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Cover image: Jan Akhtar's Dementia Wagon, which has now raised over £8,500 since its launch in 2020.

EDITORIAL

Dear Friends,



Let me begin by introducing myself.... My name is Helen and I'm the Rector of the Limpsfield and Tatsfield Team Ministry. Many of you will know by now that Vince Short the vicar of St. Mary's has recently retired from the church and has returned to his former home. This means that the church is in vacancy, and we will be actively seeking to recruit a new person to lead the church and minister to the wider community. Change can be difficult but is not unfamiliar to any of us, in fact I am confident that as you read this magazine, changes will be occurring all around you. In your gardens and surrounding countryside new life will be springing up, the grass will once again need a regular cut, the trees shining brightly with new green leaves and the daffodils and tulips will be giving way to the promise of summer flowers. New life, new growth, new energy will be overtaking the stillness of winter and early spring.

Changes and uncertainties both big and small are our constant companion in life. This may be your parish Priest leaving, the unpredictability of Covid, economic challenges or the general instability in the world. Through all these changes and others, perhaps it's the familiarity of the season's that brings comfort to you. The predictable patterns that are largely unchanged from year to year.

In church we too will have repeated the familiar patterns of the Easter Season and we will be enjoying the new life to be found in the joy of the resurrection and the promise of the Holy Spirit dwelling among us.

As a Priest I take comfort from the fact that Jesus never deserts us on our journey towards a fuller understanding of what faith adds up to. He leads us, not just along the familiar track of what we think we know and expect, but he also opens the tightly packed layers of the mysteries that feel as if they're beyond us.

So, as we journey on through the year let's enjoy those familiar patterns and take hope in the new life, but let's also seek to leave gaps and openings for God's love to surprise us in ways we have not foreseen.

With my love and assurance of prayers, Rev. Helen Cook

Contacting St Mary's, Tatsfield, during the clergy vacancy

The Rectory answerphone on 01959 577289 and the St Mary's Office email address stmoffice.lttm@btinternet.com will normally be checked weekly by our Parish Administrator, Steve Tatler, who will be there to help or find someone who can, together with the Churchwardens and Team Rector.

MAGAZINE DONATIONS

Following our annual request for donations from individuals last September, our printing costs have risen steadily. We are trying to be as economical with space and pages as possible whilst still bringing you an interesting magazine each month!

To keep the magazine free to all in the village, and to keep ten issues per year, we would be very grateful for any further donations. If you have not already donated, and are able to, please send your donation to the Treasurer, Mrs M Langford, 20 Shipfield Close, Tatsfield, TN16 2AU or please donate directly to Tatsfield Parish Magazine, Account 84841084, Sort Code 09 01 54.

If any village organisation would also like to make a further donation, please contact Madie Langford.

Thank you

Tatsfield Parish Magazine

LETTERS

TATSFIELD MASK MAKERS UPDATE

During the first COVID lockdown in 2020 three sewists in Tatsfield made over a thousand masks for residents, family and friends. Distributed from Sheree's Store, the project raised almost £2,400.

The funds raised have been used around the village. The main event was providing a free picnic to almost 400 individuals at the Summer Picnic on the Green in August 2021. Monies were also used to purchase a bench for Sheree's Stores, donations to both the Not So Young club and the WI to hold tea parties when they were able to meet again, replacement of some of the faulty Christmas lights in the village centre, and the planting of a memorial flowering Cherry Tree on Westmore Green and plaque; the tree is just flowering for the first time and will do so in Spring every year, as a reminder of the efforts made by the whole village during the pandemic.

A big thank you to all who came forward to offer fabric and elastic and all who purchased our masks.

Tatsfield Mask Makers - Kim Jennings, Bobby Pinchin and Tracey Syrett



EASTER BUNNY

The Easter Bunny hopped in to Tatsfield on Good Friday to give out treats!



ART INSTALLATION

Steve Gaskell's new art installation 'A swarm of CDBs' is at Springfield Cottage, Westmore Road. Admission free! 07896861911



TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

A rather small meeting was held on 11th April with only three Parish Councillors attending due to holidays.

Police

We started the meeting with a very welcome visit from PC Christian Mansfield and PCSO Amy Ord. They provided a report on activity in the area, the school car park was the main area of reports regarding ASB and they had received multiple calls regarding drug use and criminal damage. The police are now making regular visits to the car park and request that we all continue to report. This can be done via 101, through the online reporting form or on Facebook on the Tandridge Beat page. As much detail as possible when reporting is helpful - registration numbers, make, model and colour of vehicles. The PC hope this visit is the first of many to our monthly meetings.

Planning

TA/2022/192 84 Paynesfield Road Removal of existing roof, construction of new first floor and roof extension. Demolition of attached garage, construction of new attached garage with storage mezzanine. Replacement of entrance porch. New bay window to study. Construction of projecting bay to Reception room with sliding doors and balcony to first floor Master Bedroom. Install dormer windows to rear first floor bedrooms. Internal alterations to increase kitchen and Hallway. New rendered wall finishes throughout ground floor. New hanging clay tiles to first floor and new clay tiled roof finish. New windows and doors throughout. Construct double carport and associated driveway paving, patio paving with steps and planters. Construct new pool room.

Comment- The Property is in the Village settlement. The Parish Council does not object to the proposals in relation to the house but does object to erect a double height garage. The PC would question why the applicants are increasing the height of garage and adding windows and rooflights. Members feel the height of the garage would overshadow on the neighbour's garden to the west in the mornings.

TA/2022/66 The Firs, Maesmaur Road Erection of detached garage. Plans show what appears to be a 2-storey double garage with windows and side door. The property is outside the Village Settlement area and within the Green Belt. Plans show a disproportionate size of garage to the house.

Comment- Objection. The Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds of size and Location in the Green Belt.

TA/2022/241 Tarnhelm, Ricketts Hill Road Erection of a single storey side and rear extension. Conversion of roof space with first floor dormer extension to rear elevation. (Application for a certificate of Lawful Development for a proposed use or Development)

Comment- Objection. Property is outside the Village settlement in the Green Belt. Plans are not fully available. The proposal more than doubles the size of the house. It is

therefore a disproportionate addition to the existing dwelling and therefore by definition cause harm to the Green Belt.

TA 2021/697 1 Parkside Cottages, Rag Hill Road Erection of two-storey side extension, single storey rear extension and front extension – revised plans.

Comment- This application is for revised plans from an application made in 2021. No further comments.

TA/2022/380 Saddlers, 85 Paynesfield Road Erection of single storey rear extension, New enclosed Porch, Conversion of detached garage into gym/family entertainment space ancillary to main dwelling, changes to fenestration including installation of Bi-Fold doors. This property is in the village settlement area. The changes are small in proportion to the existing property and will have little or no impact on neighbouring properties.

Comment- No Comment.

The full Planning reports can be found on the Village Website.

Parish Councillor Vacancy

The Parish Council co-opted John Rand to join the team. Welcome to the team John we look forward to working together.

Platinum Jubilee

Please see flyer delivered with this magazine.

Annual Parish Meeting

Thank you for all who attended our Annual Parish Meeting. We were disappointed that Biggin Hill Airport CEO was unable to attend, and we hope to rearrange a date for the near future.

Kim Jennings, Chairman Tatsfield Parish Council

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TANDRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL

As there are elections on the horizon the last month has been extremely quiet on the District Council front so nothing from me, but you may find the following interesting and informative, so please read this carefully.

Would you like to be a councillor?

There will be District Council elections in Tandridge but **NOT Tatsfield** this year. Next year will be my eighth and final year and I will be up for re-election. So, as I have done previously, I wanted to give anyone who may be interested in taking on the role of the District Councillor for Tatsfield and Titsey the opportunity to come forward in plenty of time and find out about the role. **If that is you then please contact me on the details below.**

This year's elections

The 14 seats up for re-election this time see some surprising names not standing for re-election. Tony Elias Leader of the Conservatives and Geoff Duck both long time members along with Simon Morrow a Liberal Democrat amongst the most notable. Kevin Bourne I&OLRG my last year's Chairman of the Audit and Scrutiny is standing down and he will be a big loss as his tenacity on the numbers was second to none. So, it is unlikely that the elections will change the "no overall control" of the Council but there is the possibility that the leadership could change from I&OLRG back the Conservatives. All very interesting.

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Living safely with respiratory infections including Covid-19

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- Wear a face covering as this can help reduce the chance of spreading infection to others.
- Consider taking a lateral flow test. You can buy these from pharmacies and supermarkets, in store and online.

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Specsavers Surrey Youth Games 2022

Free sports training sessions for 6–16 year-olds living or going to school in the district are about to start.

This will give children an opportunity to try something new and develop skills while having fun as part of this six-week programme, which finishes with the Surrey Youth Games at Surrey Sports Park in Guildford on Saturday 18th June.

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.

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TATSFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR ALL RESIDENTS

The public consultation of the Tatsfield Draft Neighbourhood Plan has now finished.

The next stage will be for the Steering group to go through and consider all of the comments, objections or suggestions raised and if appropriate build them into the Draft Neighbourhood Plan.



We will undertake this at our next meetings on the Wednesday 20th

April and then Wednesday 18th (or 25th) of May. If you wanted to assist us with this there is still time for you to have your input.

The Draft plan will continue to be available on the Tatsfield Neighbourhood Plan website, Parish Council website and Village website so if you have not read it and still want to comments can still be sent to: tatsfield.plan@btinternet.com and we will leave available as below: Tatsfield Neighbourhood Plan website address: <https://e-voice.org.uk/tatsfieldneighbourhoodplan/>

FEEL YOU HAVE SOME TIME OR ADVICE TO GIVE TO THE VILLAGE?

Then please contact one of the steering group members for a no obligation chat. Contact details can be found at the above website address or contact:

Martin Allen (Chair)	Email: martin_allen@talk21.com	Tel. 577201
Sue Smale (Deputy)	Email: sue.smale@yahoo.co.uk	Tel: 577660
Kim Jennings	Email: kimjennings@tatsfieldparishcouncil.org.uk	Tel: 577328

CLARE COUTINHO MP

Locally, I've been getting out and about, knocking on doors to speak with residents and making the most of the wonderfully warm weather - while it lasts!

I recently met up with a group of local farmers, including Patrick from the brilliant Flower Farm, and the NFU Online. We talked about current issues ranging from the prices of fertiliser given the current situation in Ukraine, to the importance of food security and muck spreading.

I grew up as a city girl but it's always a huge pleasure to meet the people who produce our food and protect our countryside - and it's always good to hear from experts in the field (no pun intended!) to hear about the challenges and concerns they have.

I also had an informative meeting with Joannie from Future 4 Fairgrounds and Cllr Lesley Steeds recently. Like many of you, I have so many fond memories of going to the fair as a child and always having a brilliant time.

So I really welcomed getting the chance to meet people from the community and hear about some of the disenfranchisement they face - and what we can do to help.

Of the East Surrey residents who contacted me to help their Ukrainian loved ones, I am so pleased to report that we have been able to bring them all to safety, and I can't wait to personally welcome them all to East Surrey soon.

Many of you have also shown enormous generosity by applying to the Homes for Ukraine scheme and offering families who have escaped the war a place to live. My team and I are currently working around the clock with several local families to make sure their visa applications have been successfully received and to speed up the process wherever possible.

If you would like me to check on the status of any visa applications or if you have any questions about the process, please do email me at claire.coutinho.mp@parliament.uk.

LITTLE ACORNS PRE SCHOOL

We were pleased to welcome back our annual EASTERCISE fund raising event at the end of March which was great fun for our children and families. Thank you to all who came and supported on the day and a huge thank you to all our families for their sponsorships, raising over £800 for the preschool.



On the last day of term, the children had their faces painted before greeting the Easter Bunny who came to visit us and share songs, stories and crafts with the children before going to hunt for Easter goodies in our outside play area. Great fun!

Our Monday afternoon 'Science Club' continues to be very popular and has now been joined on Wednesday afternoons by 'dance club'. Hosted by DanceWorxs, these afternoons are a mix of dance, exercise, and games which the children thoroughly enjoy.



Our afternoon sessions run Monday to Thursday from 12-3pm and can be added to the morning session or taken separately. Please contact us for more information.

Our final bit of exciting news is the introduction of our new Manager Jenny, and Deputy Manager Lisa to Little Acorns.

If you would like to enquire about a place for your child from September 2022 or to book our Breakfast Club, please do get in contact: office@littleacornstatsfield.co.uk

The Little Acorns Team

TATSFIELD WI

When I wrote the WI report for the Annual Parish Meeting in April – the first held since 2019 – I looked back on our monthly reports in this magazine and realised that we had survived the weirdest two years. Whilst we retain a great awareness for Covid we are trying to plan for a programme of future activities that is inclusive and accessible as well as interesting and educational. We also plan to be involved again in village life and events.



On 5th April we hosted a Silk Painting workshop. A speaker who has visited us before and showed beautiful examples of her art gave us the chance to try it for ourselves. We all produced a colourful floral panel by mixing basic primary dyes and gently applying them to a prepared design on beautiful fine silk. (Some end results shown in the photo.)



Next month we hold our Annual meeting. We will confirm our vision and ideals, elect our committee, agree our support of the national resolution to promote action for Girls and Women with ADHD and ASD and receive our 2022/23 programme of events.

We will contribute floral arrangements for the Flower Festival in early June and have a Cakes and Produce stall on Westmore Green on Sunday 5th June for Tatsfield's Jubilee celebration.

We still host a Coffee Pop-In every Wednesday morning in the WI Hall and collect shoes for the Sal's Shoes Charity (a number of lorry loads already delivered to Ukraine).

Susan Smale 01959 577660

ST MARY'S NEWS

Goodbye and Good Luck to Vince and Veronica

There was sadness on Mothering Sunday 27th March, when Vince led his last service at a full St Mary's church, as he and his wife Veronica said 'goodbye' to Tatsfield and 'hello' to retirement. The service was followed by a joyous send off in the Millennium Hall, which in addition to a delicious buffet and refreshments, included many words of thanks and the presentation of gifts and mementos.



Vince and Veronica being presented with beautiful flower baskets in the Millennium Hall, which were among many parting gifts.

A note of Thanks from Vince and Veronica Short following Vince's retirement:

Dear friends,

Thank you so much for your kind good wishes and very generous gifts for our retirement. We very much enjoyed the service and singing in a full church on Mothering Sunday and the gathering, refreshments, speeches and presentation in the Millennium Hall afterwards. We shall miss you all and we will take with us many happy memories of our time in Tatsfield when we move back to our home in Hildenborough. With our love and prayers, Vince & Veronica.

Sunday Services at St Mary's while the Church is in Vacancy

We plan to maintain our main 10am Sunday service with music, led by visiting clergy and/or lay people. All are welcome. Further information is in our Notice Sheet which is posted on the noticeboard at the church entrance and can also be accessed via the link on the home page of our website: www.lttm.org.uk/stmarys

Lent lunches

Many thanks to Maryrose and Peter Fawke and their team of helpers for running the recent lent lunches. The Ukranian cabbage soup was really tasty! So far £220 has been raised but before the money is sent off those unable to attend might like to donate. If so, please contact Madie Langford 01959 577114.



Flower Ladies

To commemorate the Queen's 70th Jubilee there will be a Flower Festival at St Mary's. This will be arranged on Wednesday 1st June and open to visitors on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th June. If anyone would like to join our group you would be very welcome.

Ann 577207 or Jan 577659

Holy Week and Easter

Our main services were on Palm Sunday and Easter Day. This year, due to the planned Jubilee Flower Festival, St Mary's was lightly but beautifully decorated using the pedestal, Easter garden and candles, as well as the traditional Easter Lillies. Thanks to Ann, Jan and all the volunteers.



St Mary's Sunday Teas

Unfortunately, we are unable to start the Teas Season until 12th June and not 8th May as previously stated but look forward to seeing you over the summer. However, we do intend to provide Teas on Friday 3rd June and Saturday 4th June from 2pm to 5pm for the Platinum Jubilee Weekend.

"Happy Hour" Coffee

We warmly invite you to Sheree's between **10am and 11am on Tuesdays 31st May, and 28th June**. The Church will offer a **£1 subsidy** for every coffee, tea or hot chocolate purchased. Please mention **"Happy Hour"** when ordering to obtain your discount.



Christian Aid Week - 15th to 21st May

This year, Christian Aid Week will focus on drought, which numerous countries around the world face. It recognises that droughts have become more intense and more common because of the changing climate. Donations may be made directly to Christian Aid via their website (or via St Mary's in an envelope marked "Christian Aid").

Ascension Day - Thursday 26th May

We look forward to our annual 6.00am service of Holy Communion in the churchyard (in church, if wet) which will be led by Revd. Helen Cook. Breakfast follows and any donations received will be for Christian Aid. Please let us know if you can join us.

Food Bank Deliveries

We delivered to Westerham Food Bank on 10th March and to Christ Church, Brixton Road, on Wednesday 6th April. We continue to collect food, throughout the year, to meet the growing need to support families at both sites. Food suggestions, welcomed by Christ Church are baked beans, tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned fruit, rice, pasta, sauces (pasta sauces etc), and snacks. If you would like to give your support you can leave any non-perishable food that you wish to donate in the Narthex of St Mary's church, Tatsfield. The church opening days are Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday from 8.30am to approximately 3.30pm, or please contact me. If you would like to donate in the monetary way, this will be used to purchase further food. Thank you for your support. **Hilary Vale 01959 577864**

St Mary's Tatsfield 100 Club results for April 2022 draw

10 M. Broughton £23 72 R. Painter £14 80 G. South £9 St Mary's £44

St Mary's Church, Tatsfield, is currently open at the following times:

8.30am approx - 3.30pm approx. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

The Millennium Hall is open for bookings.

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

Email: stmoffice.lttm@btinternet.com Telephone: 01959 577289

TATSFIELD FAIRTRADE GROUP

Chocolate has a Name - Teaching children in West Africa how to make chocolate



Today, around 70% of the world's chocolate is made from beans grown in West Africa, mostly Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire. How did this happen when the cacao or cocoa plant is not even indigenous to the region?

Cacao was first cultivated over 4000 years ago by the Olmec and Mayan peoples who lived in what is now Mexico, Belize, El Salvador, and Honduras. They ground the beans into a paste and made a bitter drink, often flavoured with spices. The Spanish introduced this chocolate drink to Europe in the 16th century. After the addition of sugar, the drink became so popular that Spain set up cocoa plantations in their colonies in the West Indies. The English, French and Dutch soon followed suit and established plantations in their colonies too. In the mid 19th century, the Quaker chocolate dynasty, Fry & Sons, developed a way to mix cocoa powder with sugar and cocoa butter to produce a smooth paste that could be poured into a mould, the first chocolate bar. It was at this point that the British and French introduced large scale cocoa production to their colonies in West Africa. Ghana (then known as the Gold Coast) for the British and Cote d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast) for the French. There was a plentiful supply of cheap labour and land and the right tropical weather and soil conditions for cocoa to thrive.

Today, cocoa is so vital to the Ghanaian economy that it features on bank notes and coins, however, the average cocoa farmer earns just 74p a day while the living wage is around £2.30. This means that cocoa farmers can't afford necessities like medical care, decent food and education. The average age of a cocoa farmers is 50 and many of their

children don't see a future in cocoa farming because it's very hard work, for very little reward added to this the climate crisis is having a significant effect on yield.

Most cocoa farmers cultivate and harvest cocoa pods, dry the beans and bag them up for export without ever tasting the delicious chocolate that results from their labours. They don't see the crops as belonging to them - it belongs to the buyers; the multinational corporations who make billions from the chocolate trade. In 2021 the global chocolate industry was worth an estimated \$106 billion!

But while traditional West African recipes don't contain cocoa there are some chocolate makers in West Africa who are using locally grown cocoa beans and sugar to create chocolate. One of these, Dekocraft is based in Accra and they have a programme delivering chocolate making workshops to children and adults in the affluent areas of the city. Now they have a plan to train teachers in the impoverished cocoa growing areas to deliver these workshops as part of the general curriculum. They want the girls who grow up around cocoa farms to have a sense of pride and ownership; to help them see a future in chocolate, and to understand the nutritional potential of using cocoa in their cooking and as a breakfast drink.

The Chocolate Has a Name pilot was launched during Fairtrade Fortnight:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TnjzEflF2nM> The project is being funded through a crowdfunding appeal. You can read more about it on the website <https://www.chocolatehasaname.org.uk> which includes a link to their crowdfunding page. The good news is that Tony's Choclonely is looking at this pilot with a view to rolling it out to the schools they work with in the region.

There will be an opportunity for you to donate to this project at our Tea Tent at the Village celebration for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Sunday, 5th June.

You could EVEN help us to become more sustainable – bring along your own cup for us to fill.

Barbara Hester
Tatsfield Fairtrade Group



TATSFIELD 100 CLUB

Congratulations to the winners of the Tatsfield PFA 100 Club for March 2022:

1 st Prize	Jon Dunn	£48.00
2 nd Prize	Pete Small	£32.00
3 rd Prize	Simon Hendry	£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.

TATSFIELD MARTIAL ARTS

Surrey Judo Team Selection

On the 8th May the Southern Area Inter Counties championship is taking place. This event is the highlight of the Southern Area competition calendar. Children and adult teams from Surrey, Kent, Hampshire and Sussex compete against each other to be crowned Southern Area team champions.

In the past, Surrey Judo has held a team trials competition to selection the judo players who would then form the county team, however this year we did things a little differently. Rather than running a one-off selection event, we ran three separate events. One in February, one in March and one in April, at different locations in the county. The idea behind this was to allow more Surrey judo players to take part in the selection process, as not everyone can make a one-off event. Plus, having numerous events would allow the stronger judo players to really shine whereas at a single event it is possible for these individuals to have a bad day and not get selected.

Following this process, four junior TMA members have been selected to represent Surrey in next month's Inter Counties:

- Lizzie Merredew Girls Under 44kg
- Bella Mumford Girls Under 57kg
- Kayden Plinston Boys Under 60kg
- Aaron Plinston Boys Over 66kg

We also have one senior member in the men's team. Harry Baxter will be fighting in the blue belt and below U100kg category.

We wish them all the best of luck!

Self Defence and Personal Protection Course

Our next self-defence and personal protection course will take place on Saturday 2nd July at TMA. These courses are extremely popular, and spaces fill up quickly. Price is £10 and open to everyone aged 14 and over. Please contact me for further information.

Adam Plinston

NIGEL'S NATURE NOTES

Bramblings are everywhere! Well, perhaps not everywhere, but certainly along the entire length of Greenway and across to Paynesfield and John's Road. I've seen six in my neighbour's garden (John and Val Moore) and Tony (Turner), who lives at the bottom of the road, has seen the same sort of number. The question is – are these the same birds flying up and down the road or are they separate groups? What will be of particular interest now is to see when they disappear. You may remember that I mentioned last month that Bramblings are winter migrants. This means that they should be flying off to their summer home around the end of April. However, I also mentioned that a few are deciding to stick around rather than make the long flight back to Scandinavia. Interestingly, Meyer, who quotes Mr. Lewcock (of Farnham), gives a long account of a supposed pair of these birds which bred in his garden in May of 1843, but the account is now regarded as wholly unsatisfactory, though Meyer quotes other instances in which he believes the species was seen by him during the summer months. (*'The Birds of Surrey'*, John Bucknill, 1900.) First Brimstone – 1st January. Last Brambling -?

We have a new contributor! Michelle Hitchcock is concerned about the **clearance of land during the nesting season** (16.04.22):

'I was walking in Park wood yesterday and, as a nature lover, was very upset to see that the scrubby area next to the golf course has been completely cut down. There must have been bird nests in the bramble and bushes, not to mention other wildlife. I thought it was illegal to carry out such work from April to September and would appreciate your thoughts.'

Okay, Michelle, this is briefly the situation as I understand it: Anyone (apart from subsidised farmers), can fell a tree or cut or clear a hedgerow at any time of the year. However, Section I of the Wildlife and Countryside Act, 1981 states:

'If any person intentionally: kills, injures or takes any wild bird; takes, damages or destroys the nest of a wild bird; takes, damages or destroys the nest of any wild bird while that nest is in use or being built; or takes or destroys an egg of any wild bird; he shall be guilty of an offence.'

Sounds straightforward enough. I suggest, however, that the gathering of evidence against a perpetrator would prove exceptionally difficult.

Farmers have their own rules. Those who benefit from the Basic Payment Scheme are not allowed to cut trees or hedges between 1st March and 31st August. Failure to comply with the rules could result in a hefty cross compliance penalty. There are, however, various exceptions that relate to public access and safety issues, such as the felling of disease-ridden Ash trees and the clearance of roadways and footpaths.

Any news or views? Contact: nigelshaw2000@hotmail.com

Alternatively, drop a note in to 'Primrose Ridge', Greenway.

THE NIGHT SKY IN TATSFIELD – MAY 2022

Many astronomical phenomena require at least minimal optical aid in order to see them. However, a lunar eclipse is fortunately not one of them and on May 16th we get to see that very spectacle.

An eclipse of the Moon occurs when the Sun, Earth and Moon form up in a straight line with the Earth in the middle. When that happens the Moon, travelling around us in its orbit, moves into the shadow of the Earth that is always cast out into space.

The good news about this event is that it is a total eclipse so the whole disk of the Moon will move into the Earth's shadow and also, we should see our nearest neighbour in space turn a coppery-red colour. The bad news is that the eclipse begins at 3:28am and continues until the Moon sets at 5:08am by which time it is fully eclipsed.

The event proper begins at 2:32am when the Moon enters the Earth's outer shadow, called the penumbra. You won't be able to spot this because the change in brightness is extremely subtle so go outside at 3:28am which is when our satellite starts to move into the darker central portion of the shadow known as the umbra. Once that begins to happen the top left portion of the Moon (at about 10 on a clock face) will start to look rather as if a chunk has been taken out of it. This portion becomes larger as progressively more and more of the Moon moves into the shadow until at 4:29am it is fully enveloped. It is around this time that you should be able to tell that it has changed colour as I mentioned above. The weather, of course, is one variable but another is the state of the atmosphere at the time which can affect our view in two ways.

Firstly, when any astronomical body is very close to the horizon, we are viewing it through a much thicker layer of the atmosphere, compared to if it were overhead, which can have an effect on its appearance. Secondly, we need to consider why the Moon appears reddish and why it is visible at all during an eclipse. It would seem sensible to assume that once the Moon is fully within the Earth's shadow it would be invisible but this is not the case. What happens (as



shown by the red dashed lines in the diagram) is that the light from the Sun enters the Earth's atmosphere and is refracted (bent) in the same way that light is bent when it passes through a lens. Because blue light has a shorter wavelength it is scattered by gas molecules in the air whilst the red light, of longer wavelength is scattered much less and makes it through to reach the Moon. This effect, known as Rayleigh scattering in honour of Lord Rayleigh who discovered it, also explains why the sky appears to be blue. However, because we can only see the Moon due to light passing through the Earth's atmosphere its colour and brightness can be affected if there have been sizeable volcanic eruptions prior to an eclipse.

Brian Mills FRAS

TATSFIELD IN BLOOM



Plans are now in place for the summer planting to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Purple, yellow and white petunias are being delivered by Coblands in the week beginning 16th May with planting to be carried out during that week so that the plants can get established before the Jubilee weekend at the beginning of June. We will be using the same procedures that we have used in recent years which will entail offering to clear and replant one or more containers, mangers or baskets with compost, fertilising granules and plants from the Allotment Site.

If you would like to help us with this work, please let me know. A watering rota is also being drawn up for the summer and we hope that as many people as possible will volunteer to take on this task.

You may have seen that the Tatol Bed is looking a little different now. We have decided to try to make our plants more sustainable so, instead of using only bedding plants in the Tatol Bed and in the Memorial Trough, we have planted some low shrubs which will form the centrepiece with summer bedding plants added for colour. If this experiment is successful, we will extend this to other containers, etc in the future.



We are also purchasing some perennials and shrubs to make a new bed under the new parish noticeboard on Westmore Green. In addition, the circular bed on the

Bakery Lawn has been turfed over to make way for the fire basket which will be lit at 9.45pm on Thursday 2nd June to celebrate the Jubilee.

One of our Tatsfield in Bloom volunteers mowed the grass outside the Bakery for the first time during April. Unfortunately it seems that this area has now become the local dog toilet. Please help us to keep Tatsfield looking great and pick up your dog poo! If you see someone with a dog pooing on our grass, and not picking it up, take a photo and post it on Tatsfield Talk - name and shame!"

A very big thank you to all those who put donations into our yellow pots in Sheree's, The Old Ship, The Village Club and The Bakery and to those who have donated direct.

Jill Hancock (577622) (jillhancock12@gmail.com)

REGULAR TATSFIELD EVENTS AND INFORMATION

Sun	10.00 am	Church service – StM
Mon	9.30 am	Tots on Top – CH
	1.30 pm	Bridge Club – WIH
	5.00 pm	Boom Dance Academy Junior Street Dance - VH
	5.45 pm	Boom Dance Academy Break Dance for All – VH
	6.30 pm	Cubs - SH
	7.15 pm	Adult Ballet - TPS
	7.30 pm	Art Group – VH [Term time]
	8.15 pm	Bingo – TVC
Tue	1.30 pm	Whist – WIH (Last Tuesday of the month)
	12.30 pm	Not So Young Club (2 nd Tuesday of the month) WIH
	2.30 pm	WI Meeting (1 st Tuesday of the month) WIH
	5.00pm	Tatsfield Drama Club - StM
	6.00 pm	Beginners Step Class - VH
	7.00 pm	Scouts and Explorers – SH
	7.00 pm	Beginners Step Class - VH
Wed	10.00 am	WI Pop In – WIH
	7.30 pm	Yoga – VH
Thu	2.00 pm	Scrabble at AMB (2 nd Thursday of the month)
	1.30pm	Hear Here Sessions – AMB (1 st Thursday of the month)
	4.30 pm	Under 8's Judo - SH
	5.45 pm	Over 8's Judo - SH
	7.15 pm	Adult Ju Jitsu - SH
	7.30 pm	Tatsfield Singers - TPS
	8.00 pm	Table Tennis – VH
Fri	10.00 am	Pilates – WIH
	9.30 am	Self-defence and HIIT, Tatsfield Martial Arts -SH
	11.15 am	Pilates – WIH
	1.30 pm	Short Mat Bowls –VH
	6.30 pm	Over 10's Ju Jitsu- SH
	8.00 pm	Badminton Club – VH
Sat	9.00 am	Under 8's Judo – SH
	10.00 am	Composting site (now closed for Winter)
	10.15 am	Over 8's Judo - SH
	11.45 am	Adult Judo – SH

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

UPCOMING EVENTS – VILLAGE AND BEYOND

MAY

7 th Sat	7.30pm	North Downs Sinfonia Spring Concert, VH
8 th Sun	3.00pm	Church Teas, MH
14 th Sat	2.30pm	My Dog's Got Fleas, VH
14 th Sat	7.30pm	My Dog's Got Fleas, VH
15 th Sun	3.00pm	Church Teas, MH
17 th – 21 st	various	The 39 Steps, Barn Theatre Oxted
21 st Sat	10.00am	THS Wisley Visit, Wisley Gardens
22 nd Sun	3.00pm	Church Teas, MH
29 th Sun	3.00pm	Church Teas, MH
31 st Tue	10.00am	St Mary's Happy Hour Coffee, Sheree's Tearoom

JUNE

2 nd Thu	9.45pm	Platinum Jubilee Beacon Lighting, Bakery Lawn
3 rd Fri		Platinum Jubilee Live Music, TVC
4 th Sat		Platinum Jubilee Concert, Tatsfield Singers
4 th Sat		Oxted Comedy Night, Barn Theatre
4 th Sat		Platinum Jubilee Live Music, Pie & Mash, Ye Olde Ship
5 th Sun		Platinum Jubilee Tatsfield Street Party, Westmore Green
11 th Sat	7.00pm	Liz Kelleher Quiz Night, Marathon Fundraiser, VH
11 th Sat	7.00pm	The Magic Globe, Barn Theatre
24-25 th		Glow – Honk! JR, Barn Theatre
28 th -1 st July		Glow – Honk! JR, Barn Theatre

JULY

7 th -9 th	various	Glow – Our House <i>Barn Theatre Oxted</i>
16 th	1pm&6pm	Back to the Boomovies <i>Barn Theatre Oxted</i>

Venues

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

TATSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

SPRING SHOW 2022

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY 1. COVID 0.

In spite of the uptick of Covid cases which meant that our Vice Chairman Jon Allbutt could not attend the show, the HORTI team prevailed and we garnered 166 entries into the Spring Show on April 9th.

Many thanks are due to our judges Nick Hagen (Horticulture), Sue Warren (flower arrangements), Andy Moore (photography), Kay Longley (domestic), Nigel Shaw (art) and Sue Smale (craft) who gave up their Saturday morning to assess the fantastic array of exhibits in the village hall which smelt glorious.

After much deliberation prizes were awarded to the following:

Art: Sheila ALEXANDER and Angie LESLIE-MILLER

Photography: Nicola LePREVOST

Flower Arrangement: Val PAYNE

Craft: Catherine WEBBER

Domestic: Catherine WEBBER

Horticulture: David HADDEN



It was particularly gratifying to involve local professional photographer Andy Moore as a judge for the first time. I am hoping to secure his services as a tutor for the art group on the subject of taking good pictures with our mobiles. Watch this space and let me know if you would be interested in joining us on that occasion. Andy posted some wonderful photos on to Tatsfield Talk. Thanks are also due to Tina at The Ship for putting on a fabulous buffet lunch for judges and committee members.

The show opened to the public at 3pm and despite clashing with a certain event at Aintree many visitors came to see the show and eat the homemade cakes on offer. Dilo de Alwis spoke passionately about the Tatsfield Eco Project, urging us all to do SMALL THINGS such as not eating meat every day and avoiding plastic packaging to make a BIG DIFFERENCE.

Our local author Jan Akhtar presented the prizes. She spoke warmly about the Horticultural Society and made us laugh describing her attempts to make a BATTENBURG cake for a previous show. Unfortunately, she entered husband Aslam's cookies under her name and he was disqualified as the class was for men only! He was not amused.

We look forward to seeing you all at the autumn show on SEPTEMBER 10th. THE YEARBOOKS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED SOON SO PLEASE JOIN US. £5 secures you membership with donations only asked for the over 65s.

Carol Gaskell, Show Secretary

THS WISLEY VISIT Saturday May 21st at 10am

I have provisionally booked 40 tickets for our annual trip to Wisley Gardens. If you have not attended before, you are more than welcome to join the group or wander at your own pace around these glorious gardens. We meet before 10am by the café which is on the right by the entrance to Wisley Gardens, for our timed entry at 10am to the gardens. There is an excellent café which will be open by the car park. There are further cafes and restaurants in the gardens. If you wish to join us this year, or you have been before, please can you phone me on 542892 and I will add you to my list and answer any questions you may have. With our affiliation to the RHS this will save you a £15.95 entry fee, so your entry will be free

EVENING GARDEN VISIT TO TITSEY PLACE

Please note that I am also arranging a visit to Titsey Place on Tuesday July 5th at 7pm.

We will be having a private tour of the gardens with the new Head Gardener, Rory Dryburg, who will be explaining the plans he has for the gardens, together with a potted history of the Estate.

The cost will be £6.00 per head to enter the gardens. I am not sure how much Rory will charge at the moment but most probably between £4-£5 or maybe a donation.

Please phone me if you would like to attend what will be a very special event.

Sue Warren 54289

TATSFIELD A CENTURY AGO



It was at the start of this year that details of the 1921 census were released. As well as giving us a detailed account of the social structure of this country, it is also a major source of information for people researching their family history. Sadly, the charge for downloading images has deterred many people, but there is an alternative – a trip to the National Archives in Kew, where access to images of the original records is easy, free of charge and in comfortable surroundings.



I have started looking at the details of the 223 properties then in Tatsfield, in the hope of putting them on display at next month's 'History Weekend' in the Aileen McHugo Building'.

Tatsfield's population in 1921 was less than half its present figure. A first look at the age structure reveals that there were then more children under 14 - 30% of the population - than there are now - below 20%. In 1921, 10% of villagers were over 65. Now that proportion has more than doubled.

I then looked at surnames. The most common in 1921 was Standing, with 26 people sharing that name. Higgs came next with 21, followed by Watson with 17. Another half a dozen surnames - Burbage, Hitchcock, Lugton, Potter, Shrubbs or Streets – were each shared by at least ten Tatsfielders.

Houses tend to be re-named over the years, but according to my research so far, about half of them still have the name they had then.

It will be another thirty years before details of another census – for 1951 – are due to be made public. The 1931 census returns were destroyed in a disastrous fire at the warehouse where they were being stored and the Second World War prevented the holding of a census in 1941. A National Registration system was established in 1939, but not all the details have yet been released to the public.

So the 1921 census, with more details than its predecessors, will keep local and family historians busy for months to come. The returns not only give basic details of each person, their relationship to the 'head' of the household etc, and their occupation, but also where and for whom they worked, telling us much more about the social fabric of Tatsfield at the time.

As an example, we can see that of the 832 people recorded, 140 were born in Tatsfield or neighbouring parishes. More than 200 gave London as their place of birth. Eleven from several families were born in Somerset; six – also from several families – originated from Suffolk.

Farming and building were the major sources of employment – all locally. A couple of dozen residents were recorded as being domestic servants. Other occupations which come to notice are one actress, and one professional artist. Forty or more Tatsfielders had jobs in different parts of London.

If all goes well, you will be able to see this for yourself next month if you come to the 'History Weekend' at the Aileen McHugo Building on June 4th and 5th.

Ian Mitchell, Tatsfield History Project - Tatsfield.history@talk21.com Tel: 577376
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NOT SO YOUNG CLUB

There was a last-minute change of plan for our last meeting as the Biggin Hill Museum could not accommodate us so we will be going next month. So, we celebrated Easter with Homemade quiche with salad followed Jackie's very own hot cross buns and mini simnel cakes - simply delicious. Our members enjoyed an Easter quiz and left with an Easter egg and their raffle prize.

Following our Parish Council grant nine members will be enjoying a complimentary night at the village hall to see the film 'Belfast'. As the Curzon Country Cinemas is suspended for the summer, we are organising a family and friends of the NSYC cinema evening in June.

Also in June we the Club will be in attendance at the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations on Sunday 5th June. We will be providing a 1949 ice cream wagon- not quite as old as her majesty. So please look out for us on the day. Finally, if anyone has any unwanted toiletry gifts they would like to donate to our monthly raffle they would be very much appreciated.

Keep safe

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THE TATSFIELD GARDENER IN MAY

The Tatsfield in Bloom team will be planting out the village flower displays early this year so that the displays are looking good for the Queens Jubilee weekend in June – we need more volunteers!! Please contact Jill Hancock if you can spare an hour to help plant up the containers.

Planting out tender summer flowering plants in mid-May has its risks especially as these plants are produced under cover these days, there is still a slight risk of a ground frost. If you are producing your own flowers and vegetables make sure to follow traditional gardening practice of 'hardening the off' before planting them out. This practice involves putting them out of the greenhouse/tunnel for a week or two before planting, if the forecast is for a chilly night, then cover them in a light sheet or horticultural fleece (not the jumper!) – something light that will not crush the young foliage.

It is a great idea to start your beans and peas in pots or trays to give them a good start and earlier crops – but – if they are planted directly from the greenhouse, and there are chilly nights and cold winds, they will suffer a big shock and stop growing. Speaking of runner beans, remember to put a seed in the ground next to the plants as you plant them to give continuity.

I was asked a question recently about how to cope with a Clematis montana that was threatening to bring down some fence panels it had grown so big. This is the vigorous Clematis that is flowering now with a mass of small white or pink flowers. When it has finished flowering it will make a mass of new growth ready for early flowering next year. Now is the time to cut it all off the fence, this not a job for careful nipping here and there with secateurs, this is a job for a saw and loppers! Cut it down to about a metre above the ground, yes that means producing a lot of growth so you will need plenty of bags – the good news is that when shredded it makes excellent compost; take it to the community composting site. As it produces lots of new shoots you will need to tie them in – growing it up a trellis can save a lot of time tying in shoots. A very important point – please make sure to carry out a thorough examination of the whole area to check for birds' nests. Blackbirds, Robins and many other species love to nest in Clematis as it provides them with dense cover and protect from marauders! If you find an active nest, please wait until the fledglings have flown away.

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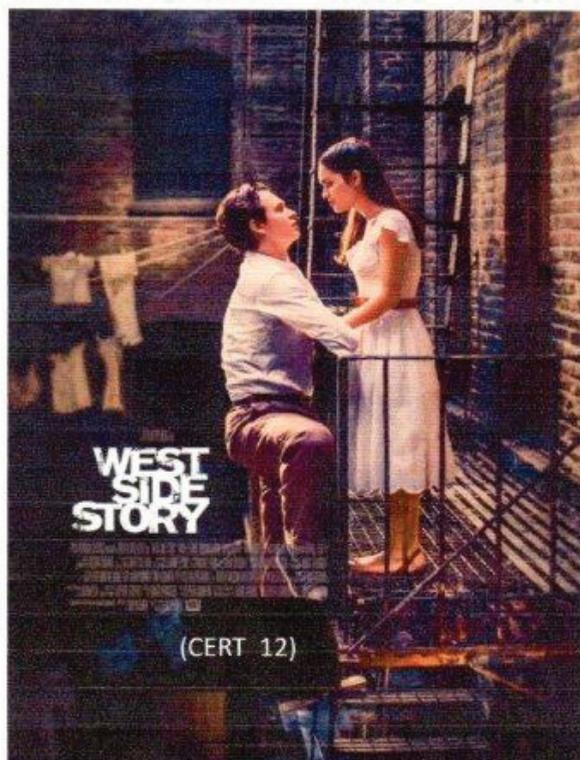
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Our next concert is at 7.30pm on Saturday May 7th. It will consist of Beethoven Piano Concerto No 5 (the Emperor) with our favourite soloist, Mariela Cingo, who has played with the orchestra many times before, together with the Mozart Symphony 31 (Paris) and William Sterndale Bennett's The Naiads Overture. This is a work which is rarely played, by an English composer (1816 to 1875) of whom many have never heard. Nevertheless, it is an extremely melodic piece, and very enjoyable to listen to. Bennett was much admired by Schumann, with whom he was friends, and indeed Schumann dedicated some of his works to Bennett. However, he did not compose much, as he had several demanding executive duties, including being a Professor of Music at Cambridge University, and Principal of the Royal Academy of Music. The Beethoven is of course very well known – his final, and possibly best, piano concerto. The Mozart symphony was composed in 1778 (he was still only 22, but had already composed 30 symphonies!) and was first performed in Paris, from which it took its name.

The concert will be conducted by Ben Knowles. Ben is a young conductor who has never conducted the orchestra in a concert before, but it promises to be an extremely enjoyable concert, and we look forward to seeing you there.

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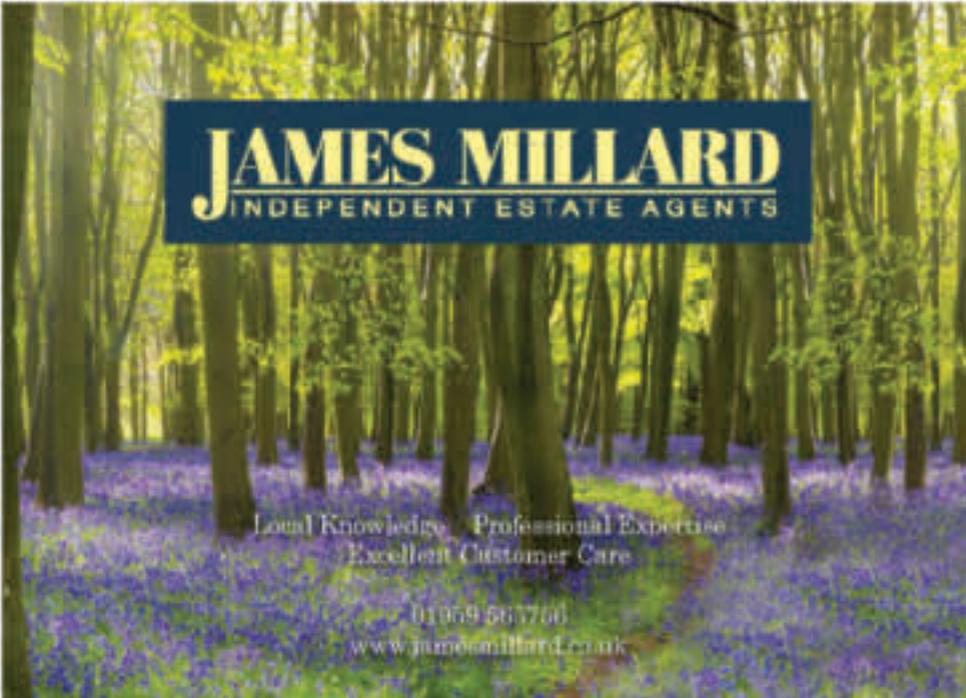
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