalsociety.weebly.com)



## NORTH DOWNS SINFONIA

**Beethoven 250 – A Celebration:** *The concert has been postponed due to the current global situation. We will of course advise you when it has been rescheduled.*

Ludwig van Beethoven was the greatest composer of his era, perhaps of all time. He died when he was 57, but 2020 marks the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth, so it is only right that NDS should mark this auspicious date with a concert celebrating his works. The concert will start with his 'Creatures of Prometheus' overture. Although the rest of the music from this, his only ballet, is rarely played, the overture has remained popular, an oft-played piece of easier, lighter Beethoven.

Haydn wrote his 99<sup>th</sup> symphony (one of the twelve 'London' symphonies, so called because he wrote them following an invitation by the impresario Salomon to visit London, which he did twice, to great acclaim) whilst he was tutoring Beethoven, an uneasy relationship for both great men. It features clarinets for the first time – they had only just been invented – and the result is a masterpiece.

The second half consists of Beethoven's great masterpiece, the violin concerto. It has become recognised as one of the greatest of all violin concertos. The soloist is Haru Ushigusa, who played the 'Lark Ascending' in the English concert of November 2018. If you miss this, you will miss a treat! Haru's musicality and virtuosity has won her many prizes, including the entrance scholarship to the Royal Academy of Music and the Foundation Award. She has also had masterclass opportunities with the violin greats Maxim Vengerov and Tasmin Little.

The concert will be conducted by Francis Griffin, who often conducts the orchestra.

### **Recycling Walking and Personal Aids**

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

**Sue Smale, 01959 577660, [susan.smale@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:susan.smale@yahoo.co.uk).**

## TATSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

**THS Year Book** As you may or may not be aware the Tatsfield Horticultural Society "Year Book" will, this time, cover three shows: Spring 2020; Autumn 2020; and Spring 2021. This has been changed to assist the volunteers who deliver the books, as the weather can be very cold and wet during the first few months of the year. **Please therefore make sure you keep your books until after the Spring Show in 2021.**

The books are now out being delivered as this email comes to you. If you feel you need your book earlier then please contact me on 577803.

The next THS Year Book for Autumn 2021 and Spring 2022 will be delivered sometime after the Spring 2021 Show during early Summer, which is a much better time for our volunteers, and will be the same each year thereafter.

Thank you for your patience and continued support.

**Christine Stainer (Subscription Secretary)**

**Spring Show - Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April, 3pm in the Village Hall** Unfortunately this show has been **CANCELLED**. More details to follow.

### **Borde Hill**

Borde Hill has been welcoming groups for 55 years and in 2020 celebrates this special anniversary with an exciting programme of events. These include Head Gardener tours throughout the season, beginning with the early-springtime beauty of the renowned magnolia and azalea collection, to summer tours of the romantic Rose Garden planted with 750 David Austin roses, followed by guided tours of stunning autumn colour during October. Groups can enjoy pre-booked tours of the Garden and Elizabethan Mansion House, home to the Stephenson Clarke family for four generations. Our knowledgeable tour guides will bring the history of this magnificent family home and stunning Garden to life.

Borde Hill Garden has a beautifully decorated marquee that can be booked for exclusive use during a group visit for lunch or tea.

We hope to see you at one or more of the events this year and thank you in advance for your continued support to the Horticultural Society during 2020. Please see the THS website use the link below to keep up to date with events and reports and photographs <http://tatsfieldhorticulturalsociety.weebly.com>.

If you wish to pay for your subscription or donation through BACS and have your Year Book delivered to your home please use this email to request the banking details.

With thanks.

**Martin Allen, Tatsfield Horticultural Society, Treasurer, 01959 577201**

## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

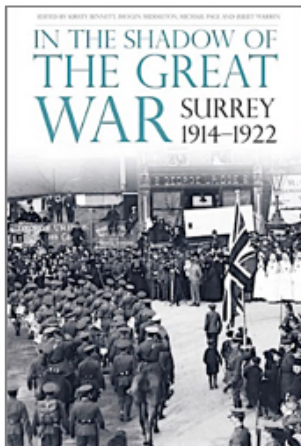


In last October's magazine, I described the work of the mental health reformer, Dr Caesar Dudley Sherrard of Lusted Hall Farm. It was in 1919 that he had put his farm on the market. Six months later, at the end of April 1920, he died at the age of 67. Born in Cork and graduate of Dublin University, he was described as a famous 'alienist' - the name given to the 19<sup>th</sup> century specialists in the early days of psychoanalysis as they studied 'mental alienation' or illness. Over nearly a quarter of a century he became more and more part of the Tatsfield community. Here he is pictured as President of the Working Men's Club.

He developed Lusted Hall as a 'farm colony', where patients experienced a totally different environment from the institutions to which most were assigned in those days.

Lusted Hall Farm straddles the border between Surrey and what was then Kent. So it was that in 1904 Dr Sherrard fell foul of the law on swine fever when he was fine £3 for moving a pig from one county to another without a licence!

Another 'sign of the times' in April 1920 was a court appearance by another Tatsfield resident. He, like so many parents in those days, was fined for not sending his child to school. Although state education had been free for a generation, some expense was necessarily involved and children were often needed to help at home.



Surrey County Council's History Centre in Woking is the ultimate custodian of historic documents and archives in the county. Just published is the result of Surrey Heritage's project, ***Surrey in the Great War: A County Remembers***. This illustrated book explores the wartime stories of Surrey's people and places and chronicles the project's discoveries, telling the stories of the mobilisation of Surrey men, the training of foreign troops in the county, objection to military service, defence against invasion, voluntary work and fundraising, the experiences of women and children, shortages, industrial supply to the armed forces and the commemoration of Surrey's dead.

Copies can be ordered by phoning 01483 518737. The entire cover price of £14.99 will be used to support the work of Surrey Heritage.

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[www.surreycommunity.info/tatsfieldhistoryproject/](http://www.surreycommunity.info/tatsfieldhistoryproject/)

## ST MARY'S NEWS

*All services and events at the present time may be subject to change according to Government advice and regulations in the face of the Coronavirus pandemic.*



**Open the Bible All Age service at 10am on 5<sup>th</sup> April** As we think about Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey, we hope to meet at the Millennium Hall and process into church for the start of the service. Small palm crosses should be available for all who attend to take away.

**Holy Week and Easter (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April)** The planned services at St Mary's are listed below. In view of the Coronavirus, please check our website nearer the time to see if they are running. For details of services and events for Holy Week at our Team churches (St Peter's, Limsfield and St Andrew's, Limsfield Chart) and Churches Together in Oxted and District, please visit their websites or contact Vince on 01959 577289.

Good Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> April, 10.30am, Devotional Service  
Easter Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> April, 10.00am, All Age Communion for Easter Day

**Flower Team** We will decorate the Church for Easter on Saturday, 11th April at 9.30 am.



Flower Rota:

18th April	Ann Vatcher / Jan Maynard
25th April	Ann Vatcher / Jan Maynard

**Ann Vatcher (577207)      Jan Maynard (577659)**

**Food Bank** Thank you to all who contributed toward the delivery planned for 25<sup>th</sup> March. An update will appear in the next edition of the magazine. **Hilary Vale**

**Sunday Teas** These are due to start on 10<sup>th</sup> May but may have to be cancelled.

**Lent Lunches** In response to the advice for churches in connection with the Coronavirus, our Lent Lunches this year had to be cancelled. We apologise for any inconvenience if anyone turned up and was disappointed. In relation to the charitable aspect of the Lent Lunches, Southwark Diocese will be pleased to receive any donations to The Bishop's Lent Appeal for projects in Bethlehem; Kaduna (Nigeria); London and Zimbabwe. Details for JustGiving, Charities Aid Foundation or cheque payments can be found on their website: <https://southwark.anglican.org/about-us/what/the-bishop-of-southwarks-lent-call/how-to-give>

**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**

27<sup>th</sup> February     Funeral of Wendy Maddison  
10<sup>th</sup> March        Interment of ashes for June Wickenden  
16<sup>th</sup> March        Funeral of Jasmine Goldsmith

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

82. J Payne £23.75    86. K Longley £14.25    15. T Boys £9.50    St Mary's £47.50

**A Prayer for the Present Time**

**Composed by the Dean of Southwark Cathedral, The Very Revd Andrew Nunn**

Loving God,  
source of healing and comfort,  
fill us with your grace,  
that the sick may be made whole,  
that those who care for us may be strengthened,  
that the anxious may be calmed,  
and those most vulnerable be protected  
in the power of Spirit  
in the faith of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

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

## REGULAR TATSFIELD EVENTS AND INFORMATION

<b>Sun</b>	10.00 am Church service – StM
<b>Mon</b>	9.00 am Fitness classes with Charlotte Limpenny – WIH <b>SUSPENDED</b> 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] <b>SUSPENDED</b> 8.15 pm Bingo – TVC
<b>Tue</b>	1.30pm Whist – WIH (Last Tuesday of the month) <b>SUSPENDED</b> 1.45pm Not So Young Club (2nd Tuesday of the month) WIH <b>SUSPENDED</b> 2.15pm WI Meeting (1st Tuesday of the month) WIH <b>SUSPENDED</b> 5.30pm Beavers – SH <b>SUSPENDED</b> 7.00 pm Scouts – SH <b>SUSPENDED</b>
<b>Wed</b>	10.00 am WI Pop In – WIH <b>SUSPENDED</b> 1.30 pm Short Mat Bowls –VH 6.00 pm Cubs – SH <b>SUSPENDED</b> 7.30 pm Yoga – VH
<b>Thu</b>	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 <b>SUSPENDED</b> 5.45 pm Over 8's Judo – SH <b>SUSPENDED</b> 7.15pm Adult Ju Jitsu – SH <b>SUSPENDED</b> 7.00 pm Duplicate Bridge – WIH 7.30 pm Tatsfield Singers – TPS 8.00 pm Table Tennis – VH
<b>Fri</b>	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 <b>SUSPENDED</b> 6.30 pm Over 10's ju jitsu <b>SUSPENDED</b> 8.00 pm Badminton Club – VH <b>SUSPENDED</b>
<b>Sat</b>	9.00 am Under 8's Judo – SH <b>SUSPENDED</b> 10.00 am Composting site <b>PLEASE VISIT TBS WEBSITE FOR UPDATE</b> 10.15 am Over 8's Judo – SH <b>SUSPENDED</b> 11.00 am Parish Council Café -The Bakery <b>PLEASE CONTACT PC (SEE PAGE 16)</b> 11.30 am Adult Judo – SH <b>SUSPENDED</b>

If you would like your event included in this diary in future, please send details to:  
[tatsfieldpm@gmail.com](mailto:tatsfieldpm@gmail.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS – VILLAGE AND BEYOND

At the time of going to press, many of the events written about in this issue are being assessed as to whether they can go ahead with the COVID-19 Epidemic and the ever-changing guidance from the government. Therefore, we advise readers to contact the organisers directly to ascertain any revised dates or cancellations. We have decided won't include a summary here.

Similarly, regular events listed opposite are subject to change. We have indicated the ones that we have been made aware will be suspended for the immediate future and will update in each issue. Please do keep in contact with the organisers, for any questions.

### April

4<sup>th</sup> Sat      7.30pm      1917, Curzon Country Cinema

### May

16<sup>th</sup> Sat      7.30pm      Little Women, Curzon Country Cinema

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

### Venues

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

### EMERGENCY INFORMATION – DEFIBRILLATORS

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

Village Hall, Tatsfield, 24 hours a day

Crossways Court, Tatsfield, 24 hours a day

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

## UNWRAPPING A STORY FROM AFRICA

On Saturday 29th February Tatsfield Fairtrade organised a wonderful Fairtrade Chocolate Brunch in the Village Hall. We feasted on bananas, banana bread, waffles and chocolate sauce, hot chocolate and teas and coffees. A wide range of Fairtrade chocolate bars were both on display and available to enjoy, and later on Alizon Mooney reminded us of these delicious treats, and how we can so easily choose to buy them instead of non-Fairtrade chocolate. But the greatest treat was listening to Rosine Bekoin, a cocoa farmer from Cote d'Ivoire. Hilary Harber introduced Rosine, and from then on, we sat back and listened.....

'I am here to tell you my story,' she began.

With the excellent translation skills of Sam Platt, from the Fairtrade Foundation's campaigns team, we bore witness to Rosine's journey towards Fairtrade.

It all began with Rosine's grandmother who - most unusual for West African society - owned some land and wanted to hand it onto her granddaughter. The grandmother was the eldest daughter of her father, and she was determined that Rosine should inherit this land. A plot of 2.5 hectares.

This displeased Rosine's partner. Men have been the traditional landowners in Cote d'Ivoire. There were many struggles at home as tradition was being challenged. None of her grandmother's brothers or sisters wanted Rosine to have this land, either. But eventually, a certificate from the Government was awarded enabling her to inherit the land.

In the 1980s, she had learnt from her grandmother how to grow cassava, manioc, bananas and cocoa when she was a schoolgirl. In 2010, Rosine was called in to see her grandmother who told her that she was giving her the cocoa plantation. So, Rosine started cultivating cocoa and selling it to anyone who would buy the cocoa pods. This was not making her any real income.

In 2015, she discovered the co-operative CAYAT, which advised her to join them as they belonged to Fairtrade. Where before, she had produced 450 kilos of cocoa, she was increasing her yield to 1.5 tonnes per year; due to improved agricultural techniques taught by CAYAT and healthy fertilisers. Plus, she was receiving the Fairtrade premium which she re-invested into local community projects.

Life was not easy with her partner. But Rosine made it very clear how much she loved him, and with their five children, she was determined to make the cocoa plantation a success, despite his misgivings.



CAYAT asked her to attend training sessions and then one day its director called on her to ask her to attend the Fairtrade Africa women's school of leadership. Rosine spoke no French at this time and was very ashamed of this and felt she could not fit in at such a grand place, far from her rural plantation in the south of Cote d'Ivoire. Her partner was not keen either! But she went, and it changed her: it empowered her, taught her self esteem and self confidence and that women have equal rights with men. She had grown up in a culture where women were subservient to men, not even speaking in front of them.

CAYAT had seen in Rosine a force for change, and she had taken up their call. She came home with her books from the women's school of leadership and showed them to her partner, and he began to see that what Rosine was doing was really important. He changed and really supported her now. He encouraged her to complete her diploma in leadership, which she did, and she returned to her village ready to lead other women. Rosine created a women's association in CAYAT, and she was elected its general secretary.

With the Fairtrade premium, the local school has had its roof mended; an hydraulic pump has been installed to save on the long walks to fetch water and a school canteen built providing lunch for the pupils instead of them walking back the 3km to their homes in the middle of the day to eat.

Plus, the premium has really helped local women with training in agriculture and in making them more independent. Fairtrade has completely changed Rosine's and other women's lives. Were it not for Fairtrade, she would not be here in the UK. Someone from the Fairtrade Foundation had visited her home in her village last year inviting her to come to England in order to speak about her life. But her visa did not arrive in time, so she had had to wait until now, 2020!

She spoke with such joy and passion about the real difference Fairtrade has made to her and her family's life. She was clearly delighted to be able to speak to us, and in French! She laughed as her story drew to its close. Her partner, she told us, had been worried that she might never return to Cote d'Ivoire if she visited England! So, twenty-five years after they had first met, he asked her to marry him!

Rosine, full of smiles, thus ended her tale, by saying she had Fairtrade to thank for her marriage! Lastly, she implored all of us to buy, buy, buy Fairtrade! And so, her story ends. But it continues all over the world, with Fairtrade trying to help farmers get a minimum fair price for their produce and a premium to re-invest back into their communities. The story is ours to tell, and we can make it bolder, and stronger by choosing to buy Fairtrade foods. By us paying a little more for these goods, farmers can be propelled onto a basic and fair payment for their produce. We as consumers can force this tale onwards by retelling it to others who may not realise how incredibly powerful the Fairtrade story is and needs to be.



After Rosine's words, Tandridge District Council chairman Jeremy Pursehouse spoke followed by Kim Jennings for the Parish Council. Barbara Hester, who orchestrated the whole event, was thanked and applauded by all of us. Plus, the amazing Fairtrade team who make these events so welcoming for us all. We had the final treat of browsing the beautiful array of Fairtrade gifts that Moyna Bridge always brings to these gatherings. So, we did indeed end the story as Rosine had hoped - we did buy, buy, and buy.

Thank you to Barbara and all the Tatsfield Fairtrade team. Each and every one of you made the morning delicious! Eating ethically is very easy to do; we make the choices in what we buy, and how we write our own stories.

**Kath Dymoke**



**In loving memory and with grateful thanks to Carol Jordan who was a wonderful advocate and supporter of Fairtrade in Tatsfield.**



Carol was a founding member of the Fairtrade Committee and worked tirelessly on the website raising awareness of Fairtrade, supporting all our events and she oversaw the supply of Zaytoun Olive Oil and other Fairtrade goods to the Shop. She was part of the fabric of our group and we will remember her with every Fairtrade purchase we make.

## THE NIGHT SKY IN TATSFIELD – APRIL 2020

If you're an early riser you might want to look towards the south east around 5.30am to see three planets in close proximity. Jupiter is the brightest and the furthest west (to your right). Then comes Saturn followed by Mars as we look slightly further east, although on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April Mars and Saturn are just 1° apart which is two Moon diameters. Mars, being the closest to Earth of the three, is the fastest moving, a fact that becomes obvious after watching for a number of days. A waning crescent Moon joins the party on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

In the evening skies the brilliant Venus still dominates the west as we see the winter constellations like Orion and his retinue preparing to take their leave for another year.

### *The Apollo Story (Part 7)*

When President Kennedy issued his famous challenge to America in May 1961 it was clear that nobody knew in any detail how they would go about “landing a man on the Moon and returning him safely to Earth”.

Naturally political superiority was one of the key drivers with the USA having been beaten by Russia when they launched the first satellite and subsequently the first human into space. The first man on the Moon was an aspiration that the USA had to meet. That aside technological advancement must surely be where Apollo provided the most enduring legacy. It has been suggested that more than 6,000 technologies which influence our lives today were pioneered by the NASA program.

A computer was needed for the spacecraft but they filled entire rooms in those days so something smaller was needed. A company called Fairchild Semiconductor was experimenting with integrated circuits (so called micro-chips) and NASA ordered one million of them. Two of the company's employees would later go on to form Intel now famous for their processors amongst other things. CAT scanners that are used in cancer detection were first used to find faults in components made for the spacecraft. The joystick, so beloved by computer gamers, was first used to control the Lunar Rover. Scratch resistant coatings for astronaut's visors now appear on the lenses of our glasses. So the list goes on: water filters, smoke alarms, solar cells, freeze dried food and shoe insoles – all products of the technological race to the Moon.

It ought to be said though that several myths still exist about inventions that came about because of the space program. The most notable are Teflon and Velcro. The former was invented in the late 1930's in the USA and the latter in the 1940's in Switzerland although both were later used by NASA.

Of course it's both incorrect and impossible to measure the influence on the USA, and beyond, of a project with the complexity of Apollo by simply counting dollar bills. The photo “Earthrise” as seen by the Apollo 8 astronauts was the first time in human history that the Earth and Moon had been seen together in such a way with the pristine Earth “hovering over the pitted wreck that was the lunar landscape”. And the now famous

Apollo 17 image of the “blue marble” though it is still unclear who took it. Eugene Cernan summed it up later when he said “...and you can watch it turn and there's no strings holding it up, and it's moving in a blackness that is almost beyond conception.” Surely viewing the Earth from space allowed us a new perspective on how fragile is the planet upon which we live.

**BRIAN MILLS, FRAS**

## **TATSFIELD CRICKET CLUB**

Tatsfield Cricket Club is your local Tatsfield sports club based at the clubhouse, Furze Corner, Tatsfield. We are a group of people who love playing cricket and being a part of club who like having fun and socialising. We have been getting ready for the coming season, planning the fixtures, training and social events and would love to have some new team members join us. It really is about having fun and doing something active.

We encourage families to join in with all aspects of the club. It is a wonderful way to spend the day with whether you are playing or watching the game.

### **Info and Dates**

Below are our upcoming matches and we have net sessions each Sunday while we are waiting for the season to begin.

28 April	NORWOOD CC (Away)
5th May	VERDAYNE (Away)
12th May	NUTLEY HALL (Away)
19th May	ALBAMORPHICS (Home)
26th May	LONDON CITY CC (Home)

Our next fundraising social event is the Tatsfield Triathlon on 18th April 7:30pm (darts/golf/pool). Once again, all welcome.

If you are interested in playing cricket or just joining the club we would welcome anyone. In terms of standard of player, let's say we are enthusiastically varied, we have some younger members in their twenties and some in their sixties and plenty in between.

To find out more or to join head over to the facebook page @tatsfieldcricketclub or call 07919090173

**Andrew Moore**

## NIGEL'S NATURE NOTES

Most of us are gardeners. We spend countless hours tending our plots, attempting to keep everything under control and looking 'nice'. We may even garden with wildlife in mind. But how many of us think of the *village* as a managed wildlife environment?

### Acting locally to create positive change

As a newly-qualified primary school teacher I recall moving in to my very first classroom and displaying on the wall in two feet high, brightly coloured letters, the slogan - 'THINK GLOBALLY, ACT LOCALLY'. I was energetic, keen and determined that my urban-dwelling class would become aware of the world they inhabited and how they, both individually and collectively, could make a difference. You don't like something? Okay; what are you going to do about it? It's so easy to find reasons not to do anything, to believe that change simply isn't possible. Fortunately, children are particularly good at resisting these negative beliefs. As we have seen in recent months, young people really do care about the world: *their* world. They are happy to march, they are happy to protest, they are happy to demand change. My young charges may not have marched but they *were* keen to create a garden outside the classroom window and cared passionately for the variety of living things we had around the room (lizards, gerbils, slugs!). Even the playground fighters agreed a truce and dug a shallow pond on an unused piece of land for the birds to bathe in. All they needed to become motivated was the initial spark. From that point onwards they took ownership of the idea. They organised themselves, scrounged materials, worked as a team, completed the project and cared for it. Of course, within a week they were back fighting, but their achievement was ongoing for all to enjoy and, most importantly, was a clear demonstration that they cared about wildlife and their local environment. How does all this relate to our village? Well, we also have areas of land, common land, that are unused; or rather, underused. The communal trees are cared for, the grassland is managed, the hedgerows are trimmed and for that we need to thank our Parish Council who organise and oversee such operations. But is it enough to simply manage? Perhaps we need to innovate?

Let us focus on and identify the various communal areas of grassland. We are fortunate enough to have numerous areas of grassed common land within our village: the Tatsfield Greens (along Ricketts Hill Road), The Square (along Paynesfield Road) and Westmore Green, which is effectively two greens divided by the approach road. The Tatsfield Greens constitute two areas of well-managed grassland, much of which is left uncut, and an area of mowed grass that hosts our Royal Oak. The Square is mown and traditionally used as a children's play area. The larger of the Westmore Greens incorporates the village pond, the formal children's playground and is regularly used for village events as well as games, picnics and general relaxation. The smaller green, alongside Approach Road and opposite the allotments, is mown grass and is rarely used apart from serving as an overflow car park during the Tatsfield Beer Festival. Let us now consider the possibility of improving this area of underused land.

I know a man who has the spark of an idea that hasn't yet lit the fire. Alongside others, I have been asked to contribute opinions and ideas on a number of occasions regarding the care and development of the village's natural environment. One idea that recurs and sticks in my mind is the development of a wildflower meadow; an idea initiated by Jon Allbutt. As we know, Jon is a passionate plantsman and conservationist. He must weep every time he looks onto that 'wasted' area of Westmore Green. What a fantastic site that would be for a wildflower meadow. Would the task be complex, requiring specialist knowledge? Undoubtedly. But the specialists are available. Would this involve great expense? Would the labour and material costs be prohibitive? Certainly not. In fact, according to Patrick Greenfield in *The Guardian*: 'The process is simple: cut infrequently, ideally just twice a year, in spring and then late summer once plants have bloomed and seeded; remove clippings to stop them turning to mulch, thereby gradually reducing the fertility of the soil; repeat, wait, and enjoy the resurgent wildlife.' Strange as it may seem, as soil fertility declines, the biodiversity increases. Fertility simply favours a few native plant species that then dominate and prevent others from emerging. In Dorset where this system of management has been widely introduced along verges and roadsides, butterflies and other invertebrates have returned in their droves. The seven hectares of verges along the Weymouth relief road sown with Kidney Vetch seeds have attracted more than half of the species of butterfly known to inhabit Britain. As Giles Nicholson (Dorset council's countryside and green space manager) points out, 'If you think about the species of butterfly that the Weymouth relief road supports on seven hectares, what would it be like on 100 hectares?' Tatsfield may not have 100 hectares to utilise, or even seven, but we could make a small difference; a small yet significant contribution towards the conservation of our native fauna and flora. As I mentioned in a previous paragraph, it's easy to find reasons *not* to do something, to believe that change simply isn't possible. But change on a local scale *is* possible. It's whether we have the interest and resolve to take action that is the vital question.



**Any news or views? Contact: [nigelshaw2000@hotmail.com](mailto:nigelshaw2000@hotmail.com)  
Alternatively, drop a note in to 'Primrose Ridge', Greenway.**



## THE TATSFIELD GARDENER IN APRIL

In early March I did manage to mow the lawn for the first time since November, I would normally have given it a cut once a month over the winter. Leaving it for such a long time without a cut will encourage the more vigorous coarse leaved grasses to dominate. The marathon of deep spiking with a garden fork last year has really paid off and the surface was quite firm underfoot, I will treat the moss (the worst for years), scarify it out after two weeks and then give it a light top dressing with sharp sand (drainage). After all that work the surface will look awful for a few weeks as the green sward re-establishes, and regular mowing commences.

The seemingly endless rain has been quite a topic of conversation but just how much rain did we have? Here is the summary of what happened in Tatsfield. The average long-term total rainfall from October to the end of February for our area is 409mm (nearly 16"), in Tatsfield we actually had 648mm (about 25")!! The average for March is 58mm and so far in Tatsfield we have already had 40mm. The long term total average annual rainfall for our area is 821mm; with 688mm already fallen, that leaves around 133mm left to fall between April and September that is not a lot of rain – (the long term average rainfall from April to September is 349mm), I wonder if this is the year that long term averages will have to be radically recalculated! All of our local reservoirs and groundwater aquifers are full now, but we will have to wait and see how this strange year of weather works out.

I have been asked to look at and advise on what to do about some very old apple trees in Tatsfield. Some are leaning badly; others may have a lot of decay in the trunk and main branches and also heavy crowns of tangled branches. These old trees will continue to grow and produce heavy crops of fruit but can suffer serious damage where the weight of top growth becomes too much for the weakened trunk and main branches. To reduce the risks of damage here are two steps to take – use heavy wooden posts to prop up the leaning trunk – in late summer reduce the top growth by up to 50%; I know this will result in loss of ripening fruit but doing it at this time of the year will reduce the amount of young growth that will follow heavy pruning. Over the next couple of years continue to thin out the young shoots to keep the top of the tree from re-growing a heavy crown.

This has been an excellent year for Primroses, Foxgloves and Cowslips in Tatsfield, I am seeing more and more in new locations including our gardens. If you want to encourage more of these lovely wildflowers, please do not cut them down after they have finished flowering. They need to develop their seed cases on the end of the old flower stalks, these will turn brown and split open to let the very fine seeds fall around the area – this process should be completed by the end of June. The seed will germinate, and the tiny seedlings will grow slowly, they can take up to two years to make a plant large enough to flower. If you want to start a new colony elsewhere then gather the seed heads in May, put them in a paper bag and leave in a warm place. Check them regularly and as soon as the seed cases have split open you can sow them in their new position.

**Jon Allbutt**

## COMPOSTER'S CHRONICLE



### Your Composting Site Needs You!

The composting site will be accepting green waste starting Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April. However, we are starting the year seriously depleted in terms of the number of volunteers we have.

Last year Barry Bull had to hang up his composting hat due to health reasons. Barry has worked at the site since its inception in 2002 - an amazing contribution to this community project - and he deserves a huge vote of thanks from us all.

Three other volunteers who have also done long years of service are carrying on gallantly but, obviously, can't go on forever and another key player will be unable to start this year until much later in the season.

So, the long and the short of it is, if we want this amazing local facility to continue, we will need more people to help. I can't believe in this day and age, with all the talk of climate change and the need for sustainability, the people of Tatsfield will let the composting site wither on the vine. A tremendous amount of time, effort and money has been spent rebuilding the site for the future and it has been designed to be easily maintained for years to come.

If you have ever thought of helping out (and many people have said to me that they would be willing) now is the time to turn words into deeds. ***See contact details below.***

### Hints and Tips for using the composting site:

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

Finally, if any young people are looking for a **Duke of Edinburgh volunteering opportunity** the composting site would be happy to have them along.

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



## THE APRIL FILM



*Dates for the April and May films are correct as of the time of going to print. The final decision on whether or not to proceed with screenings will be made on 1<sup>st</sup> April.*

Curzon Country Cinema bring “1917”, a well-reviewed film about the First World War which has received many awards, to the Village Hall on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets are £5. Pay at the door or pay online at [www.curzoncountrycinema.co.uk](http://www.curzoncountrycinema.co.uk).



The film’s story opens on 6 April 1917, with Lance Corporal Blake and Lance Corporal Schofield, British soldiers stationed in France, receiving new orders. They are to deliver a message to troops at the front line who are getting ready for an assault on the Germans, who have retreated. The British command, however, believes that the German withdrawal is a trap, an operational Trojan horse. The two messengers need to carry the dispatch ordering the waiting British troops to stand down, thereby saving countless lives (including Blake’s own brother).

The film is directed by the highly regarded Sam Mendes and it is partly based on an account told to him by his paternal grandfather, Alfred Mendes. The film is unusual in that it appears to have been taken as a single continuous shot. It is very realistic and some may find it hard to take some scenes. The two main parts are played by actors whose names you may not be familiar with – George MacKay and Dean-Charles Chapman – but there are plenty of familiar names in the rest of the cast, including Colin Firth, Benedict Cumberbatch and Mark Strong.

**Next month’s film:** “Little Women” on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> May (doors open at 7pm) – a highly acclaimed new version.

**Bob David**

## TATSFIELD RAMBLERS



Details of walks in the surrounding area for March 2020 are as follows. Everyone welcome, including your dogs. **Walks can be subject to change at very short notice.** Please either telephone or check the website. [www.westerhamramblers.org.uk](http://www.westerhamramblers.org.uk). The Ramblers do not carry insurance. They started as an informal group and never felt it necessary, so everyone is responsible for themselves (and their dogs). **Angela and Roger Sawyers (Tel: 01959 577434 or 07718 762593 Email [acresroger@aol.com](mailto:acresroger@aol.com))**

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2020 – 70's Saunter** Leader: Richard Gadd

Start Point: 11.00am outside The Carpenters Arms, Limsfield Chart

Map Ref: **TQ 424518** Postcode: RH8 0TG

Description: Gentle walk round the Chart. A few small inclines but these will be taken at a slow pace. We will return to The Carpenters for refreshments. Approximate total distance 2.5 miles, 1.5 hours. No stiles.

### **Easter Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020 (MONDAY not Sunday)** Leader: Richard Gadd

Start Point: 10:15am Leaves Green, Ashmore Lane car park.

Map Ref: **TQ 414619** Postcode: BR2 7DR

Description: A walk of approximately 7.5 miles, 4.25 hours (5 miles before stop, 2.5 miles after). To Keston via Nash. Refreshment stop at The Greyhound. We return via the Wilberforce Oak. Some steep sections in the first part and 6 stiles.

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020** Leader: Mary Hayward

Leader: Mary Hayward

Start Point: 10.30am Toys Hill Car Park

Map Ref: **TQ 470519** Postcode: TN16 1QG

Description: Similar to, but not the same as, the walk done in December. A walk that starts off going past Obriss Farm and Hendon Manor and on via Hanging Bank to Ide Hill where we will stop for refreshment at either the Cock Inn or the Community Coffee Shop (your choice). We will return via a more direct route along the Greensand Way. Approximately 7 miles (tbc), 4 hours.

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2020 – 70's Saunter, Extra Walk** Leader: **Carol Vening**

Start Point: 11.00am Staffhurst Woods Car Park. Drive south from Limsfield traffic lights. After just over 2.5 miles, turn left onto C85 (signposted Lingfield), then immediately left into Staffhurst Woods Road. The car park is a few yards along on the left.

Map Ref: **TQ410487** Postcode: RH8 0RR

Description: Gentle walk around Staffhurst Woods, where we'll see a splendid display of bluebells (hopefully). Approximate distance 2 miles, 1.5 hours. At the end, for those who would like, we'll adjourn to the Royal Oak, Caterfield Lane for refreshments. No stiles.

## **TATSFIELD PARISH MAGAZINE – 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

Prior to April 1995 the Parish Magazine was published by the churches of the village. It went into about 300 of Tatsfield's 670 homes, detailing information about a wide range of village and church activities. It cost 30p. The Village Appraisal recommended that the magazine should be expanded into a village magazine, with the aim of achieving comprehensive coverage of village activities, regular monthly publication and the widest possible distribution. A group chaired by Colin Corke, the Parish Priest, was assembled to bring about this change. The members of the group – Bob David, Geoff Groom, Les Jackson, Pam Jay, Ken Munday, David Myers, Eileen Pearse and Rosemary Petrie oversaw the regeneration of the Magazine. The aim was that:

- The magazine would comprehensively cover village news, events and activities.
- It would be delivered free to every household in the village each month, with extra copies available to buy.
- Guaranteed 100% village distribution would encourage regular contributions from village organisations, external sources and individuals.
- Every village organization would benefit from the spread of information about their events and activities.
- The churches would continue to have overall responsibility, but the team to manage and produce it would be drawn from the village as a whole.
- The name Tatsfield Parish Magazine would be retained.

Producing the first issue was a mammoth task, but the group's efforts brought it to fruition in April 1995 – 56 pages, including 17 pages of advertising. By April 2005 each issue had 84 pages, including 31 pages of advertising. Twenty five years on, the magazine, now in colour, moves between 84-88 pages with 39 pages of advertising. Production is one thing (and so much easier these days with enhanced technology), but distribution is another. Without the scores of people who form the network that each month distribute and deliver the magazine, the aims could not have been achieved.

This month, April 2020, we had hoped to celebrate 25 years of the Tatsfield Parish Magazine. However global events have overtaken us, our planned celebrations are on hold and this issue is not the all singing, all dancing one we would have liked to present!

However, starting this month we will present a snapshot of what was happening in Tatsfield 25 years ago each month. We are also including a few cartoons drawn by David Myers over the years (in a later issue we will hopefully include a feature about David and his brilliant drawings). As you will see, not much has changed! Clubs and societies started, stopped, are still here. Concern for the village, its shops and, most importantly, its residents of all ages have been continuing themes. That wish to care for all members of the village community is as apparent this month as it was 25 years ago.

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....

# TATSFIELD



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by Alan Frame

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# FROM WATER PLANTS TO IGUANAS : BEAVER WATER WORLD

by Sally McHenry

Let's be honest, when we think of reptiles our first thought is not likely to be the same as when we think of cuddly baby mammals. Though television, we have become fairly choosy about the categorisation of wildlife that provide our interests. However, if David Attenborough and others have achieved nothing else, they have increased our awareness of and fascination with all species.

Our familiarity with the animal world is nevertheless largely passive. Few have had the opportunity to confront a sleeping alligator or a beautifully decorated and coiled snake or python or a handsome frisky iguana in person as it were.



Sally

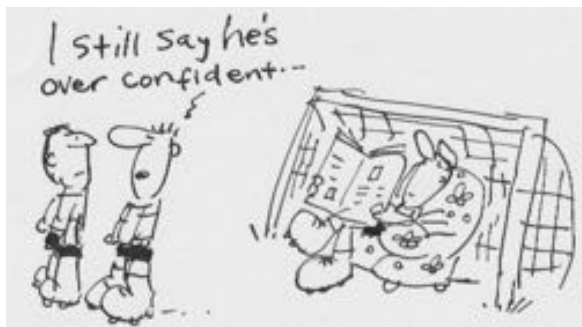


# TATSFIELD ROVERS FOOTBALL CLUB

Tatfield Rovers Reserves duly delivered the Smith's Charity Cup on New Year's Day with a 2-1 win over Haver FC.

Unfortunately, since that date, football matches have been few and far between with the monsoon-type weather disrupting the Severnside and District Football League's fixture list.

However, since the weekend of 4th March, fixtures have been resumed, with all 4 teams (3 Saturday + 1 Sunday) challenging for additional success.



## TATSFIELD DRAMA GROUP

The Drama Group are presently rehearsing for their next production, 'Lord Arthur Savile's Crime' is an improbable comedy by Constance Cox based on a short story by Oscar Wilde. This will be performed in the Village Hall on 11 - 13 May



As the play is set in the 1890's, the set is going to take some creating. If anyone has a Victorian type chair or sofa, would they please contact us. Other items we are searching for include a Gladstone bag, gilt frames pictures, tables, armchairs, other Victorian items and a small smoking bomb!

Any items loaned would be taken good care of and would be much appreciated.



## 1st Tatsfield Scouts

All sections of our thriving Group are looking forward to spring and the chance to get out and about with their scouting skills.

The Beavers will be attending their first day camp soon, the Cubs are working to camp at Downes, the Scouts participating at Brecknash Warren, enjoying water activities at Marlow and preparing for a week in the Lake District.

The Veterans, having just returned from winter climbing in Scandinavia, are taking part in a Cross-country challenge and planning to climb Ben Nevis in July. We will all be parading on St George's day at Oxford Green School. Many other activities are planned including canoeing, caving, climbing, rock climbing, sky diving, first aid instruction, navigational exercises and lion taming!

Two Scouts have recently received their Chief Scout's Award from the single Sheriff of Surrey.

We urgently need a second female Leader to assist with the Troop (comprising 30 boys and girls) between April 11-14 on Friday evenings and I would welcome offers of help for this most important role, please. We also need to hire a lorry or perhaps a bus for the week of 21st-26th July. If anyone has a possible vehicle available.

Our successful fundraising continues with a Race Night, and preparations for the Village Fete on Sunday 15th June this year. Progress in fundraising to replace the Scout Hut also continues. The 'Buy a Brick' campaign has been highly successful and has raised £1200 to date.

We have obtained an offer of a temporary grant from Tansbridge Council subject to this being matched by both Home County Council and ourselves, but this will not be confirmed until 1996. Fearing that nothing will go wrong, we look forward to a new Scout Hut being built in the village during the summer of next year. Despite this untidy situation it is important that our fundraising for this project goes on. We cannot relax our efforts until we have achieved our goal of matching the Council grant. Many thanks to all those who have contributed to this, and special thanks to Ken Munday for his organisation of the campaign.

If anyone would like to help our Group of 110 young people from this village to develop into a well-organized unit, with other fun, experience, equipment or money, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can assure you that the skills involved have as much fun and satisfaction as the progress is our charge.

Yours in Scouting,

Paul Marshall  
Group Scout Leader (Tel: 377000)



BEWARE ANY CUB SEEING YOU!

## ART GROUP

In preparation for our first exhibition, members of the Art Group have been busy during the last few weeks developing their newly-learned watercolour techniques, which you can all see for yourselves in the Village Hall from 10am to 4pm on Saturday 1st April.

Our regular professional tutor, David Jackson, will be giving a demonstration of his work at around 11am. Some paintings will be for sale. Refreshments will be available.

We do hope you will come along - and maybe one or two budding artists will be tempted to join our Group!

Dawn Forrester-Groom (Tel: 577585)



## 1st TATSFIELD BROWNIES

1st Tatsfield Brownies (girls aged 7 - 11yrs) meet on Thursdays, 5.45 - 7.15pm. We would love to hear from any adult who feels they would like to help organise fun activities for the Brownies and come along to our Thursday meetings.

Following our last plea for help, Christine Gregory very kindly volunteered and this has lessened the load on Brown Owl. However, both of us are at work all week and, as 'many hands make light work', another pair would be most welcome.

Maybe you have recently moved into the village or now find you have some spare time and would like to help us. Please ring me for more information. Thank you.

Linda Bennett (Tel: 577817)  
Guider



## NOT-SO-YOUNG CLUB

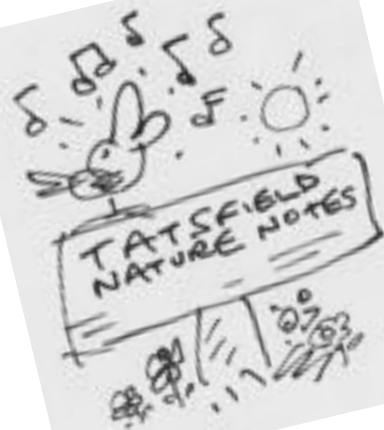
At our Annual General Meeting, Monica sent love and best wishes on behalf of us all to those members who are unwell - Mrs Gibbs, Joan Bryant, Edie Shrubbs and Charles Woodward. We hope they will be able to join us at our next meeting. Some members have been very busy knitting wee jackets for premature babies, as requested by hospitals. These Monica will take along to Farborough Hospital. Also very many knitted squares have been made; one colourful blanket has so far been sewn and will go to Oakleigh Nursing Home. More are in the 'pipeline'.

A letter for the Committee

## DANCING CLUB

Mainly Ballroom will be meeting again on the following Thursdays in the WI Hall at 8pm - 6th and 20th April and 4th May. Admission £2 to include refreshments. Make a note of the following dates in your diary!

Wednesday 12th April - The Village Hall is available and I have arranged an evening with Ted Avins. Ted is a qualified ballroom dancing instructor and teaches for the adult education authority and at a dancing school. Please meet at the hall at 8pm sharp. The evening will be split into two one hour tuition periods, the first hour will be ballroom dancing and the second hour Latin American dancing. Admission £2 to include refreshments. Women, men, boys and girls of all ages and ability welcome. Do come along!



# TATSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The Society's Spring Show will take place at 3 p.m. on Saturday, 22nd April at the Village Hall. It is one of our two big events of the year and we somehow always seem to be able to fill the hall with colour, whatever the rigours of Tattfield's weather.

There is the usual huge variety of classes to enter, from horticultural to flower arranging to arts and crafts and on to domestic, as well as the special categories for juniors. Remember - you don't have to be an expert to enter. I myself just go out in the garden the day before the Show and pick the best looking daffodils and other flowers, and then display them in a vase on the day. There's nothing more to it than that! So, we hope for our usual abundance of entries.

Whether or not you are exhibiting, do come along in the afternoon and see the fine displays of flowers and other items put on by your friends and neighbours.



Wed better take  
Jon Allbutt's advice  
and keep off the  
soil...



# FOOD & WINE SOCIETY

Much as we all enjoyed our visit to the Green Rooms, Godstone in February, I feel I must point out that the cost of a five course meal was a staggering £23 and not the miraculous £2 which somehow appeared in the last issue of the Parish Mag!

March saw 18 members canoeing around the village on a Safari Supper, not knowing until the last minute who they were cooking for or where the next course would be served - great fun!

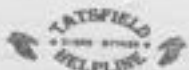
We should be more serious, if not necessarily sober, for our next gathering on Monday 24 April - a formal wine tasting. There are still a few places available at £6.50 - ring 571 767

KILEEN PEARCE

I know you love  
your food but  
must you make it  
so obvious!



## TATSFIELD HELPLINE



From April 1st, Tatfield Community Care has become Tatfield Helpline. A booklet about the wide range of services which are now being offered can be obtained from the Post Office on the doctor's surgery.

We have received financial backing from Surrey County Council and Tatfield Parish Council for which we are very grateful but we have been advised to ask for donations of 25p per call towards the cost of postal and £1 per hour for other services in order to cover our expenses.

Please don't hesitate to ring if you need help: we will help if we can and will say if we can't. We have a large team of volunteers ready to help and we would be glad to hear of anyone else who would like to join us. It need not be a regular commitment.

Finally, our thanks to Tim Chorley, who has designed our booklet and our logo.

Marjorie Burwood - Chairman



## ARCHERY CLUB

We have had reply coupons from 12 people interested in the possibility of setting up a Tatfield Archery Club.



However, following our meeting on 27 February, when we were joined by representatives from Kent Archery Association and Eidsbridge Archery Club, it was decided that we needed to gain more experience of the sport and, if in about a year's time we felt we had gained enough experience and had enough people interested, then perhaps start a Tatfield Archery Club.

To gain this experience several of us will be doing a beginners course at Eidsbridge Archery Club in the near future.

Elaine Bennett (Tel: 577817)

I mislaid our thermometer  
so I borrowed the  
Horticultural Society's  
probe...



My Henry's  
always been a  
bad loser...



## BRIDGE

At our Monday afternoon sessions (1 to 4pm) we have adopted Chicago scoring. The attendance is rarely in multiples of four, and in order to give all players the same number of games, partnerships change after 4 rounds. Using Chicago scoring, each player maintains his/her own scorecard. It is then possible at the end of each session to assess how well (or badly!) one has performed.



With the long light evenings almost upon us, we have decided to postpone the promotion of a monthly evening bridge meeting until the autumn.

Meanwhile all bridge players (including beginners like myself) would be very welcome on Monday afternoons on a regular or occasional basis.

The Parish Room has 3 appropriately-sized tables. We look forward to the time when we shall have to find beds to supplement the existing furniture!

Phil Stokes (Tel: 577280)

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



Our meal at the Old Bakery on 26th February to celebrate the Institute's 70th anniversary was a happy occasion. There was nearly 100% attendance of members. We were free to choose from the menu - it was not table d'hôte - and the food was delicious. Conversation flowed freely in this friendly atmosphere. In fact I felt sorry for a couple who were the only non-W.I. people present - surrounded by our bubble.

The Elderly' Concert performed by W.I. members on the 3rd and 4th of March was much enjoyed. The audience ranged in age from 2 to 95! There was plenty of humour and home glee - Tom and Jerry, the Clowns, the Mad Hatter's Tea Party, the Paperhangings, the Magic Cello, Goble the Centipede - and lots of songs, most with choruses in which the audience could join. Everyone had a good time (including the cast!). Thanks to them and to all who participated in any way - the producer, the scenery makers, the scene shifters who also coped with the props, the costume makers, the make-up lady and, of course, our pianist.

'Going, going, gone' - the auctioneer's cry resounded in the Hall at our March meeting, when our speaker was Mr Cyril Butwin, who gave us a humorous view of the day-to-day running of auctions. He said he could deal with 110 lots in an hour; he taught us the best way to ensure that we got what we wanted at a price we were willing to pay. There were lots of laughter-provoking anecdotes of bids and amounts he had met. He also gave some of the background history. Sotheby's and Christie's (now doing billions of pounds of business) started off in a very small way in the 18th Century. There was a lot of information as well as fun - 'Lot' was a very apt word.



At our meeting on 4th April, Mr N.P. Gauding will be telling us how to make a Butterfly Garden.

On 29th April, members and friends will come to the Hall for a meal to celebrate May Day - Tickets £3.00.

Beverley Petrie (Tel. 877442)



#### TATSFIELD/VERN D'ANJOU ASSOCIATION

Good Friday morning sees the arrival of about 45 French visitors, adults and children, to celebrate with us 20 years of the reuniting of our two villages.

At noon on Sunday 16th April, we are having a reception in the Village Hall. This will be attended by the Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr. Ian Mitchell, and the Mayor of Vern d'Anjou, M. Jean-Noël Degout, plus we hope, all those who have shown interest in the reuniting over the last 20 years.

There will be wine and nibbles for all. We hope to see you there!

Leslie Bellamy  
Social Secretary (Tel: 577314)



and finally.....!

#### TATSFIELD VILLAGE APPRAISAL

By the time you read this you should have received your copy of "One Year On", the Appraisal Committee's report on what has, and has not, been accomplished since the original appraisal report was published last April. If you attended the Annual Parish Meeting on 27th March, you will have heard our Chairman, Colin Corke, talk about the report and you will have had the opportunity to comment on it.

If anyone has not received their copy, would they please let me know. Extra copies are also available at £2 each - just contact me.

Bob David (Tel: 577357)

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