

APRIL 2021

Tatsfield Parish Magazine



£1. One copy FREE to each household

www.tatsfield.org.uk



Titsey Place

OXTED, SURREY

HOUSE AND GARDENS OPEN ON SATURDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS, GARDENS ONLY ON SUNDAYS

Titsey Place, with its stunning garden, lakes, woodland walks, walled kitchen garden and park offering panoramic views, enchants visitors. Enjoy the fine family portraits, furniture, a beautiful collection of porcelain and a marvellous set of four Canaletto pictures of Venice. After visiting the mansion house and grounds, why not relax in our tea room where light refreshments are available.

Open season: 15th May to 22nd Sept 2021

House and gardens open: 1pm to 5pm every Wed and Sat. Also end of May and Aug bank holidays. Guided tours of the house at 1.30, 2.30 and 3.30pm (limited 20 per tour)

Tea rooms open: Wed, Sat, Sun 12.30pm

Gardens only open: Every Sun 1pm to 5pm

NGS open days: 23rd May, 29th June, 18th July, 15th August

Info Line: 07889 052461 www.titsey.org

*Please check the website for changes to opening times due to covid restrictions





OLD SHIP



YOUR LOCAL VILLAGE PUB

FULL RESTAURANT & SUNDAY LUNCH MENU

WE'RE RE-OPENING ON THE 16TH
APRIL, TO BOOK YOUR TABLE PLEASE
CALL OR EMAIL US.

PUB OPENING HOURS
MON - THURS - CLOSED

FRI - 12PM - 9PM

SAT 10AM - 9PM

SUN 12PM - 7PM

RESTAURANT HOURS
MON - THURS - CLOSED

FRI - 12PM - 7PM

SAT 12PM - 7PM

SUN 12PM - 5PM

Don't forget! Take a night off and order a
fabulous takeaway!

Friday 5pm - 8pm

Fish & Chips, Pizza, Burgers and your
favourite pub classics.

Sunday 12pm to 4pm

"Bring your own plate"

Choose from

Roast Beef or Chicken, Gammon,
Veggie or Nut Roast.

served with all the trimmings

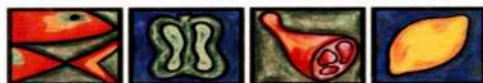
Gluten free roast can be provided.

WESTMORE GREEN, TATSFIELD TN16 2AG, TEL: 01959577311, EMAIL ENQUIRIES@YEOLDSHIP.COM

FIND US ON FACEBOOK "THE OLD SHIP@TATSFIELD OR WEBSITE WWW.YEOLDSHIP.COM

**LOOK
OUT IN
APR**

the bakery



bar restaurant & grill



Takeaway Easter Sunday Lunch !

Sunday April 4th 2021

Available for collection from 11.45am until 6.30pm

Menu

Roast Leg of Lamb , 1/2 Roast Chicken or Vegan Vegetable Tart

Home Made Chocolate Brownie or Mango Cheesecake

One Course £12.95 Two Courses £15.95—Book a Collection time now !

We are hoping to open outside for food and drinks on selected dates
from the week commencing April 12th—this will be weather dependant
so keep an eye on our Blackboard for further details !

THE BAKERY RESTAURANT - WESTMORE GREEN - TATSFIELD - KENT - TN16 2AG
Tel 01959 577605 e-mail info@thebakeryrestaurant.com or www.thebakeryrestaurant.com

Sheree's Store & Tearoom



- Speciality Tea and Coffees
- Delicious cakes
- Cream teas
- Hand made cards
- Locally made arts & crafts
- Wide range of products including locally sourced & Fairtrade
- Newspapers, stationery & stamps
- PayPoint
- Cash back

Join us in a friendly, relaxed atmosphere in the heart of the village

Tel 01959 928181

2 The Parade
Westmore Green
Tatsfield TN16 2AS



 'Sheree's Store and Tearoom'



RAY DRY

ALL TYPES OF
MAINTENANCE
AND
DECORATING

No job too small

01959 577340
07774 651166



**How sharp is your image?
Does your literature or
website content need
updating?**

bigginwords

COMPETITIVE RATES

Whether you need a full PR campaign, one-off project, company newsletter or leaflet, or some editing and proofreading, **bigginwords** can help.

I can also help with book manuscripts, club newsletters, letter writing and more...

For a bespoke, friendly service give me a call
on **07814 738894**,

or email

barbara@bigginwords.co.uk

www.bigginwords.co.uk

FELLOW MEMBER OF: SWWJ (Society of Women Writers & Journalists).

Homeopathy

A safe and effective form of natural healing for adults and children, which can help with most complaints.

TEL

01959 577 143

MOBILE

07494 568 520



Alizon Mooney R.G.N.
QUALIFIED HOMEOPATH

A25 Taxis

Your reliable Tatsfield taxi Service for all occasions

Airport transfers

Taxi hire

Occasion/Wedding hire

Corporate hire

School run service (DBS checked)

01959 575957

✉ A25taxis@live.co.uk

FREE HOME COLLECTION AND HOUSE CLEARANCE SERVICE

Declutter and clear your home, garage basement or office and help us change lives today.

We gratefully accept small to large furniture items, books, homeware and clothes for resale in our charity shops.



THE CHARTWELL CANCER TRUST

www.chartwellcancertrust.co.uk/collections

Tel: 01959 570322

ACACIA

TREE SURGEONS

EST.1944

We provide a wide range of tree services
Complete tree and Stump removal
Thinning and Pruning
Crown Reduction
Lifting and Reducing
Site Clearance
24 Hour Emergency Call Out
Chippings delivered
All fencing undertaken.

Based in Tatsfield
01959 577718
07831 132333
acaciatreesurgeons@gmail.com

**NPTC QUALIFIED &
CHAS REGISTERED**

Call us today for a free estimate
Celebrating 75 years of professional tree care



Spanish Tuition

All age groups and levels.

Help with Key Stage 3,
GCSE, A-level
or just for fun.

Contact Clare Southworth

01959 541087 or

07786 362338

southworth21@hotmail.com

Ibbett Mosely

A name you can trust.

INDEPENDENT ESTATE AGENTS

SELLING HOMES SINCE 1900

*"We are delighted to offer home owners a
FREE sales or lettings market appraisal
of their home"*

28 Market Square
WESTERHAM
TN16 1FR

www.ibbettmosely.co.uk

01959 563265

westerham@ibbettmosely.co.uk

Family run for over 30 years



Westerham Heights Garden Centre

Come and discover our full range of bedding plants, shrubs, fruit bushes, fruit trees and ornamental trees.

Acer Specialists



Aquatic plants, pond pumps, fish food and waterfalls.



Tea & Coffee
now available



Terracotta,
glazed, fibreclay
and plastic pots.



Stonemarket slabs, ornamental rocks,
large range of bags of slates and gravels.

Main Road, Biggin Hill
Westerham TN16 2HW



01959 571545

Westerham.heights@yahoo

www.westerhamheights.co.uk



TATSFIELD VILLAGE CLUB & POST OFFICE

Mondays: Bingo 8.30pm

Fridays: Meat Raffle 7.30pm

Sundays: Texas Hold 'em 7.30pm

Monthly Quiz Night 8pm

**POST
OFFICE**

Tatsfield Post Office

Back of the Village Club
Westmore Green, TN16 2AG

Opening Times

Mon	09:00-17:30
Tue	09:00-17:30
Wed	09:00-17:30
Thu	09:00-17:30
Fri	09:00-17:30
Sat	09:00-12:30
Sun	Closed



Key Available Services

Mail
Drop & Go
Pay Bills and Top Up
Foreign Currency
Parcelforce Express

Cashback
National Lottery
Greeting Cards
Postal Stationery
Gift Wrapping



Entertainment and Members
events throughout the year!!

Phone: 577330

tvcsecretary@btconnect.com



Pre School for children 2+

Tatsfield Village Hall

Funding available for
2,3 & 4 year olds

Mon: 8am - 3pm

Tue: 8am - 3pm

Wed: 8am - 3pm New!

Thurs: 8am - 3pm

Fri: 8am - 1pm

Breakfast Club Monday- Friday
7.15 - 9am

For 2-11 year olds including drop off
to Tatsfield School

Call: 01959 540775

Email: office@littleacornstatsfield.co.uk

www.littleacornstatsfield.co.uk

Charity number: 1024480



LOCAL CARERS Biggin Hill & Tatsfield

NVQ Level 1 & 2. Fully Insured
CRB (Police Check)

Deige Keefe 07981 182773

For all your personal needs

Call us for advice or charges

Deige0707@gmail.com

WINDOW CLEANER

Terry Waite

01959 577613

07703 519353

terrywaite8@hotmail.com

Locally established for over 25 years



IQ Wealth Management



INVESTMENTS



PROTECTION



PENSIONS

As Financial Advisors we provide advice on a wide range of financial matters. From investment advice to retirement planning and managing your estate, we ensure as much as possible goes to the people you want to benefit from your hard work. Our initial 45 minute meeting is free, either at our offices in Tatsfield or your home.

To arrange a meeting please call 01959 571300

IQ Wealth Management, Aileen McHugo Building, Westmore Green, Tatsfield TN16 2AG

The value of your investments and pensions can fall as well as rise
and you might get back less than you invested

IQ Wealth Management is a trading name of Philip Clark who is an appointed representative of Quilter Financial Limited

TATSFIELD



01959 577347

Garage Ltd



MOT - Servicing - Repairs on all makes of vehicle.

- Tyres • Batteries • Brakes • Suspension
- Air Con • Clutches • Diagnostics • Welding

Please call Simon or just pop in.

Established since 2014

5-7 Paynesfield Road • Tatsfield • TN16 2AT • tatsfieldgarage@gmail.com

Tatsfield



THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR YOUR CHILD

CALL 01959 928 427

We believe that every child is made to live an extra ordinary childhood, that they can accomplish anything, with the right teacher and environment. With over 100 years teaching experience, Monkey Puzzle is more than just an education, it is an environment where life skills, good manners, caring for each other and bonds are made for life.

**Highly qualified,
well-motivated staff**
.....
**Beautifully appointed,
bright open rooms**
.....
Large outdoor play area
.....
**Open 7.30am - 6.30pm,
51 weeks of the year**
.....
**Accept 2, 3 and 4-year
Government funding**

Monkey Puzzle Day Nursery Tatsfield
Old School, Church Hill, Tatsfield, Surrey TN16 1JX
manager@monkeypuzzletatsfield.co.uk
www.monkeypuzzletatsfield.co.uk



@monkeypuzzletatsfield



@monkeypuzzletatsfield

Ofsted
Outstanding
Provider



Hazelwood School



is for confidence
and courage

We want our pupils to be true to themselves and to have certainty and belief in who they are and what they can do. That way they can be proud of their own individual journey and make the choices that are right for them. We need them to be brave; to create opportunities from which they will discover new passions. They will show integrity, develop ambition and find themselves able to reach higher and fly further.

The Alphabest of Ha-zelwood

Contact Nick Tappin on 01883 733841 or bursar@hazelwoodschool.com
www.hazelwoodschool.co.uk



Mayfield Riding School



- BHS approved & licensed by Surrey Council
- Adults & children welcome (from age 4)
- Individual and group lessons
- Fully qualified instructors
- BHS training and exams
- Jumping and hacking
- Birthday parties
- Liveries

(01959) 571059

www.mayfieldhorses.co.uk


LING & Sons Ltd
BUILDING CONTRACTORS

BUILDING FOR OVER 50 YEARS

New Builds | Renovations | Extensions


CONTACT Information
☎ 01959 577586
✉ info@lingandsons.co.uk



www.lingandsons.co.uk

Tatsfield Aquatics and Reptiles

- Reptiles
- Tropical Fish
- Marine Fish
- Pond Fish

'Everything for your fish and
reptiles under one roof'

Open every day
(Only 20 minutes from Croydon)



Waylands Farm
Approach Road
Tatsfield
TN16 2JT

01959 571828

RST Glass and Glazing Ltd

14 Rosehill Road, Biggin Hill, Westerham, Kent. TN16 3NF

☎ : 01959 571200 Fax: 01959 571288

✉ rstglassandglazing@live.co.uk www.rstglazing.co.uk

Windows, door & conservatories

Double glazed units

Misted and broken units

Handles, hinges and locks replaced

Glass table tops cut and polished

Patio door wheels/runners

Trade counter

Burglary damage repairs

All insurance work

Contract Glazing



FENSA
Registered Company

ANDREW MOORE

PHOTOGRAPHY & FILMS



- Wedding Photography
- Wedding Films
- Commercial Filming/Advertising
- Portrait/Family Photography
- Local Landscapes
- Drone Pilot



SOCIAL MEDIA

 WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/ANDREWMOOREPHOTO
 [ANDREW_MOORE_PHOTOGRAPHY](https://www.instagram.com/ANDREW_MOORE_PHOTOGRAPHY)
 PINTREST.COM/ANDREWMOOREPHOT/
 [@AMOOREPHOTOUK](https://twitter.com/AMOOREPHOTOUK)

BY PHONE

07919 090173

WEBSITE

[www.
AndrewMoore
Photography.co.uk](http://www.AndrewMoorePhotography.co.uk)

Tatsfield Martial Arts – Judo & Ju Jitsu Dojo

Head Coach – Adam Plinston.

5th Dan Black Belt. UKCC level 2 Coach. DBS Checked & First Aider

Gain confidence. Learn self defence.

Have fun getting fit



**FIRST LESSON
FREE!**



07956 956095 / tatsfieldmartialarts@gmail.com /
www.tatsfieldmartialarts.com

PILATES CLASSES



Tuesdays

6.00pm-7.00pm

Westerham Hall

Quebec Avenue,
Westerham TN16 4BG

Fridays

10.00pm-11.00am

11.15am-12.15pm

Tatsfield WI Hall

Paynesfield Road,
Tatsfield TN16 2AT

ADULT TAP CLASS

Tuesdays

7.00pm - 7.45pm

Westerham Hall

Quebec Avenue,
Westerham TN16 4BG

**COME AND JOIN US -
NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED!**

e: emily@dancefirst.co.uk

m: 07734 543464

For full details of classes:
www.dancefirst.co.uk

**From small gardens or ponds to full design and
build packages, we offer a wide range of services.
Garden, pond, water feature & landscaping design,
construction and maintenance,
all to a high quality finish.**

RM Ponds & Landscaping Ltd

Tel: 01732-863177 / 07903-329631

Email: rmpondsandlandscaping@gmail.com

**We have extensive experience, broad range of skills
and an innovative approach to transform your
outdoor space and create beautiful gardens. Our aim
is to impress and please our clients with every
project and to build everything to an extremely high
standard.**

Produced for the Village by the Parish Magazine Committee under the authority of Tatsfield Church.

Editors • Tracey Syrett and Tara Barry

Chairman • Revd Vince Short

Treasurer • Madie Langford (577114) **Distribution Managers** • Jim and Ruth Yeeles (577489)

Advertising Manager • Sarah Tait **Production** • Ruth Yeeles

CHURCH CONTACTS

ST MARY'S CHURCH, Church Lane, Tatsfield, TN16 2JX, www.lttm.org.uk

Anglican • Team Vicar: Revd. Vince Short

Church Correspondence • The Rectory, Ricketts Hill Road, Tatsfield, TN16 2NA (577289; vince@lttm.org.uk)

Wardens • Marjory Broughton (541059), Chris Hancock (577622)

COUNCIL CONTACTS

Parish Council: Clerk • Samantha Head, 33 Alexandra Rd, Warlingham CR6 9DW
clerk@tatsfieldparishcouncil.org.uk (07483 337461)

Chair • Kim Jennings email: kimjennings@tatsfieldparishcouncil.org.uk, (577328)
Website • www.surreycommunity.info/tatsfield

Tandridge District Councillor • Martin Allen, 38 Paynesfield Rd, Tatsfield TN16 2BG (577201)

Surrey County Councillor • Becky Rush Becky.rush@surreycc.gov.uk

OTHER CONTACTS

St. Mary's Church Hall Bookings • Sheila Cook (577443)

Village Hall Bookings Secretary • Helena Garcia (tatsfieldvillagehall@live.co.uk) (07983 011028)

W.I. Hall Bookings • Sheila Cook (577443)

Parish Room Bookings • (07920 772880) email clerk@tatsfieldparishcouncil.org.uk

Tatsfield Primary School Head • Kevin Bellinger (577356)

Tatsfield Village Club • (577330)

Furze Corner Sports Pavilion Bookings • (07533 033325)

Doctors • Stock Hill Surgery (580011) • Westerham Surgery (564949) • Oxted Medical Centre (01883 734000)

Tatsfield Helpline • (577749)

Pet Register • Val Moore (574810)

Village Website: www.tatsfield.org.uk

MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTIONS

We welcome contributions from village organisations and individual residents but reserve all editorial rights. We welcome letters commenting on items in previous issues or on anything else. Anonymous submissions will not be accepted. Organisations must include contact details in their submission, which will be published. Copy date for the Magazine is normally 16th of the preceding month, except for July/Aug and Jan/Feb double issues. Ideally contributions should be sent as a Word attachment in an email to: tatsfieldpm@gmail.com. Alternatively they may be posted to: Tatsfield Parish Magazine, The Rectory, Ricketts Hill Road, Tatsfield, Westerham, TN16 2NA.

Enquiries concerning advertising or loose inserts should be made to Sarah Tait (tatsfieldmag@gmail.com). All loose inserts need to be booked and approved at least ONE MONTH in advance of insertion.

Small Ads These are accepted only from Tatsfield or Titsey residents (No Trade) and are free of charge (Max 10 words plus phone number.) We will include them in the next issue space permitting.

Calendar Dates Our calendar usually covers six weeks or more from publication so please give us your dates in good time. If you don't want your event to clash with others why not check with us early?

Advertisements We take no responsibility for the goods and services advertised in the magazine.

Cover image: Nina Denny.

EDITORIAL

Does anyone remember the 400 metre semi-finals at the Barcelona Olympic Games in 1992? The young British sprinter Derek Redmond was among the favourites, having recorded the fastest time in the previous heat but then suddenly he pulled up in agony with a torn hamstring. The word disappointment would be an understatement after all the training and expectation! Yet something memorable was about to happen. The race was over, but rather than staying on the ground in wait for a stretcher, Derek suddenly got up and began to hobble towards the finishing line. Next, in full view of the watching world, someone ran from the stands, broke through security and joined Derek with an arm round his shoulder and words of encouragement to help him complete the race. It was Derek's father, Jim. As they crossed the line, the 65,000 strong crowd responded with a standing ovation and the loudest cheer of the entire games. Perhaps unsurprisingly, given his perseverance and "victory" in the face of suffering, Derek is now a motivational speaker. It could have been a different but very understandable story if he had simply given up there and then on the track, or if his father's intervention had been to stop him causing any more pain or potential damage.

This April begins with the remembrance of Good Friday and the celebration of Easter. The meaning of this is sometimes summed up by reference to John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life" (NIV Bible). This points to Christ's suffering on the Cross for our sake being a necessary precursor to the victory of the Resurrection. Here, similar to my opening example, God the Father and God the Son, endure and do not avoid what must be done, with a hint of why it is termed "Good" Friday rather than "Bad".

Without detracting from what I consider to be the focal point of history, there are signs of "resurrection" in the broader sense all around as, in the coming months, we seek to recover from the restrictions and suffering brought about by the Pandemic.

In spite of some limitations affecting our way of doing things, the message of Easter is unchanged, and it is still to be celebrated. We invite you to join with us at St Mary's and our sister churches (St Peter's, Limpsfield; St Andrew's, Limpsfield Chart). Details of services by Zoom (or in person) for Good Friday and Easter Day are in St Mary's News and we are grateful to our flower arrangers who will decorate the church, which can also be visited from 1pm- 4pm for private prayer on Easter Day (Sunday 4th April).

With my best wishes for a joyful Easter,

Vince 01959 577289 email: vince@ltnm.org.uk

TATSFIELD ONLINE

Village website: www.tatsfield.org.uk

Village facebook page: search for 'Tatsfield Village' on facebook

Tatsfield Talk facebook group: search for 'Tatsfield Talk' on facebook, and ask to join to be able to view and post.

Twitter: @tatsfieldtweet

KEY HELPLINES

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

Domestic Abuse: If you are at risk, please contact East Surrey Domestic Abuse Service in confidence on: 01737 771350 or the National Helpline 0800 2000 247 which is manned 24/7. The Surrey Domestic Abuse Partnership is aware the measures to reduce the spread of Covid-19 will put survivors of domestic abuse at further risk. Being unable to leave the home will make accessing support even more difficult and being isolated at home with a perpetrator increases the risk of serious harm or worse. The Home Office has published advice and guidance for those who are experiencing or feel at risk of domestic abuse during the outbreak.

In danger, need the police, but can't speak? SILENT SOLUTION is a way for the public to access help in an emergency situation even if it's not safe, or they are unable to speak. This solution allows someone to make themselves heard and let the 999 operator know the call is genuine. If you can't speak, dial '55' from your mobile phone after calling 999.

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

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

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

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

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

Food available for parents struggling to provide family meals: Those finding it hard to put food on the table are being encouraged to talk to their child's school or early years setting, or to contact the Community Helpline set up by Surrey County Council to find out about the options available. There are various other sources of food available, including food banks and community fridges. In addition, food hampers are available for some families who need them and again schools will be able to help with allocation.

A MESSAGE FROM PSCO RUPERT KELLY

Rupert has sent a note to apologise for not been around recently. He was in a major road traffic accident which has caused him some serious injuries. He has been off work for some time now and will be off for some time in the future. He said that he looks forward to being back on the job just as soon as he can and able to see everyone in Tatsfield.

We send our very best wishes to Rupert for his recovery, and I am sure the same goes for all in Tatsfield.

Martin Allen

LETTERS

Dear Editors,

Watch the Birdie. So my Jan and I are walking around by our lovely village pond recently and taking a look at the attractive bird tables, nesting boxes and hedgehogs houses at front of David and Maddie Bacon's house. The prices for these excellently made garden attractions are very reasonable indeed and one bird table was ordered immediately for us and kindly delivered by the cracking chef who works at The Bakery.

Now I have always thought that watching goldfish swimming around in a bowl is a way to waste a whole lot of time, but I am amazed at the results of getting a bag of mealworms from Knights Garden Centre is the signal for every sort of bird to come for a coffee/tea break. It's like the old days, when Sheree had her inside tearoom overflowing with customers who could enjoy a cup of the best hot chocolate in the whole world. But Tatsfielders do get yourselves one of these bird tables and you'll see that it's like everything in Nigel's Notes, with all different sorts of winged birdies queuing up at The Ritz.

But whilst looking out from the kitchen window at the marvellous contraption of David's yesterday morning, I saw a problem, which was not one but two pigeons side by side trying to get inside the bird table together. It just doesn't work as he hasn't designed it to take this couple together. Also, another one of Nigel's mates suddenly wanted to get into The Ritz as well which was a large pheasant! I think that there is a future for David's efforts and I'll bet you anything and I just cannot wait for one (or two) of Alex's emus from up at Furze Corner to appear and join in with the Ritz tea/dinner parties.

We also have a fox who sits in our garden watching all this happening. We named him Freddie but have since been informed of our mistake – we have had to change the name to Freda!

Dave Bishop

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A FRIENDLY CHAT? HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT *IT'S GOOD TO TALK*?

It's Good to Talk has been operating since the beginning of December and is an initiative set up by Tatsfield residents in conjunction with the Parish Council and St Mary's Church.

We have 13 volunteers ready to call you for a friendly chat either on a regular or occasional basis. So please don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like one of us to give you a call.

Here's what one of the people we call has to say about the service:



"Well done to the It's Good to Talk group...There is nothing better in these strange times than to hear a friendly voice. Although I have been able to keep in touch with friends and family overseas via my iPad, it has been so good to have a friendly chat. I have spoken to people I have not previously known, and what is more feel I have made new friends. Looking forward to meeting two of these ladies on the green when conditions allow. Thank you again for organising this good to talk group."

Phone 07834 635891 or email: tatsfield.itsgoodtotalk@gmail.com

We look forward to hearing from you.

Barbara Hester, Hilary Vale and all the *It's Good to Talk* volunteers

TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on 8th March via zoom. I am very happy to be back after my leave of absence and thank all my fellow Parish Councillors for their support and hard work during this time. The weather is starting to improve, and Tatsfield Village will soon be a mass of yellow daffodils. I always feel this annual show of colour is a sign that things are brightening up. The purple crocuses on Tatsfield Green are especially beautiful this year and make a great display around our thriving Royal Oak tree.

The COVID vaccine continues to be rolled out throughout the area. The 50+ age group can now request a vaccination. However, if you are in a group above and think you have been missed, please contact your GP to get an appointment.

Planning

This month we had two applications to consider.

TA/2021/191 Wayside, Ninehams Road. Erection of 5 dormer windows in association with conversion of loft space to habitable accommodation. Replacement of roof tiles. No comment.

TA/2021/325 Park Farm, Rag Hill Road. Removal of condition 4 (no further extensions or enlargements) of planning permission ref:95/292 (demolish existing single storey rear extension and erect two-storey rear extension to provide living room and swimming pool and first floor bedroom and bathroom above) to allow for further development. Object.

We were also invited to comment on the Proposed Pedestrian Pathway along Beggars Lane from the roundabout at the A233 to the Junction with the A25, to provide safe pedestrian access to Westerham Brewery, Squerryes Winery and Flint and Oak Farm Shop. The Parish Council agreed that it would be a safer route for walkers and had no objections to the proposal.

Annual Parish Meeting

It was decided that this meeting will be deferred until the COVID restrictions are lifted and a public meeting can be held.

AOB

The Parish Council has received a request from Dave Bishop to hold a family picnic on Westmore green on 15th August. It was agreed in principal but would only be able to take place if Government covid restrictions allow.

The grass area in front of shops has taken a lot of extra traffic since the introduction of the benches and suffered during the bad weather. This is now showing signs of recovering and the Parish Council are monitoring the area.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to all the village litter pickers they are out in all weathers and do a fantastic job keeping our village litter free.

Kim Jennings, Chairman

Tatsfield Parish Council (email: kimjennings@tatsfieldparishcouncil.org.uk)

TANDRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Waste contract awarded to Biffa

Following a full tender process, the Council has awarded its waste contract to Biffa, one of the UK's leading national recycling and waste management providers.

This eight-year contract, worth £20 million and due to start on 5 April 2021, will offer residents the same high level of service they currently receive, as well as:

- New collection vehicles.
- In-cab technology and video cameras on the vehicles which will make working on the roads safer for the collection crews, assist with collection issues and help identify improvements to the collection service.
- From 5 April, collections will also take place on bank holidays except for Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.
- An online booking system for the collection of household bulky waste.
- Working with local charity Emmaus to reuse more of the bulky waste, rather than sending it to landfill.
- £5,000 a year spent on proactive recycling and recycling education initiatives.

Biffa will continue to collect recycling, food, household and garden waste at the same frequency. Households will be notified in advance of any changes and from Monday 8 March, residents will also be encouraged to visit www.tandridge.gov.uk/checkmybinday.

Biffa will also continue to collect textile, small electric and electronic equipment and batteries if they are put in a tied carrier bag and placed next to the bin at the edge of the property by 6am on the scheduled collection day.

A quick review of the data for Tatsfield shows that of the 745 properties:

- 180 properties are having no change at all - so they are still having the refuse or recycling collected at the same time as the food.
- 565 properties are having a separate food waste collection so they will have two vehicles collecting.
- Collection day will remain the same - Tuesday.

Application No: KCC/SE/0495/2018 Site: Covers Quarry, Westerham, Kent

Proposal: Stabilisation and restoration of Covers Farm Quarry - As your District Councillor I have sent off a letter for submission to the process concerning this application and to voice the objection of the village to it.

Important information from the police

You will no doubt have read the reports that we continue to receive of the theft of vehicle index plates. Not only can this be inconvenient to the victim but can lead to a number of fines being sent to the victim when they have in fact not done anything wrong.

If the criminals fix the number plate to another car and commit offences, the fines for these offences will be sent to the registered keeper's address. It can also lead to cases of mistaken identity. If a criminal has used stolen number plates on a car that they have

then used to commit a crime, then the original owner of the plates could unwittingly be stopped by police who may believe the victim is in fact the person who committed the crime!

This problem can be easily rectified by fixing the number plate to the car using "Anti-theft Number Plate Bolts " These can be purchased from a number of outlets, including companies such as Halfords.

Budget 2021 - additional financial support for businesses

The Budget confirmed the extension of some financial support for businesses, including:

- The extension of the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme, also known as the furlough scheme, until the end of September.
- The announcement of £5 billion in new Restart Grants – a one off cash grant of up to £18,000 for hospitality, accommodation, leisure, personal care and gym businesses in England.
- A new UK-wide Recovery Loan Scheme to make available loans between £25,001 and £10 million, to help businesses of all sizes through the next stage of recovery.
- Business rate relief for 750,000 eligible businesses in the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors in England.

More information about what was announced in the Budget is available on [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk), including this [What you need to know factsheet](#).

Full details of the current grants and financial support on offer can be found on our website, including the opening of the second phase of applications for the Local Restriction Support Grant, for businesses required to close or those severely impacted by national restrictions. Applications for this phase of the grant close on 31 May.

Are you planning an event this summer?

Many people are starting to plan events and counting down the days until 21 June when social distancing may not be required. A lot needs to happen before we get to that point and the government has set out clear "not before dates" in the roadmap. Any changes will be based on data and not dates.

Licensed and non-licensed events such as festivals, flower shows, car boot sales or circuses, charity events such as fund-raising fairs, organised sporting events such 10km runs, town centre events and even street parties, are all situations where people gather in crowds and where social distancing is difficult, if not impossible.

We are putting plans in place to help and advise organisers about the safe organisation of mass gathering events. If you are hoping to hold an event during June, July or August and beyond, please review and consider the following:

- The elements of the government's roadmap related to the events research.
- The event planning timescales involved, and any sector specific guidance issued by government and/or the relevant sector.
- The potential need for two risk assessments and event plans. One based on Covid-19 restrictions being in place, including social distancing requirements and one based on non-Covid restrictions.
- The Covid-19 checklist provided by Surrey's Safety Advisory Group.
- The licensing implications and timescales.
- The implications and procedures required should the event need to be cancelled at short notice due to Covid-19 restrictions, surge testing, raised local infections rates or any other element involved in COVID-19.

All events must be considered by our Safety Advisory Group (SAG) and we are not able to approve any events which do not meet our statutory timescales. The SAG needs as much time as possible to consider an event, particularly a complex one. We must review any event application at least 28 days before the event. As part of this, we need your event management plan and risks assessments.

Although we are accepting event applications, we will not be able to confirm any events until restrictions are officially eased by the government.

Your local businesses need you

You can read about the Council's Backing Business Campaign in the Tandridge Magazine or on the Council's website. It is to support local businesses by encouraging residents to stay safe, shop locally and support local businesses as much as possible. If you'd like your business to be featured in the next campaign, please e-mail your business details to communications@tandridge.gov.uk.

Improving employment opportunities for young people

Businesses in the district can help improve the employment prospects of hundreds of local young unemployed people with the launch of a new youth employment hub.

The East Surrey Youth Hub helps young unemployed people aged 18-24 claiming Universal Credit overcome barriers to finding work, while helping local employers find hard working, enthusiastic and innovative people to join their organisations.

The hub, which has now launched digitally, will provide access to a wide range of coaching, mentoring and soft skills development from local businesses, tailored to meet an individual's career aspirations. When it is safe to do so, the hub will also be physically based in the district twice a week, in Quadrant House in Caterham and the Council Offices in Oxted.

Young residents identified as needing job support will be referred to the hub by their local Jobcentre Plus.

We are working closely with Reigate & Banstead Borough Council, which is leading the project, with funding from the Department of Work and Pensions through its Flexible Support Fund.

To find out more about how your business can get involved, please e-mail suzanne.carey@dwp.gov.uk.

Helping children connect digitally with their schools

A big thank you to all local businesses which have generously supported children across the district to help them continue learning at home, by donating digital devices or cash donations through the Connectivity for Kids scheme.

So far, the scheme has raised a total of £2,270, as well as helping 64 families by providing:

- 43 laptops, tablets or iPads.
- 16 printer ink cartridges and paper sets.
- 11 printers.

The scheme is continuing to accept donations of tablets, laptops, iPads, printers, ink cartridges and printer paper. If you've recently upgraded your digital equipment and can help by donating any of these items, they are being accepted at Caterham on the Hill and Warlingham libraries.

If you have any questions, please contact Councillor Kerry Mansfield at cllr.kerry.mansfield@tandridge.gov.uk, or call **07837 736 653** or through [Connectivity for Kids' Facebook page](#).

Short term job opportunities to help others

The government's new **Call to Care** initiative is offering jobseekers, volunteers and those on furlough the opportunity to get involved with short term paid work in adult social care, to help provide a boost to the social care workforce.

A variety of roles are available under the initiative, including wellbeing support, collecting and delivering supplies, personal care or cooking and cleaning, with exact roles based on an applicant's experience.

If successfully matched to a role, applicants will be paid even if they are furloughed and currently claiming wages through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme.

Roles are available on a full or part-time basis and no previous experience is necessary as comprehensive training will be provided.

More information, including details of how to register your interest, is available online.

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

Cllr Martin Allen 01959 577201

cllr.martin.allen@tandridge.gov.uk or martin_allen@talk21.com

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

Furze Corner improvement work. Martin Allen raised the issue with me of the number of times, in the past couple of years, cars have come off the road at Furze Corner. All accidents were damage only, but I have been looking into any potential solutions with Highways to improve the corner.

The solution (which will be implemented in the new financial year - so after April) will be to put clearer signage up in both directions warning of the bend and also of the pedestrians crossing. New yellow backed signs warning of the bend will be installed and also the existing pedestrian signs will be replaced with exclamation mark warning signs with the words "pedestrian crossing" underneath, again all on yellow back boards.

Like me you may think that chevron signs at the bend would be good; this is what I requested initially, however those signs need to be located on the outside of the bend and there is simply not enough room in this location, no grass verge and hedges right up to the carriageway.

Additionally, I asked about high friction surfacing which you might have seen on roads (like the new surfacing that has been put down at the junction of Limpsfield Road and Slines Oak Road); however, there is no evidence that the road surface is contributing to accidents. This type of surface is generally used on approaches to pedestrian crossings or at junctions as a "safety net" to help drivers if they have to break hard.

Martin and I will continue to monitor any future incidents and are very pleased to have found an improvement and the funding to implement it.

Becky Rush, Surrey County Councillor

Promoted by Tim Hall on behalf of Becky Rush both of 6 Godstone Road, Lingfield, RH7 6BW

CLAIRE COUTINHO, EAST SURREY MP

As we mark the one-year anniversary of Covid-19 being declared a pandemic, I know the disruption the virus continues to cause is becoming increasingly tough to take. I hope the Prime Minister's four-step plan out of lockdown provided a welcome degree of certainty and hope for residents and businesses across East Surrey that we won't be living under these restrictions for much longer. The first step saw the reopening of our schools on 8 March, and I would just like to pay tribute to pupils and staff at all our local schools for making it as smooth a process as possible. The second step in the roadmap will see shops, hairdressers, gyms and outdoor hospitality reopening from 12 April. The third step will see most social contact rules lifted, as well as limited mixing indoors, from 17 May. The Government hopes that we will see the end of legal limits on social contact from 21 June.

Decisions on whether we can move to these next steps on the dates above depend on four key tests. First, that the vaccine deployment programme continues successfully. Second, that the evidence shows vaccines are sufficiently effective in reducing

hospitalisations and deaths. Third, that infection rates do not risk a surge in hospitalisations which would put unsustainable pressure on the NHS. Fourth, that our assessment of the risks is not fundamentally changed by new variants of Covid that cause concern.

At the time of writing this update on 11 March, we seem to be moving in very much the right direction. Britain has administered over 24 million vaccines, including more than 367,000 across Surrey Heartlands. Nationally, we are averaging almost 2.7 million doses a week, and 40 per cent of adults have now received their first dose. Indeed, we are now inviting people aged 56 to 59 to be vaccinated. This invite has been sent after more than eight in ten people aged 65 to 69 took up the offer of a jab. The latest data on vaccine efficacy also provides much cause for optimism. Both the Oxford and Pfizer vaccines have been found to reduce the likelihood of serious illness by 60 per cent after the first dose and reduce the likelihood of hospitalisation by 80 per cent after one dose.

As a Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Treasury, the Budget has been another key focus of mine over the past few weeks. I'm proud of the package of measures it contains, from extending furlough until the end of September, to two further self-employment grants and an extension to the scheme for those who became self-employed in 2019/20. For businesses, we are introducing further grants of up to £18,000, along with an extension of the business rates holiday and VAT cut. In addition to the £7 billion of support the Treasury has provided for the aviation sector, the Government also launched the Aviation Skills Retention Platform, a scheme designed to find jobs for those in the aviation sector who may be unable to work because of the pandemic or to find similar roles that match their existing skillset.

This past month has also seen major progress on the Domestic Abuse Bill. This is an issue that affects 1 in 4 women, and it has been a privilege to get to know the genius women working tirelessly behind our local support services, East Surrey Domestic Abuse Service and Reigate and Banstead Women's Aid. I am delighted that the Bill will be strengthened on some of the key issues they and so many others have campaigned for, such as making non-fatal strangulation a specific criminal offence, punishable by up to five years in prison, and strengthening legislation around controlling or coercive behaviour, no longer making it a requirement for abusers and victims to live together.

As ever, if you have any questions or need my help, please do email me at claire.coutinho.mp@parliament.uk or leave me a message at 020 7219 5972. My team and I are on-hand to provide any assistance you may need as we move out of restrictions, and we aim to get back to everyone within 14 working days. By the time you are reading my next update, I very much hope we will have progressed to the second step in the roadmap out of lockdown, with non-essential retail and outdoor hospitality able to reopen. I know we are all keen for this process to be on-schedule so we can be reunited with family and friends as soon as possible, able to catch up on lost time

SURREY – FREE BUSINESS ADVICE AND EVENTS

A range of free advice and webinars are available to help support businesses through the current pandemic:

- Surrey Chambers of Commerce helps businesses by connecting them to opportunities, skills, knowledge and valuable contacts. More information, including upcoming events, can be found on its website or by contacting sarah.butcher@surrey-chambers.co.uk.
- Surrey Chambers is extending its EU Transition support to cover the whole of Surrey, thanks to funding from Coast to Capital and M3 Enterprise Local Enterprise Partnerships. Any businesses struggling with EU transition issues, particularly documentation requirements, should contact the team for advice and support. Tailored support is also available for businesses, by contacting sarah.butcher@surrey-chambers.co.uk or calling **01483 735547** for more information.
- The Coast to Capital Growth Hub team provides fully funded advice and support to help small and medium sized businesses connect with business support, experts and funding opportunities, as well as post EU transition advice. More information, including up to date news and events, can be found on its website or by visiting the Hub's Twitter account and subscribing to receive its newsletter. To speak to a Growth Relationship Manager, complete an online request form.
- The Business Hot House Programme provides growth opportunities for established small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), with a range of free events on offer.
- The Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) is available to help support and protect the interests of smaller businesses, small business owners and the self-employed by offering advice and guidance and running virtual events. FSB members have access to advice and guidance as well as virtual events on a range of topics.

We have paid out...

£23.5 million
in grants & support payments

to help

4,000 businesses

All available financial support can be found at www.tandridge.gov.uk/coronavirus

Tandridge District Council

PROTECT YOURSELF & OTHERS

The infographic features a blue background with white virus icons. A person in a blue coat and hat holds a red umbrella. A large pink piggy bank and a blue coin with a yellow Euro symbol are also depicted. A green wavy line runs across the bottom.



**Note for dog walkers on Hill Park Nature Reserve
(off Chestnut Avenue)**

Spring grazing has returned to this site to help manage some of the sensitive grassland habitats. Cattle and sheep will be in various compartments of the reserve so it is essential that dogs are kept on a lead when near these areas.

Thank you for your cooperation



COMPETITION TIME

Name our new collection vehicles

Can you help name our new rubbish and recycling collection vehicles? We would like you to get creative and come up with some fantastic names for these vehicles, which will be collecting

your: food waste; recycling; rubbish; and garden waste.

We would love to hear your ideas for names. The best ones will appear on the new waste collection vehicles and the lucky winners will receive a goody bag. The closing date for entries is Friday 16 April.

A selection panel consisting of Council and Biffa staff will select the winning names.

For more information visit www.tandridge.gov.uk/nameourvehicles.

Help for families to buy healthy foods

From April, the value of Healthy Start vouchers will increase from £3.10 to £4.25, providing additional support for pregnant women and families on lower incomes, to purchase healthy foods.

Healthy Start vouchers can be used to purchase fresh, frozen or tinned fruit and vegetables, fresh, dried or tinned pulses, plain cow's milk and infant formula. The scheme also allows claimants to receive Healthy Start vitamins.

To qualify for Healthy Start support, claimants need be at least 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under four years old and receive:

- Income Support.
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance.
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Child Tax Credit with a family income of £16,190 or less per year.
- Pension Credit.
- Universal Credit with no earned income or total earned income of £408 or less per month for the family.


More information on the Healthy Start scheme and how to apply is available on the [NHS website](https://www.nhs.uk/healthy-start).





In Year 1 at Tatsfield we have been busy learning about Easter and how the egg and chick represent new life.

Here are some of our Easter cards that we have enjoyed making.



SHEREE IN THE PAPERS....

The Caterham and District Independent newspaper has been including features on local Tandridge heroes during the pandemic. Wendy Watson nominated Sheree Cook and from all the messages that appeared on Tatsfield Talk it is apparent that the work of Sheree and her team has been truly appreciated in the village. Thank you Sheree!

LITTLE ACORNS PRE SCHOOL

Little Acorns is pleased to be fully open to our children and families again and have welcomed a lot of happy and excited children back through our doors!



We have introduced a Curiosity Box to the children which has different displays in it every few days to encourage conversation, investigation and language development. So far we have looked at the story of the Three Bears, been visited by pirates looking for treasure and learnt about chocolate and where it comes from!



In March we also celebrated World Book Day. We shared the story of the Three Little Pigs and made houses and masks to help act the story out. Great fun!



To mark Mother's Day the children made cards and a special gift to take home; and we have been planning for lots of exciting Easter activities and events which we will tell you about next month.

As well as preschool returning we have also been able to reopen our Breakfast Club to Tatsfield school children, and it's been lovely to welcome some of the bigger children back in the mornings. If you would like to use our Breakfast Club facility please email our office.

Thank you for reading.

The Little Acorns Team

office@littleacornstatsfield.co.uk

ST MARY'S NEWS



Open the Bible monthly All Age Service (currently on Zoom).

On Palm Sunday (28th March) we celebrated Jesus' historic entry into Jerusalem riding on a donkey and we welcomed our Team Rector, Revd Helen Cook, as our speaker. Our next Open the Bible service will be on Sunday 2nd May.

Holy Week and Easter Services in the Limpsfield and Tatsfield Team

St Mary's Tatsfield

Good Friday 10am Reflective service **via Zoom**

Easter Sunday 9am Holy Communion **in church** (no hymns)

10am Holy Communion **via Zoom**

The Zoom link is in our weekly notice sheet, which can be accessed via the link on the homepage of our website: www.lttm.org.uk/stmarys

For further information please contact the Church Office on 01959 577289.

St Peter's Limpsfield

Monday 29th March 5-5.30pm Reflection with Sarah Paxton **in church**

Maundy Thursday 1st April 8pm Eucharist **in church**

Good Friday 2nd April 2pm Good Friday Liturgy **in church**

Easter Sunday 4th April 10am Said Eucharist **in church**

11am **Online** Eucharist with hymns [*via St Peter's, Limpsfield, website*]

St Andrew's Limpsfield Chart

Good Friday 12noon Reflective service **in church**

Easter Day 9.30am and 11.00am Holy Communion **in church**

Revision of the St Mary's Church Electoral Roll 2021 – 2022

If you are not already on our Electoral Roll and you would like to put your name forward for inclusion, please contact Chris Hancock on 01959 577622 or Vince Short 01959 577289 for information. Due to the current Coronavirus restrictions forms will not be issued this year, however **details must be completed by Saturday 10th April 2021**. Full details of qualification for entry on the Roll were published in last month's St Mary's News (or available upon enquiry).

Thank you

Chris Hancock (Electoral Roll Officer)

Notice of St Mary's Church Annual Meeting (and joining instructions)

11.30am Sunday 25th April

Due to the Pandemic, the Church of England allowed postponement of last year's meetings and the use of alternative formats for the conduct of these meetings. We will be holding the meetings for both years via Zoom:

1) **2020 Election of Churchwardens**

2) **2020 Annual Parochial Church Meeting** including: Election of 2 Deanery Synod representatives; election of 5 Parochial Church Council representatives; and presentation of reports and accounts for the year ended 31st December 2019.

3) **2021 Election of Churchwardens**

4) **2021 Annual Parochial Church Meeting** including: Election of 2 Parochial Church Council representatives; and presentation of reports and accounts for the year ended 31st December 2020.

All are invited to attend via Zoom. It is hoped that the meetings will be completed in about an hour. Tatsfield residents are entitled to vote at the election(s) of churchwardens. Voting at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting(s) is restricted to St Mary's Church Electoral Roll members. For details of standing for election please contact Revd Vince Short.

The Zoom link is the same as that for our Sunday services and can be found in our weekly notice sheet, which can be accessed via the link on the homepage of our website: www.lttm.org.uk/stmarys

The agendas and reports will be emailed to Electoral Roll members in advance and available on request from the Church Office for other attendees (01959 577289).

Food Collection Update

On Monday 8th March, we managed to take a large quantity of food donations to **Christ Church, Brixton road**. The amount had been increased by food donated from the Westerham Food Bank (only the items that they had a surplus of). The food cupboard is still managing to run, this is being led by Marcel, a church administrator, and the church wardens. They have also started to get food deliveries from a local supermarket, though they can only order a reduced quantity. They were grateful for our continued support through our food donations.

We have also supported the **Westerham Food Bank** with specific donations that they have needed, on Thursday 25th February. They are seeing their client base growing week by week. At present there are 50 adults and 55 children registered. They have weekly requests for food, cleaning products and items for personal hygiene. Thank you to you all for your support in donating. If anyone has a query regarding what to donate please do contact me.

Looking ahead, we are planning to make our next deliveries to both food banks in May.
Hilary Vale (01959) 577864

Flower arranging team

We hope you are keeping well. We look forward to decorating the church for Easter on Saturday 3rd April, with arrangements prepared at home. If any would like to contribute towards the cost of the lilies, please send your donation to the Rectory in Ricketts Hill

Road TN16 2NA in an envelope marked "Easter Lily Donation" (cash or cheque payable to St Mary's Tatsfield PCC). **Ann 577207 Jan 577659**



Church teas

Sadly, we will not be able to open in May, as in the past. We will keep the changing restrictions (including social distancing) under review to determine whether or not it is possible to open for a short period at the end of the season.

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

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

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

Churchyard

Bags of compost are available for collection free of charge from the church composting area. Please bring a wheelbarrow and take care, as some bags are fairly heavy. We would also be grateful for the return of bags when empty for future use.

Churchyard Extension

During March significant progress has been made in preparation of the land for its future use, including removal of the fencing and hedge on the old boundary and some ground clearance, hedge trimming and new fencing in the top corner, with thanks to local contractors and all who have helped us thus far. Plans now need to be made for the layout of the burial ground and the cremation area at the top of the strip. This will be followed by consecration of the land for use as burial ground; the seeking of Diocesan permission for our plans; and the carrying out of any necessary works.

Records

23rd February Funeral of Melvyn Murgatroyd

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

71. Billingshurst Community £25 15. T Boys £15 63. J Thomson £10 St Mary's £50

The Millennium Hall remains closed at present, but we continue to review when we may be able to re-open to our regular groups.

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

GRAVE RESTORATION

Following last month's article about the work of Steve Davies who has restored the grave of Commander Robert Radcliffe Cooke RN, Steve has also shared the results of his research into Commander Cooke's career.

Robert Radcliffe Cooke was born in Much Marcle, Herefordshire on 7th March 1883 and he was the son of Charles Wallwyn Cooke and Frances Parnter Cooke (nee Broome). He joined the Royal Navy at HMS BRITANNIA as a Naval Cadet on 15th January 1897. He was promoted to Midshipman on 15th May 1898, and he was appointed to HMS HERMIONE (Captain George A Callaghan, Royal Navy) on the China station which he joined on 28th May 1898. On 9th October 1901 he was appointed to the HMS HYACINTH in the Channel Squadron. On 18th March 1902 he was appointed to the Royal Naval College for his Lieutenant's Courses and he was promoted to Acting Sub Lieutenant on 7th May 1902. After promotion to Lieutenant on 7th March 1903 he was appointed to the HMS LATONA 'for Submarines' on 24th June 1903. HMS THAMES replaced HMS LATONA as the submarine depot ship at Portsmouth on 26th July 1903, and he was re-appointed to HMS THAMES 'for Command of Submarine Boats' to date 3rd March 1904. It is understood that he commanded Submarine A4 from 3rd March 1904 to 15th March 1905 and was then appointed to HMS VERNON 'to qualify (T)'. Robert Cooke was re-appointed to HMS VERNON as a Junior Staff Officer on 3rd March 1906. His marriage to Ella Blanche Worley was recorded in the Portsmouth Registration District in 1906. On 23rd March 1906 Robert Cooke was 'loaned' to Greenwich College 'for Higher Course' which lasted until 26th March 1907. On 24th August 1907 he was appointed to HMS HINDUSTAN in the Channel Fleet and, in October 1907 he was again serving in the Royal Naval College at Greenwich. On 13th June 1908 he was appointed to HMS VERNON 'for Special Duty' and then to HMS PRESIDENT 'for Miscellaneous Services' on 30th October 1908 and 'for Charge of the Horsea W/T Station'. He was transferred to the Retired List on the grounds of ill health (tuberculosis) on 7th December 1909.

As a Retired Officer he did serve again both before and during the War, but his Service Record is not easy to interpret - several Medical Surveys, some time in a Sanatorium in Midhurst, an extended period of sick leave, a request to go on to Half Pay to take up a Colonial appointment, more W/T appointments and, eventually a return to the Retired List in 1920.

He is reported to have died at Hope Cottage, Tatsfield (of tuberculosis of the lungs) on 22nd August 1924 and he was buried in the graveyard of St Mary's Church, Tatsfield.

Note. There were two sons from the marriage - Robert Anthony Cooke (born 13th September 1908) and John Wallwyn Cooke (born 1910).

Steve Davies

SWIFTS AT THE OLD SCHOOL



A swift 'prospecting' in 2017.

Older Tatsfield residents may well remember that there used to be a small but regular swift colony residing at the old school building every summer. In recent years swift numbers have declined globally resulting in the UK getting fewer visitors and the distinctive screaming parties over Tatsfield skies are becoming a rare event.

I had always assumed that access to the eaves was blocked during the building renovations before Monkey

Puzzle took over the building but something still keeps the birds coming back every year to check out the old haunt. I don't know if they successfully nest now but, as this species is in serious trouble, I thought we should at least try and give them a helping hand.

Adopting the Allbutt maxim "*Act locally and make a difference*" I pushed my natural procrastination to one side and decided to contact Monkey Puzzle Nursery to see if they would give me permission to install a couple of swift nest boxes on the South-west wall.

I was delighted to get a positive and encouraging response and want to personally thank Sharene and Jane from Monkey Puzzle for their support and interest in this project.

In early March Ruth and I installed a pair of nest boxes where we have observed prospecting activity. We also lowered the hedge height as the birds prefer an unobstructed flight path to the entrance hole. The boxes will remain blocked off until we know the migrants have returned to the neighbourhood – usually May.

So, all we can do now is cross our fingers and wait and see if our pristine accommodation meets their approval. Hopefully, we'll have a positive update in a future magazine.



For more information on the plight of swifts see: <https://www.swift-conservation.org/>

Jim Yeeles

TATSFIELD COMMUNITY COMPOSTING SCHEME 2001 – 2021

Celebrating 20 years of making award winning “Black Gold”

The Tatsfield Community Composting Scheme will be open for business on Saturday 3rd April to receive green waste and distribute our well known ‘Black Gold’; but before opening day we will be turning the contents of some bins and processing others that are now completed and ready for you to collect and use in your gardens and allotments.

To achieve this, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

WE NEED TO BUILD A NEW TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS – THAT COULD BE YOU!

**Do you have an hour or so to spare,
on a Saturday morning or on a weekday?**

**Are you interested in learning how
to make excellent compost from green waste?**

**Are you thinking of doing a Duke of Edinburgh Award?
We have many young Tatsfielders who can tell you
about their experiences doing their DoE with us.**

**Come and join a cheerful group who are making award winning compost –
you do not need to commit to a particular amount of time – we operate a
flexible rota system.**

Why not contact Martin Allen martin_allen@talk21.com 01959 577201, or Jon Allbutt jon@jonallbutt.co.uk 01959-577100. We will be very pleased to tell you all about our project and – COVID restrictions allowing – meet you at the site in Approach Road and show you around.

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.

THE CHARTWELL CHARITIES – COUNTDOWN HAS COMMENCED

The path out of lockdown has started. We have set out our fundraising roadmap to guide us through!



Virtual wine tasting - tour of Spain, Friday 23rd April, 7.30pm

Join us for a night of wine tasting all for a worthy cause! Take a virtual stroll through the **vineyards of Spain**, whilst soaking up the fruity flavours from the comfort of your own home. Increase

your knowledge of wine as we are joined by leading experts Phil Humphries, from Unique Wine Safaris, with over 25 years' experience, and Juan Diez, the owner of the winery that is supplying the wines, live from his winery in Tierras de Murillo, Spain, who both share their passion and expertise as they take you on a vinology adventure.

You will receive three delightful (75cl) wines, a white, red and rose Rioja, plenty for two or more people to enjoy, delivered to your door.

"The wines are from La Rioja region of Spain, coming from the San Esteban winery, the first cooperative winery from the DOCa."

Tickets are £65 per household and for each booking; The Chartwell Cancer Trust will receive a donation of £25.

You will also get the chance to win a stunning case of 12 bottles of wine if you enter our charity raffle.

To book email info@chartwellcancertrust.co.uk or call 01959 570322.



Win a Spitfire Flight – charity raffle prize draw, 25th April

Win a **Spitfire flight** and enjoy the opportunity of a lifetime! Fly in a genuine combat-veteran Spitfire, experience the Spitfire Victory Roll and even a chance to take the controls! Access to the Biggin Hill Heritage Hangar for the winner and up to four guests is included and you will receive a free digital video! Tickets are

£10 and you can enter as many times as you like! The Prize Draw closes midnight on 25th April 2021. For more information and to purchase your ticket visit: <https://givergy.uk/spitfireprizedraw/?controller=home>.



Ready for a challenge? 5K May: Run 5, Donate 5, Nominate 5, 1st – 31st May

Exciting news! The Chartwell Charities is joining Justgiving's Run For Heroes 5K Challenge. This virtual fundraiser is running throughout the whole month of May. Supporters complete a 5k in whatever way they can, whether it is a run, roll, walk, cycle, swim, skate or even skip! Donate a minimum of £5 to take part and then nominate five friends to carry on the fundraising trend! The event is due to launch in April! More details will follow. If you are interested in signing up, please get in touch! You can email info@chartwellcancertrust.co.uk or call 01959 570322.



Skydives...are...back!! Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th June

Experience the thrill of a tandem skydive from 12,000 feet with a freefall of 120mph. You can even steer your way down from the dizzy heights! We have places on the 12th and 13th June if you think you are brave enough! Book with us now on 01959 570322 or email info@chartwellcancertrust.co.uk.



Cycling sportive, Sunday 4th July

Supporters **Westerham Cycling Club** is busy organising its annual spectacular summer sportive with The Velo Barn, Ride Tribe and Wolfe of Westerham in aid of The Chartwell Cancer Trust on Sunday 4th July. Cyclists will be setting off from Westerham Brewery to complete either a 40 or 72 mile course covering York's Hill, Hubbard's Hill, Pains Hill and Toys Hill, ending back at the Brewery for some well-deserved celebrations! The Club have extended the invitation to non-members for new and regular cyclists. Entry fee is from £34. Visit www.britishcycling.org.uk/.../Wolfe-of-Westerham for more information or to book your place with them direct.



The ASICS London 10K run is back! Sunday 25th July

The ASICS London 10K is back on this year! Join in this summer's greatest celebration of running with live music and entertainment at every kilometre along the flat, fast-pace route. You will run past **London's most famous iconic landmarks**. We have **FREE** charity places available. Join for yourself or enter a team! All entrants will receive race photos, an exclusive finisher tee and a goody bag and a Chartwell running vest. Get in contact on 01959 570322 or email info@chartwellcancertrust.co.uk for more information.



One small jab = one giant knockout punch for Covid-19!

Thank you to supporter Stanley Ridgewell for setting up a fantastic fundraiser, with his walking and running group! As soon as they have their COVID vaccinations, the group is donating to Chartwell. We think this is a wonderful idea and if you would like to make a

donation in the same way, you can do so by visiting Stanley's page uk.virginmoneygiving.com/St StanleyRidgewell or you could set up a team fundraiser of your own! If you would like more information, please get in touch! (This picture of Stanley was taken before current lockdown rules.)

THE CHARTWELL CHARITIES

Introducing Plant Based Health Online – the power of nutrition to help support people with chronic illnesses including cancer.



We are excited to share with you the launch of Plant Based Health Online (PBHO) – a new online healthcare service providing access to vital lifestyle first support. PBHO uses plant-based nutrition and lifestyle medicine to help support patients with common chronic illnesses, including cancer affecting people in the UK.



In 2018, we were first made aware of benefits of this evidence based lifestyle medicine approach through our long-standing relationship with Dr Shireen Kassam, Consultant Haematologist, at King's College Hospital, London.

Dr Kassam is passionate about plant-based nutrition. Since 2013, she has been immersed in the science of nutrition and health and is committed to providing education and advocacy amongst healthcare professionals and the public alike.

In January this year, Dr Kassam and Dr Laura Freeman co-founded and launched this CQC registered, online, multi-disciplinary, plant-based lifestyle medicine healthcare service – the first of its kind in the UK. Dr Freeman, Medical Director of PBHO turned to lifestyle medicine after her own diagnosis of cancer and discovered first hand the benefit of a plant based lifestyle. PBHO uses plant-based nutrition and lifestyle medicine, in conjunction with conventional medical treatments to help treat and manage chronic illnesses, including cancer.

PBHO has a diverse team of practitioners including GPs, dietitians, nutritionists and a health coach who offer expertise and advice on diet, physical activity, restorative sleep, psychological well-being and stress management, as well as the management of chronic

illnesses including high blood pressure and cholesterol, cancer, heart disease, type 2 diabetes and gut health problems. They work closely with healthcare teams to ensure a joined up and complimentary approach.

“There is an abundance of medical research that supports a whole food plant-based diet as one of the healthiest food choices you can make.” A healthy plant-based diet can help to reduce the risk of: heart disease by 25%; cancer by 15%; type 2 diabetes by at least 50%; and maintain a healthy body weight by 100%.

“The Chartwell Charities whole heartedly supports this fantastic initiative and will be working with PBHO to help promote a healthier future.”

PBHO are putting together a pilot project to deliver plant-based nutrition and evidence based lifestyle medicine to help patients who have completed cancer treatment. PBHO will help patients transition to a healthy plant-based diet and incorporate other healthy habits in order to improve their overall health and wellbeing.

PBHO are also looking to deliver the project to parents of children with cancer at an appropriate stage in their journey. The project is aimed at helping parents improve their energy, sleep quality, stress management as well as increase resilience whilst also tackling any underlying health issues such as overweight, obesity, high blood pressure or high cholesterol.

The Chartwell Charities whole heartedly support this initiative – a three month commitment commencing Monday 19th April. If you would like to join the project please contact the Chartwell Charities on 01959 570322 or email info@chartwellcancertrust.co.uk.

If you would like to find out more how a plant-based lifestyle can help, visit <https://plantbasedhealthonline.com/>



The **Co-op** has nominated The Chartwell Cancer Trust for 2020/21. Every £1 spent on Co-op branded goods either in one of these stores, any UK store or online, 2p is automatically donated to us. If you are not already member, it costs just £1 to join and takes moments to sign up. Members also save money every time they shop too! Please visit coop.co.uk/membership or download the Co-op app: www.coop.co.uk/coop-app and select The Chartwell Cancer Trust. This is such an easy way to help our cause and we really value your support.

TATSFIELD'S CHARITY WAGON

For any readers who have not heard of 'The Charity Wagon', it started back in July 2020. Having taken early retirement, I wanted to devote some of my free time to raising money for charity and I chose dementia, a condition close to my heart as my father was suffering from Alzheimers.

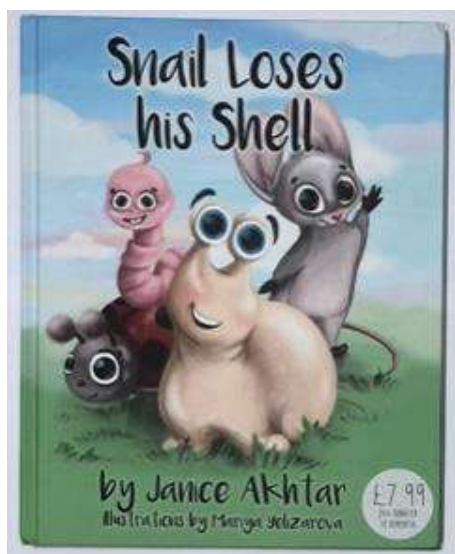
I never dreamt that it would have been so successful and raise such a fantastic amount and I am thrilled to bits!

So far, the Charity Wagon has reached the grand total of £4000 and the little wagon continues to roll on with a life of its own! This is thanks to all the wonderful people who have contributed in so many ways: by making craft items to add to the wagon, selling items on Tatsfield Talk and asking for a donation to the fund raising and, of course, buying items from the wagon.

Not only do we live in a caring and supportive community but we also have many amazingly talented people amongst us.

Craft work has ranged from homemade cards, jars of chutney and jam, paintings, felted creations, scrunchies, face masks, knitted toys, pom pom hats and baby clothes, decorated coasters, home grown plants and, during the summer months, garden produce.

Without such contributions, I would not have been able to keep the wagon stocked and without the variety, passers- by might lose interest, so I am deeply grateful to everyone who has contributed and still continue to do so!



The success of the Charity Wagon spurred me on to get a children's story, that I wrote some time ago, into print and thanks to Sheree's support, agreeing to sell it in her village store, I have managed to sell approximately 350 copies with each sale raising £1.60 towards my fund raising.

It is called 'Snail Loses his Shell' and is aimed at 4-9 year olds. It is about a snail who has lost his shell and is desperate to find a new one. Various garden friends suggest alternative ideas for a substitute shell to give him some protection but no one could have guessed the wonderful surprise awaiting him at the end of his journey! It is full of beautiful and colourful illustrations by the talented Mariya Yelizarova and I have had

such positive feed-back from children and adults which I so appreciate. Tatsfield Primary

School based their World Book Day on the book and following a recorded reading of the story online, I spent the morning of March 4th, chatting to each year group and answering their questions about writing a book and encouraging them to read, write and let their imagination soar. It was so enjoyable and they asked me many interesting questions!

If anyone reading this, would like to buy a copy of Snail loses his Shell, it is stocked in Sheree's Store and can also be purchased on ebay, (just type in title) or direct from myself.

I am now keen to get started on my next book called 'The Magic of Christmas' which will hopefully be in print by November, ready for Christmas.

Alongside is a photo of the delightful handiwork of Kim Jennings who made me the snail alongside all the various things that he tried on as substitute shells! She is such a talented lady and it was a wonderful gift which I was able to show the children when I went into school.

The generosity and kindness of local people has been incredible and I am so grateful as are the dementia charities who have benefitted from the amazing amount of money raised.



Jan Akhtar

KEEP SURREY SAFE

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL



SYMPTOM-FREE TESTING

for households and bubbles of school pupils, and of staff

BOOK • COLLECT • ORDER

surreycc.gov.uk/symptomfreecovidtesting

STAY AT HOME • PROTECT THE NHS • SAVE LIVES

Free physical activity to help residents with health issues

Residents living with cancer, a lung and cardiac condition or long-term health issues can now benefit from a free online physical activity programme.

The programme has been made available following Freedom Leisure's successful application for funding from [Sport England's Tackling Inequalities Fund](#). Tailored physical activity to help people with long term health issues is being offered in four cycles of six week programmes, delivered by Level 4 qualified cancer and cardiac trainer, Anita Asghar.

The programme is ideal for residents finishing cancer or cardiac treatment in hospital, or residents no longer requiring hospital care but with a cardiac condition or living with cancer.

Online strength and balance classes are also available, at £5 a session, taking place on Mondays at 10am.

To find out more, contact Anita Asghar by e-mailing anitaasghar@msn.com or calling **07852 986914**.

Local elections – dates for your diary

On Thursday 6 May, the Police and Crime Commissioner, County, District and Parish elections will take place. There will also be a referendum on the Caterham, Chaldon and Whyteleafe Neighbourhood Plan, which sets the basis for future planning applications in the three areas.

We'll share more information on the elections soon, including how we're making sure polling stations are safe for residents but until then, here's some dates for your diary:

Elections on 6 May 2021



- You will receive your polling card from **22 March**. It will tell you which polling station you visit to cast your vote.
- To be able to vote, you must register by **19 April**.
- Register to vote by postal vote by 5pm on **20 April**.
- Register to vote by proxy by 5pm on **27 April**.

EVERY LITTLE COUNTS

As we write this article, FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT has just come to an end.

CHOOSE THE WORLD YOU WANT, A FESTIVAL OF CLIMATE FAIRTRADE AND YOU focussed on the climate crisis and how supporting Fairtrade can mitigate against the consequences that are having such an impact on so many communities across the world right now.

One of the lessons learnt from the Covid pandemic is that communities that are Fairtrade have fared much better because of their resilience. By receiving a fairer price for their products, they are in a stronger position to help their communities.

Fair pay for farmers and producers is one of the first steps to building climate resilience too – farmers who are paid fairly are in a much better position to afford to adapt and employ sustainable practices. So, we strive in the hope of ensuring better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability and fair terms of trade for producers and workers in developing countries to help them continue to produce the food and products we enjoy consuming.

The Fairtrade Foundation put on an amazing range of online events as part of the online festival. The events ranged from wine tasting, cooking and flower pressing to interviews with inspiring teenagers who have dared to ‘change the world’ and discussions with various artists pulling together ideas encouraging Creativity against climate change, as well as business leaders who are committed to working in a smart and sustainable way.

It has been so encouraging to so many of those involved in the movement. The Fairtrade website continues to give fascinating information on all that is going on and is well worth a look www.fairtrade.org.uk and the events are still available to watch ‘On Demand’.

As we reflect on the impact of the Fortnight, we want to share our heartfelt thanks.

- THANK YOU, Sheree, for selling Fairtrade products throughout the year and for being generous and imaginative about selling a wider range of goods throughout the Fortnight.
- THANK YOU to everyone who took the time to view the Fair Trade products at Sheree’s and then bought some goods.
- THANK YOU to those who choose to look out for the Fairtrade logo on goods whenever and wherever you shop and who make a difference with every purchase you make.

The enormity of the climate crisis can be overwhelming, but we have learnt that effective change can happen if everyone makes a small change in the way they live. Selling Fairtrade goods at Sheree’s may seem like a small initiative but over the past year Sheree has sold over £1300 of Café Direct Coffee, Zaytoun Olive Oil and Dates and Divine Chocolate and during this Fairtrade Fortnight we bought a further £500 worth of Fair Trade products.



WE HAVE MADE A DIFFERENCE - EVERY LITTLE COUNTS - THANK YOU

Carys Long
Tatsfield Fairtrade Group



TATSFIELD VILLAGE HALL REOPENING

After a review of the current advice and guidance from the Government by the Village Hall Management Committee, we are pleased to announce the re-opening the Village Hall on Sunday the 6th of June 2021.

Regrettably this will be for our regular hall users only.

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

Further information can be obtained from the Tatsfield Village Hall web site at: www.tatsfieldvillagehall.org.uk or by calling 07983 011028.

NOT SO YOUNG CLUB

How time flies!

It is a year since the Not So Young Club met for their regular monthly meeting in the WI Hall.

During this time the committee have tried to keep club members spirits up by regular contact, gifts and doorstep visits. It would be true to say it was a challenging time for all, especially those who have been shielding and can probably count on one hand the times they have left their houses.

On behalf of our members we would like to thank those who have helped us over the last year collecting shopping, prescriptions and just generally keeping a watchful eye.

Special thanks must go to the Parish Council who have truly supported the village especially with transportation to vaccination clinics.

So the future..... the committee will be meeting in April to revise our events calendar-subject to restrictions - and hopefully we will be holding safe outdoor gatherings taking advantage of the summer weather. We can also enjoy a day out to the Biggin Hill Memorial Museum followed by afternoon tea, for which we were given a grant by the Parish Council.

When we are able to confirm our first meeting date we would like to welcome any new members or volunteers, especially welcome new committee members. It is extremely difficult to attract new committee members as the role probably sounds more daunting than it is. If you have 2 afternoons a month free we would really appreciate your time and input to a very worthwhile and rewarding club, so please give us a call.

Keep safe and Happy Easter

Sue Dowse

notsoyoung100@gmail.com 07816110929



TATSFIELD ART GROUP (TAG)

We hope that sometime later this year we will be able to hold our Annual Exhibition and look forward to seeing you all there.



In the meantime, if anyone would like to join the Art Group we would love to hear from you, just give me a ring or email – christinestainer@yahoo.com /01959 577803.

Keep safe everyone.

Christine Stainer,
Secretary

TATSFIELD 100 CLUB

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

1 st Prize	Jon Dunn	£48.00
2 nd Prize	Gary Weaver	£32.00
3 rd Prize	David Hines	£16.00

Thank you for supporting sport in Tatsfield. If you know of anyone who wishes to join the 100 Club (for a modest £6 per month), or if you would like additional numbers, then please contact me at les.eames@ntlworld.com.

Les

I'm collecting phones for



**REFUGEE
INFO BUS**

**TO DONATE PLEASE
DROP PHONES TO**

SHEREE'S
OR
ROSEDENE, TN16 2NB

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT:**

ARCHIE : 07889686826
archoy123@hotmail.co.uk
OR
KATH: 07804141145
cdymoke@talktalk.net



A means of
contacting distant
loved ones, to let
them know you're
safe.

A way to access
information and vital
services.

The ability to call for
help in an
emergency.

- What a phone
means to a refugee.

WHAT WE NEED:
ANY WORKING PHONES
PIN AND SIM UNLOCKED
WITH THE CHARGER IF YOU HAVE IT

NIGEL'S NATURE NOTES

Our first item of correspondence this month comes from Martin Allen (25.01.21):

*'Sorry that I am not able to bring any exciting news from the garden - no **Redpolls**, no **Siskins** and only a small number of **Goldfinches**. Even the **Sparrows** seem to have deserted us (Martin and Julie) for hedges in and around the area. The feeding that we do still rewards us with **Blue Tits**, **Great Tits** and the occasional **Nuthatch**, and we are never disappointed by the **Wood Pigeons**, **Collared Doves** and **Magpies**. But what was pleasing was the return of the **Chaffinches** which have not been around for so long. An interesting thing to note was the first time of seeing a pair of **Dunnocks** actually feeding from a hanging, sunflower seed feeder. We've never seen them feed from a feeder before. And to follow up your note about the **Redwings**, we were pleased to see a smaller flock of them feeding on Westmore Green (in the area around the tables outside Sheree's Store), probably about 12-15 birds looking resplendent in the sun that we had late on Saturday 23rd [January].'*

I guess, Martin, even during a 'dry' period there is still something to observe, if we keep our eyes open. I love Dunnocks; such unassuming little birds. They appear, at first, to simply be 'brown', but up close their plumage is delightful. And what a beautiful song! Like yourselves, I have never seen one on a feeder. I would have thought that sunflower seeds would be too large for them to swallow, but there we are – we live and learn! I'm surprised by your lack of Goldfinches. In John and Margaret's (Andrews) trees, across the road, there has been a charm of them constantly twittering for several weeks. Perhaps at this time of year they gather together, whereas at other times they disperse and visit many gardens? It's very encouraging to watch the children coming home from school, looking upwards to see where the delightful sound is coming from. Village conservationists of the future? (Perhaps they could be persuaded to share a few 'Nature Notes' with our readers?)

Linda (Bennett) is up next with an enviable list of sightings (11.02.21):

*'Being locked-down and snowed-in does have its compensations! I keep being distracted by all the birds eagerly eating from the feeders and vigorously defending their territory. This week I have spotted several birds which I either don't normally see or have not seen for a while. On the feeders: two **Blackcaps**, a **Brambling** and two **Siskins**, all very aggressive to the smaller birds. Then three **Starlings** in a tree, which I haven't seen for two years. Photos attached in case I'm wrong and, sorry, some not very clear as taken on my mobile! (The **Chiffchaff** was seen last year.) Then while I'm transferring photos to my laptop, and the camera card is in the laptop and not the camera (!), a **Kestrel** (I think) landed on the fence! In the photo it is to the left of the small piece of snow and has a very russet chest. So, going by the Bird Register chart which we used to fill in, that takes the number of birds seen to 43. I wonder if any other new birds have been seen in the village during lockdown.'*

The photographs do indeed confirm your sightings, Linda. I was particularly excited to see that you managed to attract a passing Brambling. Unfortunately, that's one that never appeared on my Bird register. As for the Starlings; we regularly see a few in the tall trees around us. They are noisy songsters – another favourite with passing children.

And now, I am delighted to reveal that this years, 'First Brimstone of the Year Award', goes to Ruth and Jim (Yeeles)! (21.02.21):

'Jim and I are doing some management work at Hill Park and we've just seen our first Brimstone (male) of the year!!!'

Many congratulations to them. It was 17 days before the next sighting was reported, by Carol Gaskell (10.03.21):

'I saw my first Brimstone butterfly yesterday morning. Just outside Rose Cottage on Westmore Green.'

If it makes you feel any better, Carol, I'm still waiting for my 'first of the year'!

Ruth kindly sent us a second report a couple of weeks later, demonstrating her, and Jim's, commitment to the maintenance of Hill Park (off Chestnut Avenue) (09.03.21):

*'Jim and I have finished the winter coppicing work at Hill Park (before the nesting season) and thought you might like to know that we've installed a bench for weary legs after climbing the footpath from the Old Forge. There is now a nice, open view over our newly laid hedge, where we've been observing a pair of **Kestrels** displaying and numerous **Kites** and **Buzzards**. Next year, we hope to continue opening up the long-neglected main ride.'*



Great work. Thanks to you both for keeping us informed. And, indeed, many thanks to all of this month's enthusiastic contributors. Whether it be with shears and a spade, or a computer keyboard, your efforts are much appreciated.

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

THE NIGHT SKY IN TATSFIELD – APRIL 2021

Planet watchers are still suffering withdrawal symptoms as Mars remains as the sole survivor of the bright planets that are currently visible to us in the evening skies. The red planet spends the first part of April tracking eastwards across Taurus before crossing the border into neighbouring Gemini on the 24th. Jupiter and Saturn have moved west of the Sun but they are still quite close to it although if you tend to be an early riser you may catch a glimpse of either of them just before sunrise. On the first of April at 6am Jupiter lies 6° above the horizon between east-south-east and south-east. Coincidentally at that time the Sun is 6° below the horizon, a situation that indicates the end of nautical twilight and the beginning of civil twilight. Saturn is a couple of degrees higher in the sky than Jupiter, which is by far the brighter of the two, and almost exactly south-east.

As the month progresses the distance between the two planets increases as does the distance between them and the Sun which means they are more easily seen in a darker sky. The downside is that you will need to rise even earlier if you want to see both the gas giants before dawn.

Mercury and Venus have both moved into the evening sky although they are currently too close to the Sun to be observed.

If you look north at beginning of the month at around 9 to 9.30pm the Plough is moving closer to the overhead point (the zenith). By the last day of April, the two stars at the end of the “bowl” of the plough which point to the pole star, Polaris, are on the meridian due north. Closer to the horizon in the north-east is the bright star Vega that is the brightest member of the Summer Triangle that will dominate the sky later in the year. Orion is visible towards the west early in the month but is setting by the end leaving Leo, that we discussed last time, riding high and due south.

Last month I spoke about how the bodies beyond Mars appear to move and said that Neptune was the furthest out of the Sun’s family of planetary bodies because Pluto was no longer classed as a planet. At the time it was downgraded there was an outcry from both astronomers and from members of the public although their reasoning against the decision wasn’t especially clear or scientific.

What had happened was that several discoveries had brought about a debate on how astronomers would decide whether newly identified bodies were planets or not. The first of Pluto’s moons, Charon, was found in 1978 (it has five incidentally) which allowed the mass of Pluto to be calculated. This was something that turned out to be considerably less than expected. Also, other bodies were found in the same area as Pluto known as the Kuiper Belt one of which was called Eris and was initially thought to be more massive than Pluto. Despite being unofficially termed the “tenth planet”, its discovery seemed to be the catalyst for determining once and for all what exactly a planet was.

In 2006 the International Astronomical Union (IAU) met and after much debate agreed on three rules that a body had to conform to in order to be considered a planet. The three rules state a planet must:

1. *Be a celestial body in orbit around the Sun.*
2. *Be of sufficient mass to have become roughly spherical.* When material comes together gravitationally as planets form it will overcome what are known as “rigid body forces” if there is enough of it and naturally assume a spherical shape.
3. *Have cleared the neighbourhood around its orbit.* This could be done by absorbing other bodies into itself or by gravitationally ejecting them to another orbit.

As Pluto had achieved the first two but not the third it could not be classed as a planet and would therefore become part of a new class of bodies called “Dwarf Planets”.

Brian Mills FRAS

BARN THEATRE, OXTED

Well, we have opened again and closed again, and everything has become a bit of a guessing game. However, we must plan for the future as hopefully things will get better with the vaccination program ramping up and then we want to be able to go ahead with bookings we have. So here are our events in April.

APRIL

Kick in the Head – Mother Goose A fabulous touring potted panto, full of fun for all the family with Idle Jack being.....well.....idle, the Fairy Godmother keeping her eye on all the mischief to make sure no-one is too naughty and our wonderful Goose trying to lay her first lockdown egg!

Saturday 3rd 11.00am & 3.00pm

Tickets £8.00 - £12.00 available from www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk

New Aquarian Opera – A Night at the Opera Songs from some of the most popular operas.

Thursday 22nd – Saturday 24th 7.30pm.

Tickets £12.00 - £18.00 available from www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk or 07444 480965

We have been professionally certified as COVID-Secure and consider safety to be paramount, so masks must be worn, social distancing must be practised and entrances and exits will be controlled. Hopefully this will be the beginning of a return to some sort of normality after what has been a very challenging time for all.

Carolyn Rowley

A CULINARY FEAST OF EASTER HERBS

We all look forward to Easter as the land finally unlocks itself from the cold winter months, more relevant now perhaps than at any time since the Second World War. It's a time of new beginnings, such as our own herb garden that after many years needs a complete overhaul; something we have been planning for some time and look forward to now working on in the warmer weather. There are many herbs and flowers associated with Easter, particularly Good Friday and Easter Sunday. With a burgeoning spring it's now time to celebrate all things herbal; not just for the Easter weekend but with special recipes to enjoy over the summer months when we can finally all get together.



Where to start? The Primrose, the “primus” or “first rose” of spring, obviously. In earlier days the roots and leaves were boiled, strained through muslin and made into a tonic drink. I grow lots of these, and always make a special Easter salad incorporating the flowers with violas, rocket leaves and in the case of this photo, dill. Frondy, aniseed tasting dill goes so well with fish,

a natural accompaniment to Good Friday fish dishes such as this foil-baked Rainbow Trout with samphire. A very salty herb, samphire contains natural minerals and elements from the sea, tasting a bit like asparagus and now happily available in supermarkets. Simply put some dill sprigs, samphire, slices of lemon and thinly sliced tomato into the cavity of each fish. Lightly oil a piece of foil large enough to wrap the trout, place the fish on the foil, lightly season, add lemon juice and a splash of white wine. Cook at 180 degrees (350F) Gas Mark 4 for about 20 minutes or until the flesh of the fish is cooked but not over-done. Serve with my herbal salad and some new potatoes, or a good helping of chips!



Good Friday has many plant references, including the perfect time to sew Parsley, as the Devil was looking elsewhere! Also Marjoram or Wild Oregano may have been the plants used bunched together to either provide water on a pole to those crucified or used later to brush embalming oil over the Body. Columbine, or aquilegia, that I have sadly lost in my garden over the years, were thought to look like tiny doves and used in many medieval paintings. I am looking forward to enjoying these pretty, cottage garden plants in my garden once again. If anyone has any spare, in any colour, I would be glad to have them! They are also known as “Granny’s Bonnets,” were very popular in Victorian times, and I’ll gladly swap you for some of my lavender and rose Victorian-style bath bags in return.

For the grand Easter feast a leg or shoulder of lamb has long been considered a “go to” much like the Christmas Turkey. Some years ago our good friend from New Zealand, Mary Malone, shared her Mediterranean, herbal recipe of roast leg of lamb with feta

cheese and olives. Mary and husband John (along with relatives!) always enjoy staying at “The Bakery” whenever they are over and John even helped me to sweep around the Horse Trough in 2017 on THS Judging Day!



This recipe is so simple; prepare an overnight marinade of half a cup of red wine, quarter cup of olive oil, 2 tablespoons of Basil pesto, 1 tablespoon of tomato paste, 2 cloves of fresh garlic, and some black pepper. NO salt. Spoon over the lamb after putting shallow cuts over the meat. Next day put into a foil-lined roasting tray or you'll regret it! Roast at 190 degrees C (375F) Gas Mark 5 for 30 minutes per lb, and baste with the leftover Marinade while cooking. The Mediterranean Herb topping comprises a half cup of chopped olives with a similar amount of chopped basil

leaves, 150g of crumbled Feta cheese, all mixed with a tablespoon of Basil pesto and half a tablespoon of dried Oregano. Mmm!! Add the topping for the last half an hour, pressing into the lamb and most importantly *rest the lamb* for 20-30 minutes before carving. This is just as delicious served cold the next day with some sautéed potatoes, and the topping works just as well with lamb or pork chops.

I once served my father-in-law a nettle quiche as an Easter Sunday addition to make him blink. Nettles are so full of iron and good for you. Gather young nettle tops (with rubber gloves!) and cook in just the water you rinse from their leaves. Soften a small onion in olive oil then include the leaves, seasoning and nutmeg. Add to a white sauce, add a handful of cheddar and bake in a shortcrust pastry base for 25-30 minutes until set, as you would a quiche. Decorate with fresh nettle tops upon serving if you wish to wind someone up, and tell them it's a spinach vegetarian option (as I was at that time). Memorable!! And a very Happy Easter to all in Tatsfield.

Herbs of the seashore and coastline follow in the summer. **Lin Saines**

COMPOSTING REPORT

On 12th March the Composting team of Jon, Ian, Ruth and Jim and myself welcomed Fiona Mellington and Andrew Wright from Outwood to the site. It had taken over six months from the time



of first inviting them up to see us, with many covid related delays but we finally got it together today and despite the worst of the weather managed to show our visitors around the site and to explain to them what we do. Jon Allbutt relayed the story right from the very beginning in Borough Road right up to today, where we had rented the site, started with a few bins and only one small Elliot shredder. We also took the opportunity to show them “Fred” our shredder in use, where Jim and Ruth showed them how this machine turns wood and green waste into shredded waste with ease and makes the composting of this waste turn so much quicker.

Our journey has taken us, from a small site in Borough Road to this central village site off Approach Road with as many mod cons as we can get to make it easier for our volunteers. But of course it cannot happen without all of the good will of the volunteers that have served over the twenty years that it has been running.



We were also pleased to welcome Becky Rush our County Councillor who is a great supporter of the site and our local parish scribe David Bishop to whom we are thankful for his article and photos of the visit.

The community of Outwood through Fiona, Andrew and others are considering setting up a similar scheme and we offered them all of our built-up knowledge and experience from the journey we have already taken.



Pictures courtesy of Dave Bishop show Fiona and Andrew looking longingly at one of our shredders.

I make no apologies for repeating last months “Call to Arms” for volunteers.

I am pleased to advise that we have had two offers of support from two villagers. So that is a good start, but more are needed!

Martin Allen

TATSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Please **do not dispose of your yearbook too soon**. We are very hopeful that we can use the 2020/2021 handbook for the Autumn 2021 show and the Spring 2022 show. Having had the opportunity to review the practicalities, and with the current restrictions lessening, we are planning positively for the Autumn Show but will confirm this when the position gets clearer.

There will still be an opportunity for you to purchase the yearbook if you were unable to do so last year. All you have to do is contact the subscription secretary on 577803 and she will arrange to enrol you.

At our last committee meeting in March, we considered the THS Year for the rest of 2021 and regrettably consider that we have to cancel the Plant Sale (8th May) and the Wisley Visit (23rd May) but hope to put a visit in the diary for later in the year. But do stay in touch through the website or Tatsfield Talk, or with one of the committee members, as to whether this programme will again be affected by Covid or other unforeseen circumstances.

Programme for 2021 (subject to change or amendment). Please do put these dates in your diary.

Autumn Show	11 th September	3.00pm	Village Hall
Gardening Club	14 th September	7.30pm	WI Hall
Plant Sale	9 th October	9.45am	Westmore Green
Gardening Club	12 th October	7.30pm	WI Hall
AGM and Big Talk	9 th November	7.30pm	Village Hall

Website Need

Lastly, but very importantly, the Horticultural Society is looking for some help from someone with the knowledge and time to spare to keep our website up to date, current and of interest to the membership and the wider village as well as for those who have moved away from Tatsfield but still want to keep in touch. If you are that person or know someone who can help us, then please go to the website: <http://tatsfieldhorticulturalsociety.weebly.com> to have a look and satisfy yourself that it will not be an onerous task and then contact either myself on 577210 or Martin Allen on 577201.

Please continue to SUPPORT TATSFIELD'S GOOD CAUSES BY BUYING TICKETS IN THE TANDRIDGE TOGETHER LOTTERY. Details on the TDC website.

Pamela Bishop

Chairman, Tatsfield Horticultural Society

TATSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

HINTS AND TIPS FOR TATSFIELD GARDENERS - ALLOTMENTS

This is the second in a series of monthly articles on gardening and related topics written by members of the Tatsfield Horticultural Society committee. So, if this article stimulates your interest or just raises some questions that need answering then email membershipths@gmail.com and it will be passed to the relevant person to respond to.

Allotments were an important part of the ‘Dig for Victory’ campaign in WW2; back then the Tatsfield Allotments were sited directly opposite the present site in what is now part of the gardens of Crane Cottage. Parish Council records show that it was Tom Rushen who rented a large number of the allotments producing mainly vegetables for the local community. Tom was a regular exhibitor at our shows and won many prizes; he is remembered by THS in the annual award of the Tom Rushen Cup. These allotments fell into disuse and were abandoned in the early 1960’s.

We all know home grown fruit and vegetables is a lot fresher tastier and better for you than anything you can buy that has probably already been previously frozen. But there are also limitations to what you can grow in a small garden or even smaller window boxes or pots and grow bags.

So, the answer is to find yourself an allotment. Autumn is the time when finding one should be easier as this is the time when people have come to the conclusion that it is not for them and the plots are released and ready to be re-let. Although it is known that the waiting lists nationally grow longer as some allotments are lost to the much-needed housing it is still worth getting on to any list that you can if you are really determined. You can see the details regarding the Allotments in the village that are run and managed by the Tatsfield Allotment and Community garden committee at the bottom of the page.

Did you know that a “standard allotment” is 10 rods (the land is still measured in old terminology!) which equates to a sixteenth of an acre. But you do not have to take a full plot - you could either take a smaller plot or of course share the load with some other person or neighbour to share the load, but of course that will mean sharing the produce.

Rents vary all over the nation and you can expect to pay anything between £20 and £100 per year. But for this you will get the use of the plot for growing whatever fruit, vegetables, salads or flowers that you can use to decorate your house with.

They can be planted up in any way that you want, like little gardens that you may not have at home or just in the traditional row format there may also be opportunities to even grow vines for home brewing. You can see that the Tatsfield in Bloom volunteers have successfully grown grapes for a few years now on the Bakery bed, so it is an option in Tatsfield.

When starting out don’t leave it too late to start work, and definitely before spring. If the plot has been left vacant you may have to do a good thorough weed or at least a good clean up. But if you are lucky you may be allocated a plot that has been regularly turned

and composted and will be easy to get ready quickly. If not, dig the ground over, take out all the roots you find then invest in lots of well-rotted manure or compost from the compost site and start to work it in. As you do this perhaps over time go back with your hoe to remove any new growth that you do not want.

If you can only prepare half the plot, then start with vegetables in the first year and then sow the rest with a green manure crop such as Lucerne or red clover in April and cut it regularly. This way you will improve the soil and reduce the weeds that you will have to deal with next year.

Remember allotments need to be done on a much bigger scale than what you could do in your garden, you do not have to plant close together, and you should also think about staggering your planting so that they do not all “fruit” at the same time or choose crops that can be frozen. Also don’t forget that when you remove your summer crop you can then start planting your winter crop in the same plot with a little preparation beforehand.

We are lucky that we have an allotment site in the village which is located on Approach Road just West of the village centre. There are over 60 plots and, nearly all are rented by local people. A small plot is 4.5m x 4.5m and a large one is 10m x 10m. If you are interested in renting a plot when one becomes available, please contact Alan Armitage (07899 725944).

Remember that one of the benefits of where the allotments are sited is the fact that the Compost site is on the same site, so only a wheelbarrow ride away to your plot, so why not take advantage of the outdoor life, some physical work but fresher, tastier and better crops? Also, when normality returns you can exhibit your crops through the two shows that the Horticultural Society puts on, with every hope that September may be allowed to go ahead this year.

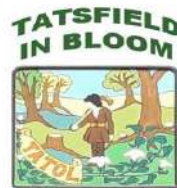


And then of course there is the very enjoyable social side of the Allotment members as seen in this picture!

Martin Allen

TATSFIELD IN BLOOM

Following the recent announcements of the roadmap out of lockdown, we are confident that we can say that there will be summer flowers in the village this year. We are aiming to do our preparation and planting much along the same lines as we managed last year, appealing for individuals and couples to volunteer and help us prepare a work schedule to maintain safe distancing.



I think everyone's spirits have been lifted to see the spring flowers starting to show colour and, by the time this is circulated, the daffodils will be in full bloom in Approach Road. The troughs outside the Village Hall and the mangers on the Bakery look beautiful at the moment.

The volunteers are still busy litterpicking and tidying away fallen branches and twigs. We are always happy to give out hi-viz vests, litterpickers and refuse bags if you would be interested in helping during your 'daily exercise'.

For further information **please contact Angela and Roger Sawyers on 577434 or email acresroger@aol.com.**

Jill Hancock (577622)



THE TATSFIELD GARDENER IN APRIL

Our very wet winter weather is now settling down at last. The average February rainfall is 59mm and after a wet start we ended up with 47mm; the average for March is 58mm and so far, we have had just 35mm. The average for April is 60mm, it will be interesting to see if April is wet and soggy or dry!

I have had some interesting results with my early sowing of vegetable seeds sowed on 17th February; the Okra has a large seed that germinated very quickly in just five days and grew very quickly; cooling it off under the growlights resulted in the seedlings collapsing – too cold!! I sowed more on 14th March and am expecting a much better result this time. The germination of my Suttons F1 hybrid Chillies was very poor but the few that grew are doing well; a second sowing of non F1 hybrid seed produced better results, all the seedlings are sturdy and growing well under the growlight. The Aubergines are doing well but need to be kept cool with a lot of light. I will be sowing Tomatoes at the end of March.

Composting is on our minds at this time of the year. There is no doubt that putting composted organic matter in the soil helps to boost its fertility and makes our clay soil easier to work. When it is put on the soil surface as a mulch it keeps down annual weeds and helps to hold moisture in the soil. You can make compost yourself, in small batches in home-made bins or using one of the ready-made kits; or why not join us at the composting site, bring your green waste and take home bags of our superb Black Gold; the site is open from Saturday 3rd April from 10.00 – 12.00. Better still why not become a composting volunteer – interested? – contact me at jon@jonallbutt.co.uk for more information.

I have been asked about the risks of suffering respiratory problems when handling compost. The secret here is to make sure that your compost heap does not dry out. If it does the decomposition process will stop, and when you turn a dry heap it can release micro-aerosols that can be a problem when inhaled, especially if you have underlying respiratory problems. Check the compost heap regularly and add rainwater if the heap is drying out; make sure to add more water as you turn the heap to maintain a good balance between the air and moisture content.

If you planted Pansies, Violas, Polyanthus, Bellis and other spring flowering plants in containers last autumn, they may be suffering now due to loss of nutrients that were leached out by the heavy winter rain. This month is the right time to give these plants a liquid feed to replace the lost nutrients, make sure to thoroughly soak the containers so the water runs out of the bottom.

Jon Allbutt

ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO THIS MONTH

TATSFIELD.

Situated in open position, near Schools and Motor Bus Service. Westerham 3 Miles.
Oxted 5 Miles.

PARTICULARS

PAIR OF SEMI-DETACHED FREEHOLD HOUSES

KNOWN AS

1 & 2, EMILY COTTAGES

COMPRISING

FIRST FLOOR—FRONT BED ROOM, 12-ft by 12-ft, fitted with register stove; BACK BED ROOM, 12-ft by 12-ft, fitted register stove; BACK ADDITION BED ROOM, 10-ft by 7-ft.

GROUND FLOOR—ENTRANCE HALL; FRONT ROOM, 12-ft by 9-ft-6, fitted register stove, tiled hearth and sides, picture rail; KITCHEN, 12-ft by 12-ft, fitted register stove, large cupboard and dresser; SCULLERY, fitted with "Larbert" range, sink, draining board, copper; LARGE GLASS LEAN-TO, leading to Garden; Outside W.C.

No. 2 has Similar Accommodation, except no Entrance Hall.

GENERALLY—The Property is Brick Built with Rough Cast Dressings, Slated Roofs, being well removed from the Road, and approached by a tiled forecourt, excellent Garden front and rear.

COMPANY WATER. PUMP WATER. CESSPOOL DRAINAGE.

Frontage 40-ft. Depth about 154-ft.

Both Let on Weekly Tenancies, giving a gross value of

Per **£47 13s. 4d.** Annum.

May be Viewed by Permission of the Tenants.

Particulars and Conditions of Sale may be obtained of the Solicitors, MESSRS. THAINESWALL, AND SON, 34, Great James Street, Bedford Row, W.C. 1; and at the Auctioneers' Offices—

43 & 45, HIGH STREET, CROYDON.

Phone—Croydon 2207 (Two Lines).

The housing market was picking up in the spring of 1921, with these properties in Old Lane being offered for sale.

They'd been built two decades earlier by Luke Speed, who in 1901 had written - in a promotion for developers in Biggin Hill and surroundings - how pleased he was to have just bought this and other plots together with friends. He considered the land to be very cheap and added that more friends would be coming from London to buy land in Tatsfield and that he was hoping to start construction in Old Lane that summer.

He seems to have been renting a house when he attended the first meeting of the newly-established parish council in 1894. His name appears in local directories for the next two decades.



Luke Speed's sign appears in this later image of Old Lane.

Ian Mitchell, Tatsfield History Project

Tel: 577376.

Website: <http://e-voice.org.uk/tatsfieldhistoryproject/>



Our Open Space Strategy receives approval

Our Community Services Committee has agreed to adopt our [Open Space Strategy](#), which sets out how we will manage and improve open spaces across the district until 2025.

We know how important our open spaces are for residents and the wider public, especially during the pandemic, so the adoption of our strategy is great news.

We'll now start working on the priority actions we've highlighted to take place in years one and two of the strategy, including to:

- Maintain our open spaces so they continue to be places people enjoy using, benefiting their health and wellbeing.
- Work with our partners to ensure our open spaces remain attractive for our residents and visitors.
- Promote biodiversity and sustainability of our open spaces.

We want to thank everyone who participated and responded to our survey and consultation on the strategy. This information was very helpful in ensuring the strategy reflected the needs of our residents and visitors.

We'll keep the strategy under constant review and provide an annual update on our progress against the actions we've identified for each year.



Local Electrician

Part P Registered

Fully qualified

Fully insured

No job too small

Free Estimates

07847 395 437

01959 574 905



DAVID WAITE
Private & commercial

Tel: 01959 541083

Mobile: 07949 307906

Email: djw2261@aol.com

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Grass Mowed. Tree Work
Hedges Cut/Turfing
Overgrown Gardens
Winter Tidy Ups Snow cleared
Patios. Sheds Erected
Fencing & Repairs
Brickwork Repairs
Gutters Cleaned & Repaired
External & Internal Painting
Fully Insured



Established 1995
Spitfire Centre Annex
Church Road, Biggin Hill
Kent. TN16 3LB

01959 540366
07889 361200
honeynursery@gmail.com
www.honeynursery.com



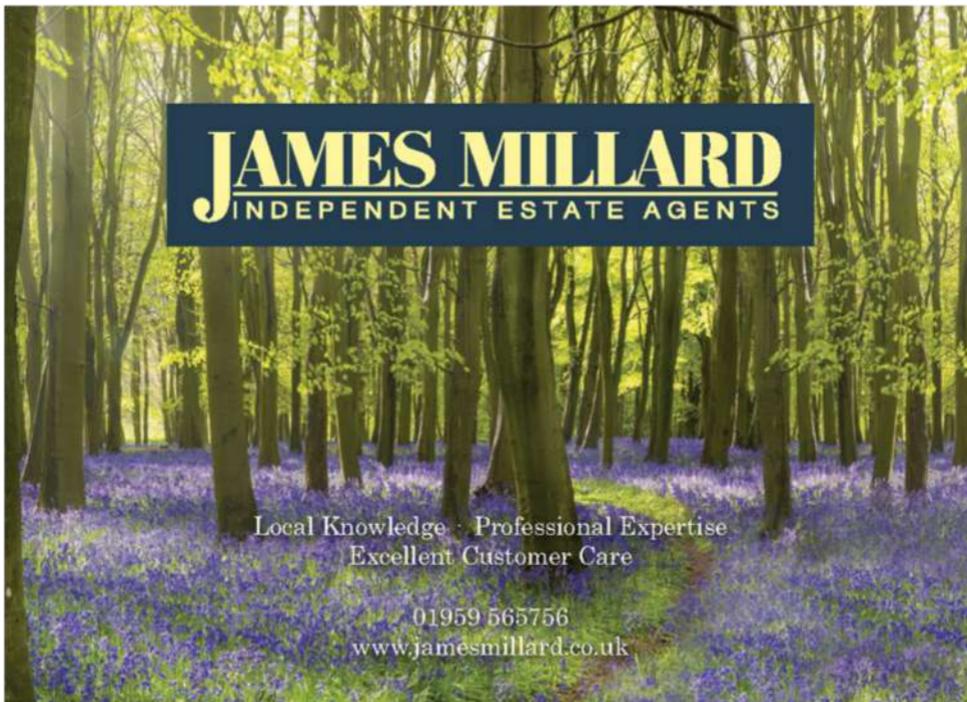
Free funding
for two and
three year
olds subject
to availability
terms and
conditions

Friendly,
Long
standing,
fully
qualified
Staff Team

Term time
or all year
options
Freshly
cooked
lunches

Open 51
weeks a year
Flexible hours
between 7am
and 6pm





JAMES MILLARD
INDEPENDENT ESTATE AGENTS

Local Knowledge · Professional Expertise
Excellent Customer Care

01959 565756
www.jamesmillard.co.uk

A W Carpentry
& general building services

Telephone
01959 577010

Alan Waite

- Interior & Exterior Carpentry
- Kitchens/Bathrooms fitted
- Renovations/ Alterations
- Guttering & Fascia
- City & Guilds qualified
- Free estimates

Mobile 07984 810966

H Lilley & Co Ltd

**Plumbing & Electrical Suppliers Mon-Fri 8.00-5.30
To The Trade & Public Sat 8.30-1.30**



H Lilley & Co Ltd is a family run business.
We have been supplying to the trade &
public for 60 years. We care about you
& the project that you are undertaking.
Please give us a call.

- Tap Cartridges
- Bathrooms
- Showers
- Radiators
- Boilers
- Tools
- Switches and Sockets
- Fuse Boards
- Lighting, Indoor and Outdoor
- Lamps
- Alarms

01959-572000 www.hlilley.co.uk

161-163 Main Road, Biggin Hill, Westerham, Kent **TN16 3JR**



All types of property
maintenance
and refurbishment
works undertaken.
For an estimate
please call

**Stuart on
07802 888774**



SHUTTERS

HARDWOOD - VINYL - FAUXWOOD
63mm or 76mm or 89mm Louvres
Clear View, Centre or Offset Tiltrods
Numerous colour options



BLINDS



Verticals | Rollers | Venetians | Romans | Curtains | Pleated

FREE Professional design advice on all of our products
Appointments in the comfort of your own home - at times that suit YOU

For SHUTTER Quotes
Please Email:
info@benasa.net

BENASA
The difference is in the detail

To discuss your requirements for BLINDS
Please Call:
01959 509 179

created lovely
NEWBORN & MATERNITY PHOTOGRAPHY
WWW.CREATEDLOVELYNEWBORNPHOTOGRAPHY.CO.UK
E: createdlovely@outlook.com P: 07984065258
WESTERHAM, KENT



**BUNTING
CHIMNEY
SWEEPS**

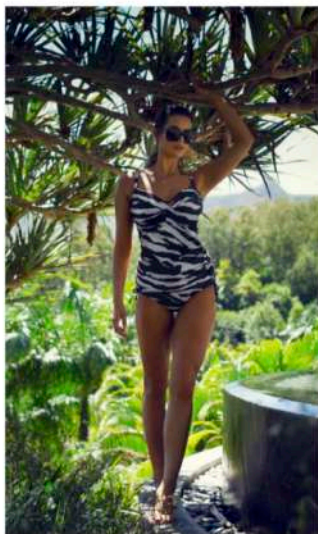
CHIMNEY
SERVICES

BIRD GUARDS
FITTED
FULLY INSURED

CALL GARY ON
07906 211123
01959 571491

Entre Nous Lingerie

4 London Road, Westerham, TN16 1BD



Entre Nous offer a wide variety of lingerie including first bras and mastectomy customers.

We will be open from 13th April, come down and say hello – we've missed you! We have a selection of new loungewear and swimwear for the summer.

Gift vouchers available. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram!

10 – 4 Tuesday to Saturday
www.entrenouslingerie.co.uk
01959 563975



- Partial or full rewires
- Garden lighting & power
- Emergency lighting
- EICR testing
- Board changes
- LED lighting
- Car charging points
- Landlord services
- Underfloor heating

info@able-electrics.com

01959 457 457

www.able-electrics.com

BIGGIN HILL STEEL

**For all your steel
requirements**

**RSJ's
Columns
Cranked Beams
Gates
Welding
CNC Plasma Cutting
2D Drawings
3D modelling**

**01959 462465
Info@bigginhillsteel.co.uk**



**CDR ENGINEERING
SERVICES LTD**

At CDR Engineering Services, we provide a comprehensive structural engineering consultancy service to domestic and commercial clients in London, Surrey & Kent

Why choose our structural engineering services?

- Chartered Structural engineers
- Advice on Building Regulations
- Party Wall services available
- Domestic construction and extension work specialists

CDR Engineering Services
2 Beacon Shaw, Approach Road, Tatsfield,
Surrey, TN16 2JT

Tel: 01959 467750 Mobile: 07940 358 347



Titsey Brewing Co.
Serving the local
community with
traditional beers brewed
on the Titsey Estate.



Available in cask, keg, bottle and can.
Direct from the brewery or delivered to your door.

Titsey Brewing Co., Limpsfield Road, Warlingham, CR6 9QK
(next to the Botley Hill Farmhouse)
T: 07850 914189 E: craig@titseybrewingco.com W: titseybrewingco.com

TN16 HANDYMAN & PROPERTY MAINTENANCE



- Gardening
- Painting & Decorating
- Home Repairs
- Property Maintenance
- Landscape Gardening
- Shed Base Work
- 10% off any Decking Quotation

Free Quotations • Based in Westerham • 24/7 Emergency Callout

Phone Harold - 074754 38788

Email - tn16handyman@hotmail.com

www.tn16handyman.com

Denis H Reeves & Co

Building Contractors

Established in 1953

Extensions

Roofing

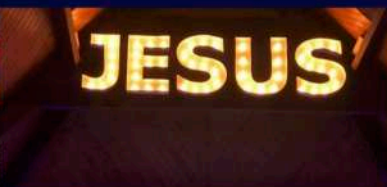
Digger & driver

Decorating



Office: 01959 571755 • Mobile: 07702 564469
Email: dhreeves@btinternet.com

A CHURCH FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY



f LIVE Sundays @ 11am

Join us for worship and Bible teaching every week on Facebook Live

Youth zoom meetings the first three Sundays of the month

Online community groups and more!



Alpha starting soon...



NEW LIFE CHURCH
BIGGIN HILL



newlifebh



newlifebigginhill

www.newlifebh.org.uk — 01959 571667 — admin@newlifebh.org.uk

4-Seasons Cleaning

Winter, Spring, Summer or Fall,
all you need to do is call...

From Town House to Bungalow

- Windows including frames
- Conservatories
- Cladding
- Gutters, Soffits and Fascias

All cleaned with our high-reach
system using **Heated**
Pure Water providing
superior cleaning results!

**Call now for a free, no
obligation quote!**

We also offer:

- Traditional Window Method
- Gutter Clearance
- Solar Panel Cleaning
- Roof Moss Removal
- Pressure Washing and more...

See over for more details

07966 029 770 (Sam)

07811 205 805 (Fred)



Find us on



@4seasonscsteam

Or online



www.4-seasonscleaning.org

JAYCY

Painting, Decorating

Free estimates

Nick Walsh

01959 577684

Mobile
07887528264



Balloons for all
occasions

Air filled
Helium filled
Personalised
Room displays

Lyndsey Hill
07951 368509

BIGGIN HILL PLASTERING



NO JOB TOO
SMALL FREE
ESTIMATES

07710622237
or
01959540615

6 Westmore Road
Tatsfield
TN16 2AX



Gift Certificates
available
for all therapies

Alex Davies
Muscle Therapist
07967 864235
alxdavies@hotmail.com



Lorraine Maddison
McTimoney Chiropractor
07817 548133
rainymad@icloud.com

Other therapies available including reflexology.

Contact Alex for details.



DAVID RUDD AND SON

COMMERCIAL AND DOMESTIC PLUMBING AND HEATING ENGINEERS

- Full central heating systems and boiler exchanges carried out for GAS, LPG and Oil (Kerosene)
- Installers of Worcester, Valliant and Glow Worm boilers with up to 10 year guarantee
- Kamco Power Flushing
- All types of Plumbing, Heating and Drainage
- Landlord / Home owners Gas Certificates
- Installation and maintenance of Ground Source Pumps, Solar, Under Floor Heating, Cookers and Gas Fires
- Boiler breakdown – Diagnostics and Repairs
- Installation and servicing of Unvented Hot Water Systems
- Full bathroom design and installations

Established since 1973, we pride ourselves on our workmanship

WRAS Approved
Institute of Plumbing

ACIPHE RP

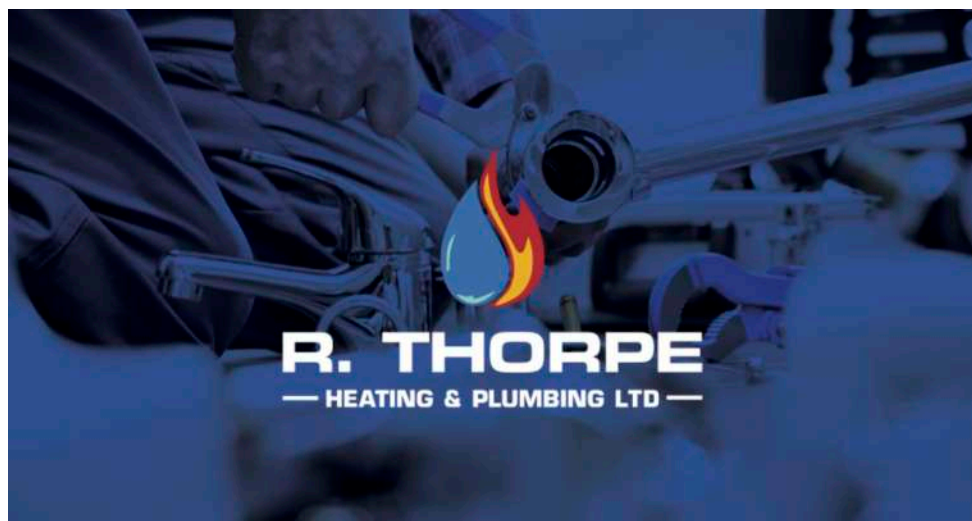


Tel: 01959 577072

Mob: 07831 641664
07957 940905

E-mail: davidruddplumbingandheating@hotmail.com





Domestic & Commercial Gas Engineers
Boiler Breakdowns, Repairs and Servicing
Boiler Installations
Vented and Unvented cylinders
Gas Fires and Cookers
Central Heating and General Plumbing
Bathroom Design and Installation



Call Rob on 07597 048 884
robert.thorpe@hotmail.com

W. UDEN & SONS LTD.

Family Owned Funeral Directors
Est. 1881

BIGGIN HILL

186 Main Road TN16 3BB

Tel: 01959 573130

24 HOUR SERVICE , 7 DAYS A WEEK

PLEASE COMPARE OUR **PRICES**
OUR **SERVICE** AND OUR **VEHICLES**

Private Chapels of Rest
Pre-paid funerals available

CONTINUING TO BUILD ON THE FAMILY
TRADITIONS OF PERSONAL AND CARING SERVICE
FOR OVER 100 YEARS IN THE AREA

Branches also at Petts Wood, Sidcup, Eltham, Dulwich,
New Cross & Camberwell

www.wuden.com

DAILY, WEEKLY & LONG TERM RENTAL

NEED TO HIRE A CAR, VAN OR MINIBUS?



- Flexi Lease
- Business • Personal
- New Cars • Automatics
- Estates • 9 Seaters • Minibuses
- Tippers • Vans • Lutons • Motorhomes

We offer competitive rates on quality vehicle rental, based inside the M25 on the Kent/Surrey border. Saxons Self Drive Hire is a family owned company with a fleet of over 120 quality rental vehicles includes a range of carefully selected motorhomes.



Our network of 160 locations throughout the UK operate zero contact procedures to ensure your complete safety.

practical

CAR & VAN RENTAL

BIGGIN HILL | EDENBRIDGE
01959 541511 | 01732 860511

www.practical.co.uk



COMMERCIAL VANS FULL SERVICING



PROFESSIONAL & COMPETITIVE

- ✓ Years of experience
- ✓ Brake pads and discs
- ✓ Timing belts or chains
- ✓ Maintenance
- ✓ Fixed Price Servicing
- ✓ Discounted Van Rental

Saxons Trailers

01959 583993



TRAILER HIRE & SERVICING

- ✓ Single axle (U) £60+VAT
- ✓ Double axle £105+VAT
- ✓ Extends trailer life
- ✓ Manufacturers' recommended replacement parts
- ✓ NTA Quality assessed trailer dealer
- ✓ Fully equipped on-site workshop
- ✓ Single axle (B) £78+VAT
- ✓ Triple axle £133+VAT
- ✓ Ensure safety of use



www.saxontrailers.co.uk

Saxons **CALOR** AGENTS MOTORHOME HIRE AND SERVICING



Specialists in motorhome habitation servicing, gas and electrical repairs

- ✓ Habitation checks
- ✓ ACoPs gas training
- ✓ Competitive service
- ✓ Mechanical servicing
- ✓ NCC electrical training
- ✓ Fixed Price service or Brake Change
- ✓ Large stock of service items

For more information

01959 580756

Saxons Motorhome Rentals the natural choice

www.saxonsmotorhomes.co.uk

Discover the joy
of dance



On your toes

All dance styles. All ages.

01342 837454/01732 368759

www.judithessexschoolofdancing.co.uk



IDTA

**ROYAL ACADEMY OF
DANCE**
REGISTERED TEACHER



**24 Hour Emergency
Plumbing And Building
Repairs**

No Call Out Charge

Call Dave

Mobile: 07941 129999

**Email:
davemitchell511@aol.com**



Mobile Chiropodist

Chiropody undertaken in the
comfort of your own home



Mandy Gifford

M.Inst.Ch.P., H.P.C. registered

Registered Member of the
Institute of Chiropody
and Podiatry

Tel: 01959 540715

Mob: 07944 763045

Tuition

Lady teacher/tutor with 30 years experience offers
one to one tuition.

Coaching to improve confidence and competence.

Proven results. References available.

- 7-11 years. Key Stage 2. Numeracy and Literacy.
- Entrance Exam Practice
- 11+ Practice
- Support in English and reading up to Year 9.



Mob: 0777 351 7063

Tatsfield, Oxted, Limsfield and Westerham area

ALEX JONES

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

HOME VISITS AVAILABLE
BEAUTIFUL PRIVATE CHAPELS OF REST

PRE-PAID FUNERAL PLANS
MONUMENTAL MASONRY

Oxtd 01883 730383

92 STATION ROAD EAST, OXTED, RH8 0QA

Lingfield 01342 832534

1 EAST GRINSTEAD ROAD, LINGFIELD, RH7 6EP

Edenbridge 01732 860047

29-31 HIGH STREET, EDENBRIDGE, TN8 5AD

Forest Row 01342 822399

1 ASHDOWN COURT, LEWES ROAD, FOREST ROW, RH18 5EZ

A TOTALLY INDEPENDENT FAMILY CONCERN
www.alexjonesfuneraldirectors.co.uk

Golden Charter
Funeral Plans 



TLC @ HOME



The Key To Remaining In Your Own Home

Our Private Support at Home Service covers your area and provides support with daily living tasks to enable you to remain in your own home rather than consider residential care. Our service can provide cover during the day, overnight or as a Live-In service. We also offer short term provision to cover illness, respite or discharge from hospital.

We offer a free no obligation chat and information pack.
Call 01959 528539 or Email tlc4homecare@gmail.com

Premium Support Service

GLITTERBOX EVENTS LTD 01959 443196

OPEN TIMES MON-SAT 9-5pm

8 Roundways, Biggin Hill, Kent. TN16 3XZ
Unit 2 Warren Farm, Main Road, Sundridge,
Sevenoaks, Kent. TN14 6EE
info.glitterbox2017@gmail.com
www.glitterboxartandcraft.biz
FB Page: Glitterbox art and craft
Insta: Glitterbox_crafts



We run lots of art workshops throughout the week. Under 5s sessions every morning, after school classes every afternoon. All day on Saturdays.
Regular school clubs in shop & at schools.
If you have a club or group ask us about our on locations classes.

We cater for parties: full range of helium balloons, sweet cones, sweet boxes, Wedding or event planning and needs.
Wedding stationery, funeral orders of service

We fully organise and set up for so many different events:
Parties: adults afternoon tea parties, baby showers, event dressing

IF YOU ARE PLANNING AN
EVENT GET IN TOUCH

Mobile Hairdresser & Gel Nail Manicures

Based in Tatsfield

30 Years Experience

Kate

tel: 01959 573816

mobile: 07970 012194

Fully Insured

GELUX
PROFILE



Electrics

Central Heating Specialist

Plumbing

Carpentry
All building works



Roofing
Drainage

MUSSELWHITE BUILDERS

01689 637 080
07887 517361

info@musselwhitebuilders.co.uk
Fully Insured and Gas Safe Certified



LADY PAINTER
AND DECORATOR



CAROLINE MEE

Fully qualified
Fully Insured

Local reference
available

☎ 01883 717278
M 07887 514915

East
Surrey Physio



- Community physiotherapy for older people -

Jennifer Willis

BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy MCSP, HCPC

Fallen recently? Suffer with pain?

Balance and mobility not as good as they used to be?

Lost confidence when moving around?

Suffer from a Stroke, Dementia, PD, MS, frailty?

Feel weaker or fatigued after an episode of COVID-19

..then East Surrey Physio can help

Jennifer will visit you in your own home, residential home,
or nursing home for your physiotherapy sessions.



📞 01883 371 964 / 07437 619 044

✉ jenniferwillisphysio@yahoo.com

💻 www.eastsurreyphysio.com

hcpc

Warlingham - Oxted - Tatsfield - Caterham - Woldingham

OUTDOOR/GARDEN FURNITURE

Hammocks, Swing Chairs, Egg Chairs.
Furniture. Bespoke hanging frames
made to measure locally.



DAVE 07941 129999

ACCENT FURNISHING LTD CURTAINS & BLINDS

Made to Measure
Home Selection
Extensive Range of fabrics
Quality Service
Supplied and fitted

Call now for your free quotation:

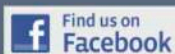
01959 571359/07979 593558

email: accentfurnishing@hotmail.com

website: accentcurtainsandblinds.com



07903 396 265



jon@chandlermortgages.co.uk

Tatsfield & Biggin Hill's Local
Independent Mortgage Broker
with over 20 years' experience

- ✓ Purchases, Re-Mortgages, Buy to Let Mortgages, First Time Buyer Mortgages, Self Employed Mortgages, Guarantor Mortgages
- ✓ Life Insurance, Critical Illness Insurance, Income Protection & Family & Mortgage Protection
- ✓ We complete all of the paperwork so you don't have to – making the process stress free!
- ✓ We will not be beaten on our mortgage rates or service ensuring we get the best possible product for you

DO YOU HAVE A TN16 POSTCODE?

If "YES" my services are FEES FREE! (saving typical fee of £495)

Checkatrade.com
where reputation matters

THE WASP GUYS
Wasp Nest Removal
07761 232470

Local
Friendly
Trustworthy
Service



Fully Insured
100%
Guaranteed
7 days a week

See our Checkatrade customer
reviews at

[https://www.checkatrade.com/
trades/thewaspguys](https://www.checkatrade.com/trades/thewaspguys)

www.waspnestsdestroyed.com

**Biggin Hill
Paint Shop**

Your local paint mixing specialist



01959 572851

190 Main Road, Biggin Hill



Good Movers

Removals & Clearances

- Removals
- Boxes & Packing
- Storage
- Clearances
- Courier Delivery
- Cleaning
- Probate Service Arranged
- Light Demolition
- Cash Paid for Unwanted Goods

The best way, the only way, the Good way!

0800 024 6183 / 07522 795594
www.goodmovers.co.uk / info@goodmovers.co.uk



Hairbybobbiee

Have your hair done in the comfort of your own home at affordable prices

**10+ years experience
Tatsfield
and surrounding areas**

07850 968202



OAKLAND FENCING

079 75 79 79 75
OAKLANDFENCING@GMAIL.COM

ALL FENCING WORK UNDERTAKEN:
 • TIMBER • CONCRETE • METAL • GATES • SHEDS •
 REPAIRS • DOMESTIC & COMMERCIAL •
 EMERGENCY ATTENDANCE • FULLY INSURED •
 • FREE ESTIMATES •

THINK FENCING... THINK OAKLAND



WESTERHAM PLACE

Care Home

Quebec Square, Westerham, Kent, TN16 1TD

01959 565805 | wrenretirementliving.co.uk



Your safe, comfortable care is at the heart of everything we do.

We look forward to welcoming you safely to our care home of distinction.

A beautiful residential care home with the charm of a grand Victorian country house set in majestic grounds.

With an expert team you can trust to provide the very best possible person-centred care, companionship and support when you need it.

Enjoy delicious home-cooked food, vibrant activities, and stay connected with video calls and on demand digital entertainment.

Call us anytime for help and advice on your search for care.

Tatsfield Aquatics

Proud members of
Checkatrade.com
Where reputation matters

Pond Maintenance And Landscaping

- Pond Maintenance
- Pond Design & Construction
- Pond Renovation
- Lake Management
- Garden Makeovers
- Fencing, Paving, Turfing

01959 571 828

ian@tatsfieldaquaticsandlandscaping.co.uk



Sharphurst Contractors Limited

**Covering all aspects of
Building and Property services**

01342 895 197

www.sharphurstcontractors.com



Environment
Agency
Registered Water-Carer



Approved Contractor
CHAS.co.uk



THE PGA EUROPRO TOUR 2021 (SKY TV) COMES TO TATSFIELD! 20th - 23rd July 2021



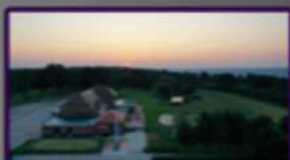
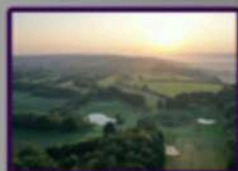
**The biggest golfing event
happening in Tatsfield this summer!**

TAKE PART IN THE PRO-AM!

Play 18 Holes with a PGA Professional
Enjoy a luxury buffet breakfast
A 3 course meal
followed by a prize presentation

PRO AM: Tuesday 20th July 2021

80% SOLD OUT : GET IN TOUCH TODAY



SIGN UP NOW

Park Wood Golf Club
Chestnut Avenue
TN16 2EG



01959 577744
promotions@orida.co.uk
www.parkwoodgolf.co.uk

Sunningvale Service Station

Sunningvale Avenue, Biggin Hill TN16 3TL

01959 573434

We offer a warm welcome and friendly service
whatever your motoring needs



Petrol/Diesel	MOT
Catalysts	Bodywork Repairs
Diesels	Spraying
Exhausts	Insurance Estimates



TATSFIELD'S ONLY VEHICLE REPAIR SPECIALIST



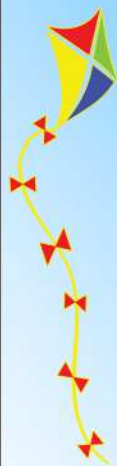
INSURANCE APPROVED

ALL MAJOR INSURANCE
COMPANIES DEALT WITH

Localised smart repairs
Bumper scuffs

Phone: **01959 577518** (Answerphone out of hours)

JPA, Edgar Road, off Ricketts Hill Road



MR Computing

38 years of experience in IT

NO FIX NO FEE & NO CALL OUT CHARGE

- The computer repair shop that comes to you at an agreed time/day, no waiting around and no need to transport your IT equipment.
- Local mobile (Apple/Windows) computer support for Business & Home.
- Reliable wireless range improvement for Home & Business.
- 98% of work carried out in a one hour visit and fixed price workshop repairs.
- Repairs speedup and maintenance, Data transfer/recovery, Computer malware/virus removal.
- New computers set up and made to feel familiar.
- Tablet & Smartphone setup and repairs.



&



Windows

**Call Mark
& Sue on:**

**0800 6129534
or
01883 730345**

Email:

office@mrcomputing.net



Website - www.mrcomputing.net

Reviews - fb.com/mrcomputingltd/reviews