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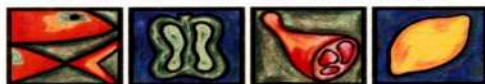
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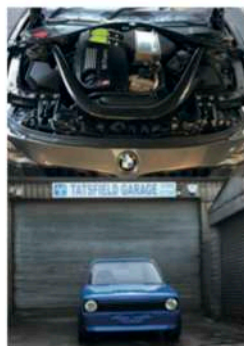
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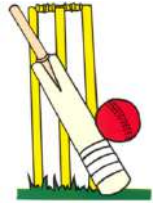
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## EDITORIAL

Sport and exercise are, as we know, vital for health and mental wellbeing. So it was great to see in last month's magazine report that the Parish Council is trying to secure a long-term lease for Furze Corner with the aim of securing funds to rebuild the Cricket Pavilion and rejuvenate club sports at the site. What a fantastic opportunity for the village – especially the children growing up here.



I have to confess to only being to Furze Corner a few times as cricket didn't feature in our household and I am therefore not particularly au fait with the sport. However, I know I should learn more about it. As luck would have it, while clearing out a box that's been in the garage for nearly 30 years (!) I came across a tea towel with the perfect

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That's the end of the game.

### ***Acknowledgement to the Marylebone Cricket Club***

May I wish you all a good summer, hopefully the weather will be kind to us so that we can get out and about playing sport, walking, perhaps enjoying a cream tea while watching cricket, and enjoying our wonderful village.

**Tara Barry**

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## LIN SAINES

As many of you will know my dear Lin passed away on 19<sup>th</sup> March this year.

For ten years she looked after our village horse trough and over the same period wrote articles on culinary herbs for the Parish Magazine and through this become well known and much loved by the villagers. She also did many talks on herbs and medieval history to our WI group. More recently, she did talks to West Kent's Women's Institute meetings on the same subjects. At the same time, she maintained at Rye Castle a Medieval Garden, set up a stillroom there and wrote a booklet entitled "The Garden Beyond the Tower".



Lin was born and brought up in Lambeth, London by her parents Bill and Mary, also helped by her Aunt Margaret and her husband Fred. In between her school life, she worked at Dulwich Horse Riding School and worked her way up to become an Advanced Instructress awarded by the British Horse Society.

Lin went on to go to Cornwall where she set up her own horse-riding school for two years near Newquay. Later she returned to London where she met me in a meat importers office near Smithfield Market. We eventually got married and have been for 45 years. In her early married life, she worked for a building firm, an estate agent, a travel agency, a fashion designer and ended up running her own craft business called Madrigal for 10 years. Since then, her love for Cornwall never waned and we returned there often and spent loads of happy times together there.

Lin was a very knowledgeable and creative lady and had so much information to impart on many subjects. She was a giving person - preferring to give rather than receive. Her interests ranged from Medieval History to creating Herb Gardens. With all this knowledge she left me standing on many an occasion. These interests included cooking, gardening, walking, reading, photography and writing. She also planned and assisted me with many functions in the City of London with Taurus Lodge, the masonic Lodge of the Worshipful Company of Butchers. She was also a big animal lover and donated to various charities over the years.

Also, she had an article published in Cornwall Today on Tristan and Isolde, a love story from Cornwall. Sadly, Covid and her deteriorating health prevented her from carrying on with these activities. Lin is now in the hands of God relieving her from the indignity and pain of her cancer.

Lin was a very special person, she was my constant companion and friend, we shared everything together. We will all remember her with much love and affection.

Her funeral took place at Kent and Sussex Crematorium on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April. If desired, donations in Lin's memory can be made to The Brook Animal Charity via <https://lindasaines.muchloved.com/>

**Martyn Saines**

## LETTERS

Dear Editors,

**A VERY MYSTERIOUS PLANT** Every year I grow vegetables in my garden and cucumbers and tomatoes in my green house. I started the cucumber and tomato seeds in heated pads in the conservatory and was pleased to get good results for both. When the seeds were strong enough to transplant into pots and take to the greenhouse, I did



so. I had two kinds of cucumber, Louisa F1 and Emilie F1 which I labelled and later, when larger, transferred them to their biggest pots ready to train them to climb. Louisa was growing well and started to climb happily. Emilie was strange and looked more like spinach - but definitely not cucumber! My gardening friends were puzzled and used a plant identifier app on their phones – the app decided it was most likely to be a tobacco plant! My friend contacted the seed company and sent them a photograph and information from the seed packet. They were

helpful and are now investigating this mystery. Has anyone else got tobacco leaves instead of cucumbers?

**Dawn Forrester Groom**

Dear Editors,

What a fantastic four-day programme of events was organised for Tatsfield to celebrate her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Starting on the evening of Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, with still air and a perfectly cloudless sky, many people came to see the beacon being lit by Ian Longley. This was greeted with huge cheers as was Ethan Syrett who played the National Anthem on the trumpet.

The Village Club and Ye Olde Ship hosted fabulous music events and the ever-popular Tatsfield singers performed a wonderful concert at the village hall. St Mary's Church was a joy to visit with the most stunning array of flowers on display, and there was the added attraction of tea and cake at the Millennium Hall provided by volunteers. The Aileen McHugo Building was once again highlighted when the village historian, Ian Mitchell, staged the history project with the showing of such interesting past events going on in our little village.



And so on to the final wonderful day - Sunday with the weather forecast and prospects not looking at all good - but much to everyone's surprise, it turned out to be mostly dry. It was estimated that well over 1,000 people came to join the fun and enjoy the live entertainment. Congratulations must go to the brilliant parish councillors who organised it all and who, no doubt, slept soundly after staging this fabulous weekend!

Our next village event will be a Picnic on the Green on 21<sup>st</sup> August. The Parish Council have approved the event but are unable to provide any funding. If anyone in the village is able to help sponsor the event, we would be most grateful. Please let me know if you can help by contacting me by either phone or email: [davedbsound@gmail.com](mailto:davedbsound@gmail.com) or 01959 577550.

**Dave Bishop**

## **TATSFIELD 100 CLUB**

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

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	David Hines	£48.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Margaret Burton	£32.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Mary Wiggins	£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](mailto:les.eames@ntlworld.com).



**SQUERRYES**

Squerryes Estate Food Market outside the Estate Deli every Saturday 9:30 am - 3 pm.

Fresh fish and seafood - sourdough and pastries - fresh cut flowers.

Garden Café - views overlooking our Rosé vineyard.

Locally roasted coffee and light bites.



Find us at Westerham Valley, Beggars Lane, Westerham. TN16 1QP what3words: eagle.invent.flats

[www.squerryes.co.uk](http://www.squerryes.co.uk)

## TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Hello all. I must open with a big thank you to all of you who supported our Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations over the four-day bank holiday. It was wonderful to see so many people out and enjoying the events.

We were happy to have our MP Claire Coutinho visit for our Beacon Lighting Event and have her cut the Beacon Tart which was made and provided by The Bakery to the lucky 70 villagers. Although I didn't get to sample it myself, I received reports that it was "yummy". Our Beacon on the Bakery Lawn was lit at 9.45pm by long time village resident Ian Longley. The Longley family have resided in Tatsfield for over 100 years, and Ian has cut the Bakery Lawn during the summer months for over 25 years. A big thank you also to Dave Bishop for providing his PA for the event and his usual entertaining commentary. Ethan Syrett provided excellent trumpet playing for the Beacon Lighting fanfare 'Majesty' (written for the occasion by Sgt. A W Carlisle for the occasion) and the National Anthem.

A special mention to The Ship, The Club and Bakery for providing entertainment and refreshments during the evening and throughout the weekend. Our marshals led by Jon Allbutt did a sterling job in keeping us all safe and we thank them for their support.

The Beacon has been removed temporarily to be sandblasted and painted and will be returned to the post very soon along with a plaque to commemorate the occasion.

Lots of things kept us busy over the weekend with the Flower Festival at St Marys having a spectacular display on a royal theme with excellent Cakes and Tea served in the Millennium Hall.

The History Project and Royal Memorabilia displays in the Aileen Mchugo Building were very well attended and all visitors learnt about the antics of the Paynesfield Road Gang and history of our great village.

A real treat on the Saturday evening was the Parish Council sponsored event by The Tatsfield Singers, a celebration of songs wonderfully performed by our very own village choir. All visitors were treated to a glass of bubbly and warm sausage rolls in the interval to loosen the vocal cords for the audience participation during the second half!

As Sunday's main event was upon us and the threat of rain for our Street Party/Picnic, we asked all to come prepared and asked for gazebos to be erected. This formed a wonderful village of tents on the Green and gave all the chance to enjoy the entertainment without fear of a downpour – but, luckily the rain held off. It was a true village event with all stalls being run by village businesses and groups. It was a pleasure to work together and so THANK YOU to all of you for your commitment to making the day a success. A special mention for Chris McMullan of Able Electrics who gave his time to ensure all was set up for our musicians and stalls. Big thanks also to James Hills of Stages and Tiers who provided the staging for the singers. Our very own Dave Bishop was excellent at running the Tug of War (won by the Bakery). Finally, thanks to all who attended and for removal of your rubbish etc at end of day.

## **Parish Council Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**Planning** TA/2022/485 107 Paynesfield Road, Tatsfield Demolition of single garage, erection of double garage. The property is in the defined village and the proposal is to erect a double garage which is only marginally bigger than existing. No comment

**Finance** We had an Internal Audit. The Auditor found no matters to raise and members congratulated the Clerk on a successful audit.

**Notified items** The Parish Council had received a request from Dave Bishop to hold a Picnic on Westmore Green together with funding for an Orchestra on 21<sup>st</sup> August. Members agreed for the picnic to go ahead with its usual private sponsorship but were unable to provide funding from the precept. A request to hold a Remembrance Service on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November. This was approved by members but many expressed concerns regarding the expenditure of the band and the increased number of wreaths being laid. Members felt that a lone trumpeter and recorded music was more appropriate and that wreaths laid during the ceremony should be limited with the opportunity for other wreaths to be laid after the service had finished. The request to hold the Annual Christmas Carol Singalong was approved for Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

**Parish Council Surgery sessions** These will begin again in September and will be held on the third Saturday of the month. The first will take place on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September 11-12 am at The Bakery.

**Westmore Green Benches** I am very happy to report that we have been successful in our application to Your Fund Surrey to replace our Picnic Benches. We are now just waiting for the money so we can order and hopefully get them in place as soon as possible. Special thanks to Alex Davies who took on this project and despite many hurdles has dedicated her time to see the project through.

**Furze Corner Playing Fields** The Parish Council is still in discussion with the PFA and Tandridge with a view to taking over the lease of the playing fields.

**Anyone for Tennis?** During the school summer holidays we will once again be erecting the Tennis Nets at the MUGA. This facility is available for all residents to play on a first come first served basis. Please respect the area and take away any rubbish etc and report any problems to the Clerk. [Clerk@tatsfieldparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:Clerk@tatsfieldparishcouncil.org.uk).

**Aileen Mchugo Building** We continue with our refurbishment of the AMB and I am pleased to report that we have now replaced the kitchen and are continuing with decoration.

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on 11<sup>th</sup> July at AMB 8pm and will be our last before the August break. All welcome.

**Kim Jennings, Chairman Tatsfield Parish Council**  
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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 members of the Steering Group committee are processing all the responses that we have received and are preparing the final draft of the Plan having considered all of the comments.

We hope to have completed this at our next meeting which will have been held on 4<sup>th</sup> July before the group will take a well-earned rest over the summer months whilst we prepare and process the final draft.

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 comment can still be sent by email to [tatsfield.plan@btinternet.com](mailto:tatsfield.plan@btinternet.com); and we will leave it available to view on <https://e-voice.org.uk/tatsfieldneighbourhoodplan/>

**Martin Allen (Chair) Email: [martin\\_allen@talk21.com](mailto:martin_allen@talk21.com) Tel: 577201**

## TANDRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL

The makeup of **Tandridge District Council Committees** The Independent Group, of which I am the Leader retained seats on the Housing Committee where Jeremy is Chairman and Strategy & Resources - both important committees. I was asked to retain my role as Vice Chair of the Audit & Scrutiny Committee; and I also remain on the Community Services Committee; and I will represent Tandridge District Council on two outside (incl. BHACC) committee's and one internal committee. Judy Moore our third Independent from Felbridge remains on Planning Policy and will also represent her Ward on Working Group for the CIL and Gatwick Airport 2<sup>nd</sup> Runway application.

So, the Independents and the I&OLRG Alliance remain strong across the district - albeit as two separate groups.

The new Chief Executive David Ford now starting his second year is starting to put together a Management Team that he believes will see us through and over the dark periods of the past and will add strength and resilience to the Council for the future. We have unfortunately lost some senior and experienced staff but nonetheless continue to employ new staff that will not be burdened by the ravages of the past Customer First programme that was meant to "do good" but did not achieve this! But green shoots of recovery now seem to be in place.

I continue to attend and represent the interest of the villagers of Tatsfield and Titsey in the policy committees of the council and continue to stress to the new administration that the rural areas of the district are just as important as the Oxted, Caterham and Warlingham.

I continue to report and communicate with the CEO of Biggin Hill Airport regarding the “flying over the Noise Sensitive Area” of Tatsfield and will continue to report them until the incidents are few and far between.

**Could you save on childcare costs?** Tax-free childcare provides thousands of eligible working families with vital financial support towards the cost of their childcare with the government paying £240 million annually in top-up payments to families using the scheme. Parents and carers should check their eligibility and register for tax-free childcare via GOV.UK website.

**Support for cost of living** The government announced further help for people to deal with rising costs, especially around energy bills. Here we explain what the new support is, who will receive it, which organisation the payments are coming from and when:

- **A one-off £650 payment** to households which receive certain benefits, such as universal credit. The Department of Work and Pensions will pay it in two lump sums directly into the claimant’s bank accounts in July and in the autumn.
- **Increasing the energy bill payment from £200 to £400**, which no longer has to be repaid. This will show as a credit on your monthly electricity bills starting from October. Customers with pre-payment meters will have the money applied to their meter or paid via a voucher.
- **An additional £300 winter fuel payment** for pensioners which will be paid as part of the annual winter fuel payment in November to December.
- **An additional £150 disability cost of living payment** will be paid directly to eligible people from September.

This support is in addition to the £150 council tax energy rebate we are paying to eligible households living in properties which are in council tax bands A to D. Currently, we have paid all eligible households who pay their council tax by direct debit. We are now arranging to pay non-direct debit payers who will shortly be receiving a letter from us.

**Millions more households should be claiming benefits** Government figures show up to seven and a half million households are missing out on £15 billion a year of means-tested benefits. Please remember benefits are not just for the unemployed. With the cost of living rising, make sure you’re not missing out on benefits you may be entitled to. There is a benefits calculator on [www.moneysavingsexpert.com](http://www.moneysavingsexpert.com) which will show you what you might qualify for and how much you could get.

**Do you need financial, health and welfare support?** Residents who might be struggling to make ends meet can [visit the Surrey Crisis Fund webpage](#) to see if they can access emergency assistance for a variety of reasons. The community helpline and online hub can also provide advice over the phone and / or direct you to appropriate support.

- The [online hub](#) is available 24/7.
- The community helpline is **0300 2001008** and is open from 9am to 5pm on Monday to Friday, excluding bank holidays.

**Reduce your food waste and save money** If you're looking at ways to save money, why not start in the kitchen? It is estimated a staggering one in five bags of food shopping goes to waste each week! This is a substantial amount of food and money being wasted every day. There are some small, easy changes we can make to our daily habits that could make a big difference to your food bill and the planet too. For hints and tips visit the Surrey Environment Partnership website: [www.surreyep.org.uk](http://www.surreyep.org.uk).

**Are you over state pension age, or know someone who is?** If you are you may be eligible to claim Pension Credit, even if you own your home or have savings. The government estimates up to one million pensioner households may be entitled to pension credit, but do not claim it. People who claim pension credit may also be able to get help with heating costs; help with rent and council tax; a free TV licence for those aged 75 or over; help with the cost of NHS services, such as NHS dentist treatment, glasses and transport costs for hospital appointments. Don't miss out, check your eligibility online, or call **0800 99 1234**. Claiming pension credit is not complicated, but if you would like help, consider contacting Citizens Advice and Age UK.

**Our local businesses need you** I hear from the feedback from the Jubilee celebrations in the village over the weekend of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> June that the support we gave to the businesses was outstanding so please continue to support our businesses through the normal times as well.

**Supporting Ukrainian nationals** We are working hard to support hosts and Ukrainian guests as well as working with faith, charity and community groups. There are currently 112 homes in the district matched with hosting 275 Ukrainian guests. So far, 148 guests have arrived, with 103 visas approved. There is a lot of information, [support and guidance on our website](#). If you are organising an event, don't forget to add it, for free to our events listing.

**Save the date** On Ukrainian Independence Day Wednesday 24 August there will be an event for Ukrainian nationals and their hosts at Priory Park in Reigate. We will let you know more details once they are finalised.

**Helping residents and Ukrainians find work** The Oxted Job Club is supporting local residents and Ukrainians who have recently arrived into the district to find a suitable job ([jobcluboxteddistrict@gmail.com](mailto:jobcluboxteddistrict@gmail.com)). The support they provide includes: helping with CVs and job applications; preparing for interviews; deciding career objectives; and finding suitable companies.



**North Tandridge Vehicle Thefts** We are aware of a rise in vehicle thefts across the North of Tandridge. Please be assured that we are taking steps to tackle this by increasing patrols and are actively targeting those responsible. These crimes include but are not limited to: theft of motor vehicles (primarily high value makes such as Audi, BMW and Range Rover); theft from motor vehicles (valuables and tools from work vans); theft of number plates – these are used by the offenders and rotated frequently. Suspects can be involved in organised crime and may use violence if

approached. *Please do not approach them - make sure you're a safe distance from the suspects and call 999.* Give us as many details as possible about the suspects and their vehicle. This will give officers the best chance of tracking them down if they leave the area.

There are a few steps that can be taken to attempt to minimise the risk to your vehicles:

- Ensure your vehicle is locked and secured and do not leave any valuables/tools inside (and certainly not on show).
- If you own a keyless car, then store the keys in a Faraday Pouch.
- Purchase a steering wheel lock. Yes, these can be cut, however the majority of these crimes are committed because they can be done quickly and quietly, a lock takes away both of these advantages.
- If your vehicle is fitted with a tracker, make sure you know how to use it, or who to contact if you may need it.
- Report any suspicious activity to us immediately. Don't wait until you get home, call us on 999 if a crime is in progress.

**Proposal to bring Gatwick Airport's northern runway into use** Gatwick Airport is seeking the views of residents and the local community on its proposal to bring its existing northern runway into regular use. Gatwick began a six-week public consultation on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June and it will end on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July.

This consultation is focusing on the updated proposals following feedback from last year's consultation and further assessment work which has been carried out, such as:

- Design changes to planned highway improvements.
- Plans for office buildings, hotels and car parking, flood alleviation and airport layout.
- Updates on environmental impacts, such as carbon and noise.

You will find all the details, including how to respond on the Gatwick Airport website, [gatwickairport.com](http://gatwickairport.com)

**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](mailto:cllr.martin.allen@tandridge.gov.uk) Or [martin\\_allen@talk21.com](mailto:martin_allen@talk21.com)**

## **SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**More support for young people as Commissioner sets funding for year ahead** The Police and Crime Commissioner, Lisa Townsend, has ringfenced £275,000 of the Community Safety Fund to enable more children and young people to engage with the police and other agencies, avoid or leave harmful situations and receive specialist help and advice when they need it. The Children and Young People's Fund is available to organisations that work to enhance the lives of children and young people in Surrey. It is open to local activities and groups that have a positive impact on children and young people's wellbeing, provide a safe space or route away from potential harm or that

encourage increased engagement between the police and other agencies that prevent crime, reduce vulnerability and invest in health. Interested organisations can find out more and apply via the Commissioner's dedicated 'Funding Hub' pages at <https://www.funding.surrey-pcc.gov.uk>

Anyone who is concerned about a young person or child is encouraged to contact the Surrey Children's Single Point of Access on 0300 470 9100 (9am to 5pm Monday to Friday) or at [cspa@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:cspa@surreycc.gov.uk). The service is available out of hours on 01483 517898. You can contact Surrey Police using 101, via Surrey Police social media pages or at [www.surrey.police.uk](http://www.surrey.police.uk). Always dial 999 in an emergency.

## **CLARE COUTINHO MP**

A highlight of last month was my visit to the Men-in-Sheds at the Woodhouse Centre in Oxted. Founded in 1971 by Mrs Betty Woodhouse, the centre was established to provide employment and a sense of companionship for local retired and disabled people. I had the chance to see some of the amazing things they were building in the workshop - and even had a go myself (thankfully all fingers are intact!). I think this is such a wonderful way to bring people together in the local community, helping to reduce loneliness and isolation which, as some of you may know, is something I really care about. Above all, everyone told me what joy it brings them and how much fun they have.

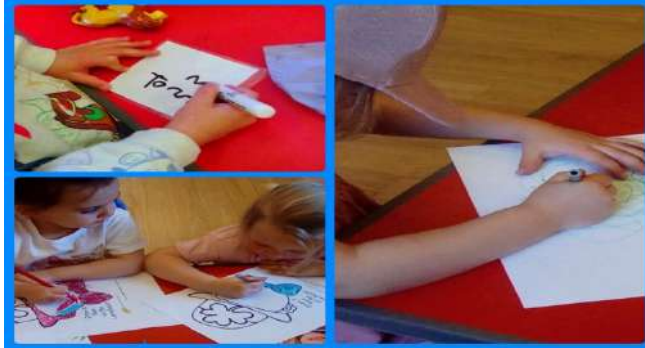
Reflecting on our local Platinum Jubilee celebrations, I feel incredibly proud to be your MP. From Crowhurst to Caterham, from Lingfield to Limpsfield, from Tatsfield to Whyteleafe - I went to 24 resident-led street parties across East Surrey. Everywhere I visited, I met a couple of exhausted people who had given everything they had to put together these tremendous events for their friends and family, and I met hundreds and hundreds of people having a glorious time.

I want to put on record my thanks to everyone who was involved in these wonderful celebrations. I hope you all take enormous pride in the joy you brought to our neighbourhoods. Every single one of you is a local hero, and I can't think of a more fitting tribute to our wonderful Queen.

## LITTLE ACORNS PRE SCHOOL

### Our final half term of the school year... Where did that year go?

Our children have been busy practising their phonics, shapes, numbers and writing together with perfecting the art of putting on coats and fastening those tricky zips! These skills together with turn-taking, sharing, listening, singing, painting, playing, noise making and getting mucky are



practised throughout the year during each child's time at Little Acorns. All these skills are in preparation for that big move onto primary school.

As always, the final term is tinged with sadness as we say farewell to our children leaving Little Acorns to move onto 'big'

school. This year we have said goodbye to 22 super little people, and we marked their leaving with our Graduation celebration morning. The children all wore graduation gowns and were presented with their certificates in front of family and friends. We wish each of our leavers lots of luck.

This term we also had our annual sports day which we hosted in the grounds of Tatsfield school. The children all took part in a variety of races finishing with the much anticipated 'dads' race. A great morning out for all.



We have continued with our themed afternoon sessions, enjoying Science Club on Mondays in which the children have investigated plant growth, static electricity, magnets, things that sink or float and shadows.

Our Wednesday afternoon group is visited by DanceWorx who teach our children lots of fun dance and exercise games to music.

**Breakfast Club** For both younger children and older children, please remember that we offer our breakfast club service from the village hall every term-time morning from

7.15am, which includes a healthy breakfast, with hot and cold options, and walking children to Tatsfield School. Please contact us for more information, we'll be happy to help.

**New Children** From September we have spaces for new children to start with us at Little Acorns Preschool. If you would like some more information or to register your interest, please call 01959 540775 or email [office@littleacornstatsfield.co.uk](mailto:office@littleacornstatsfield.co.uk) to arrange a visit. We also have lots of information about the preschool on our website [www.littleacornstatsfield.co.uk](http://www.littleacornstatsfield.co.uk)

**Katie Bath, Office Manager at Little Acorns Preschool**  
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## TATSFIELD SCHOOL

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May, Wren class took a coach to visit Gatton Park in Reigate. Although the weather looked disappointing in the morning, by the time we got there, it was glorious! The children took part in some 'Mini-Maths' activities which involved following a map around the grounds to discover the next maths challenge. We then had a picnic lunch overlooking the beautiful grounds – this was the best bit according to many of the children!



After lunch we had a lot of fun learning about the life-cycle of a butterfly. The children decorated their own caterpillar using natural materials to make it camouflaged and played a game to find the other half of their symmetrical butterfly. The children had a super day, learning in the lovely grounds of Gatton Park.



**Mrs Cutts and Mrs Grainger (Wrens)**

# TATSFIELD FAIRTRADE GROUP

## Ethical Coffee Guide



There are so many coffee shops in every high street offering us more and more choice when we seek a coffee to go or to share a moment with a friend. If, like me, you are keen to find an ethical option that is sustainable to people and planet, it can seem hard to make an informed decision. The Ethical Consumer Organisation has recently published a summary of their extensive research. They have taken into account many factors including how farmers are treated, how the land is farmed, transportation, use of plastics and the sustainability of the milk offered. They suggest you should:

1. Look for Fairtrade, Rainforest Alliance and Organic certification, or find places using direct trade models.
2. Look for coffee shops encouraging the use of reusable cups.
3. Look for organic milk.

When choosing a café there are tips for what to avoid if you are seeking a more ethical choice:

1. Does the company employ extensive tax avoidance schemes?
2. Try to avoid the large chains which often have complex supply chains and ownership, making it more difficult for you to know where your food and drink is coming from and where your money is going.
3. Does the café charge extra for going vegan?

You can find more details at: <https://www.ethicalconsumer.org/food-drink/shopping-guide/coffee-shops>.

Another organisation, Good Shopping Guide, studied the major brands and the following companies came up at the top of their list:

1. Soho Coffee
2. AMT Coffee
3. Greggs
4. Coffee Republic
5. Esquires

You can find out more at: <https://thegoodshoppingguide.com/subject/coffee-shops>.

Fairtrade coffee is sold at all branches of Greggs, Leon and at National Trust cafés. The bigger coffee shop brands have moved away from Fairtrade which has been disappointing to see.

It was great to meet so many people at the Fairtrade Tea and Coffee tent at the village Jubilee event. Thank you for supporting us. Sheree sells Fairtrade tea and coffee in her shop, so you can also enjoy an ethical cuppa at home.

**Hilary Harber, Tatsfield Fairtrade Group**

## TATSFIELD SCOUTS

Another busy term with an action-packed day at Frylands Wood where Cubs could choose from activities such as archery, climbing, earthball, tomahawks, assault course, traversing wall, sumo suits, slacklining, tunnels, 10ft slide, gladiators & grass sledging. In addition, there has been kayaking/body boarding, archery and activities over at Furze Corner to make full use of the longer evenings. Scouts have learned about knife work (for bushcraft), map reading skills and basic sign language and are looking forward to Scoutabout. 3 lucky Scouts were invested on a very enchanted evening!



Cubs meet on Monday evenings, Scouts and Explorers on Tuesdays. Please contact the Section Leader if you have a young person interested in adventure.

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**Scouts**  
1st Tatsfield



**BEAVERS**

**Section Leader Vacancy**

We still have a vacancy for Beaver Section Leader for girls and boys aged 6-8 years old. Without a leader we are unable to run this section which is a great shame.

Please email [tatsfieldscouting@gmail.com](mailto:tatsfieldscouting@gmail.com) to find out more.

**EXPLORERS Assistant Vacancy**

Our Explorer Leader (SJ) needs another adult to help run Tuesday evening sessions with our 14-18 year olds on a temporary basis. You don't have to commit to being in uniform - just over 18 and ready to join the fun. Please contact SJ via email [sj\\_466@hotmail.com](mailto:sj_466@hotmail.com) or phone 07966 227202.

## ST MARY'S NEWS

### Queen's Jubilee Celebrations at St Mary's

A big 'Thank You' to all our volunteers, visitors and sponsors whose support and hard work made the celebrations so successful. We are especially grateful to all the Flower Festival Team who surpassed themselves for this special occasion. The flower report and photos featured below reflect this perfectly. Special thanks also to Ann and Jan for organising the team and to the volunteers who arranged the flower vases for the Millennium Hall table decorations, popular with the many visitors. Finally, thanks to the pupils of Tatsfield School for the gift of hand-made bunting, displayed to perfection by Ann and Jan and enjoyed by all our visitors to the Hall. Over £1000 was raised through our Flower and Arts Festival. Our 10am service on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June was especially themed to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.



### Special report on the Jubilee Flower Festival from Ann Vatcher

This was a very special occasion and all those participating enjoyed themselves setting up, so many thanks to you all. Making our way around the Church could be seen:



Crowns in the Entrance by Sam Turtle plus Coronation Robe by Kay Longley. The Narthex showed the Queen's Racing Colours by Pat Walsh plus the rocking horse made some years ago by Hugh Corrance. The Orb and Sceptre on the Organ by Rita McKay and '70' plus Scottish connection by Pauline Conlon on the Windowsill.

Pews with hats and pretty poses by Kay Roberts and Jan Maynard. The 'Jubilee' colours by Sue Smale on the Pulpit with the window beside showing a 'Garden Party' by Tina Boys. The Proscenium Arch arrangements were by Sue Saunders and Barbara again in the Jubilee Colours. E.11.R on one of the high windows was by Sara Williams with the opposite window representing England, Scotland and Wales by Rita. Rose



Window depicted the 'Gold Coach' by myself complete with Bearskin borrowed from Simon at the shop plus a military style drum from Sara. A beautiful display of roses courtesy of Anne Lovelace with a photograph of the Queen. The stunning depiction of the Queen's Bridal Bouquet on the pedestal was by Sue Warren with a picnic at Balmoral by Jan Maynard and Kay Roberts.

Thanks to Marjorie Broughton for supplying teas, coffees and cake. Last but not least, our thanks to Tatsfield School and Mr Bellinger for the bunting they provided which decorated the Millenium Hall. Thank you too for the Greenery supplied by Rory, the Head Gardener at The Titsey Estate. All the flowers lasted a good two weeks which was a real bonus.



**St Mary's Teas** Our popular Teas are now back in full swing from 3pm to 5pm each Sunday over the Summer. Thanks to all our volunteers and all our customers. Please come and join us.

**Fairtrade News** We recently applied to renew our Fairtrade status and were delighted to receive a 'Places of Worship Award' and a 'thank you' for our work in promoting Fairtrade products and ethos in our church and local community.

**Foodbank Donations** We continue to support two foodbanks, in Westerham and at Christ Church, Brixton Road. Sadly, in the last year both foodbanks have fed more people than ever before, meaning more are going hungry in our neighbourhoods and need support. All donations are really appreciated in this time of need, especially as the cost of living is still rising. Below is a wish list of items currently needed and we would appreciate any support you can give: cereal, soup, baked beans, jam, pasta sauces, rice, tinned fish or meat, tinned vegetables, long-life or powdered milk, custard and rice pudding. If you would like to give your support you can leave any non-perishable food donations in the Narthex of St Mary's church, Tatsfield, which is open 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. The next deliveries dates for food are:

- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> July to Westerham Foodbank.
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> July to Christ Church, Brixton Road.

**Thank you for your support, Hilary Vale (01959) 577864**

**Churchyard Tidy-Up** Our next churchyard tidy-ups will be on Saturdays 2<sup>nd</sup> July and 6<sup>th</sup> August from 10am - 12noon. All are welcome – please join us as we keep the churchyard looking beautiful for our many visitors. We will enjoy coffee/tea and cake at 11am.

**Looking for a Job?** If you, a family member, or friend is looking for a job, volunteers are at hand to offer their personal experience. Support on a 1:1 basis, includes: CV & job applications, interview preparation, deciding career objectives and finding relevant sectors/companies. Contact: [info@jobcluboxted.co.uk](mailto:info@jobcluboxted.co.uk). This is an initiative of Churches Together Oxted & District and Titsey Rotary.

**St Mary's, Tatsfield, 100 Club Results for June 2022**

9 R. David £22;    40 M. Perrin £12;    25 P. Draper £8;    St Mary's £42

**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](http://www.lttm.org.uk/stmarys)

**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](http://www.lttm.org.uk/stmarys)

**Email:** [stmoffice.lttm@btinternet.com](mailto:stmoffice.lttm@btinternet.com) **Telephone:** 01959 577289

## **NOT SO YOUNG CLUB**

June has been a busy month for our little club! Firstly, we attended the amazing Jubilee Party on Westmore Green, where we were represented by a little 1948 ice cream van. Despite the disappointing weather we managed, to raise £132.00. Thank you so much to everyone who visited us.



Our June meeting was also our AGM, when we welcomed Becky Rush and Martin Allen, who both gave members an insight into current council affairs. The committee and members were delighted to welcome two new committee members, Claire Nuttall and Tina Boys. They have both been helpers for over two years and it is fantastic they have now joined the committee. Once the official agenda was completed members tucked into delicious fish and chips supplied by Ye Olde Ship. We also welcomed three potential new members, unfortunately they are unable to attend in July but hopefully we will see them again at our August garden party.

Lastly, on the 17th, (which was also the hottest day!) we held a private screening of "Fishermen's Friends". Although we had been given a grant to host cinema events for members this took us slightly over budget. Fortunately, some members of the WI and friends joined us and through suggested donations, sales of refreshments and a raffle we made a profit of £78 which will enable our members to attend the Curzon cinema in the village hall in September for free.

In July we will not be holding our normal meeting, instead we will be visiting Wisely Gardens. Our members will be driven by minibus (no singing allowed!) to enjoy some time in the beautiful gardens. We will also be having a cream tea before returning home.

Don't forget if you know anyone who may like to join us or would like to come along yourself to try out our friendly club please give me a call.

**Keep safe,**

**Sue Dowse** [notsoyoung100@gmail.com](mailto:notsoyoung100@gmail.com) **07816110929**

## REGULAR TATSFIELD EVENTS AND INFORMATION

<b>Sun</b>	9.30 am	Yoga with Lexy, VH
	10.00 am	Church service – StM
<b>Mon</b>	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]
<b>Tue</b>	8.15 pm	Bingo – TVC
	1.30 pm	Whist – WIH (Last Tuesday of the month)
	12.30 pm	Not So Young Club (2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month) WIH
	2.30 pm	WI Meeting (1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month) WIH
	5.00pm	Beginners Step Class - VH
	6.00 pm	Scouts and Explorers – SH
	7.00 pm	Beginners Step Class - VH
<b>Wed</b>	7.00 pm	
	10.00 am	WI Pop In – WIH
<b>Thu</b>	7.30 pm	Yoga – VH
	9.30am	Yoga with Lexy, StM
	2.00 pm	Scrabble at AMB (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month)
	1.30pm	Hear Here Sessions – AMB (1 <sup>st</sup> 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
<b>Fri</b>	8.00 pm	Table Tennis – VH
	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
<b>Sat</b>	8.00 pm	Badminton Club – VH
	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

### JULY

16 <sup>th</sup> Sat	1pm&6pm	Back to the Boomovies, Barn Theatre
17 <sup>th</sup> Sun	3.00pm	Church Teas, MH
24 <sup>th</sup> Sun	3.00pm	Church Teas, MH
31 <sup>st</sup> Sun	3.00pm	Church Teas, MH

### AUGUST

6 <sup>th</sup> Sat	10.00am	Churchyard Tidy Up, StM
7 <sup>th</sup> Sun	3.00pm	Church Teas, MH
10 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	High School Musical – Kenley Holiday Workshop Barn Theatre
14 <sup>th</sup> Sun	3.00pm	Church Teas, MH
21 <sup>st</sup> Sun	2.30-5pm	Picnic on the Green, Westmore Green, Tatsfield
21 <sup>st</sup> Sun	3.00pm	Church Teas, MH
28 <sup>th</sup> Sun	3.00pm	Church Teas, MH

### SEPTEMBER

2 <sup>nd</sup> Fri	7.45pm	Simply Dan Gig, Barn Theatre, Oxted
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat	7.00pm	Three Men in a Boat, Barn Theatre, Oxted
4 <sup>th</sup> Sun	3.00pm	Church Teas, MH
9 <sup>th</sup> Fri	7.45pm	The Mikado, Barn Theatre, Oxted
10 <sup>th</sup> Sat	1.00pm	Tatsfield Beer Festival, Westmore Green
10 <sup>th</sup> Sat		THS Autumn Show, VH
10 <sup>th</sup> Sat	7.45pm	Comedy Night, Barn Theatre, Oxted
11 <sup>th</sup> Sun	2pm&7pm	LCA Stage Academy, Barn Theatre, Oxted
11 <sup>th</sup> Sun	3.00pm	Church Teas, MH
14 <sup>th</sup> Wed	1.45pm	Millennium Art Group, Autumn Term begins, MH
16 <sup>th</sup> Fri	7.45pm	Classic Rock Revival, Barn Theatre, Oxted
17 <sup>th</sup> Sat	7.45pm	Music Maestro Please, Barn Theatre, Oxted
18 <sup>th</sup> Sun	3.00pm	Church Teas, MH
24 <sup>th</sup> Sat	2.30pm	TAG Exhibition VH
25 <sup>th</sup> Sun	11.00	TAG Exhibition, VH

### Venues

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

## TATSFIELD MARTIAL ARTS

It's been a busy few weeks for TMA. As well as running self-defence and personal protection classes at both Weald of Kent Grammar School and Bensham Manor School, we have had a number of club events taking place.

**JU-JITSU GRADING** On Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June we held our first jujitsu grading for this week and saw over 70 students turn up and take their next steps towards their blacks. It was a hot day, but that didn't stop anyone from giving 100%. Aside from the technical examination based on our grading syllabus, everyone was put through their pacing with loads of randori (sparring), bag work and nage komi (throwing practise). I am pleased to say that everyone passed and received their shiny new belts!



**JUDO INTERCLUB COMPETITION** On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June, we held our third interclub competition – our first since returning from lockdowns. This is my favourite club event of the year, and this year was our biggest one yet. We had 100 children taking part from six different judo clubs (all clubs I have ties with). The children are put into pools based on weight and age – everyone wins a medal. However, the colour of the medal depends on how well they perform (ie gold, silver or bronze). The objective of the club competition is to allow the children to experience competitive judo, but in a more relaxed environment. Competitive judo is tough and not for everyone and for many of the children our club competition will be their first experience of it, so it's important to make it a good one – with small pools, medals for all, familiar faces (coaches) etc. Everyone seemed to enjoy the event based on the feedback provided and TMA kids did the club proud, a great effort from every single one of them.

**JU-JITSU BLACK BELT GRADING** On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July we are holding a black belt grading for two of our brown belts, Kevin Ruggins and Stewart Apps. A ju-jitsu black belt grading is extremely tough and will last around three hours, after which you will be black and blue for about a week. You are required to demonstrate every single technique in the grading syllabus and take part in full contact sparring – both standing and ground fighting. The sparring will be via a line up, meaning you fight one person straight after another with no resting in between – to put this into context, in my black belt line up I had 18 people (all brown and black belts), so that was 34 contests (18x standing then 18x groundwork) one straight after the other. You are not expected to win all the fights, but you are expected to get through the line up showing spirit and determination from start to finish. No one in the line up will take it easy on you, most have been through it themselves and want to make sure you receive the same treatment as they did!

Kevin lives in the village and was a founding member of TMA, there on the very first day we opened in 2015. In 2019, Kevin gained his black belt in judo – so, he could hold multiple black belts in different martial arts which is quite a rare achievement. Update to come.

**Adam Plinston**

## **TATSFIELD SINGERS CONCERT 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2022**

What a cornucopia of song we were treated to on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, in celebration of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. Under the skilful hands of their conductor Sarah Fryer the Tatsfield Singers gave us a bravura musical performance ranging from Finlandia to Waltzing Matilda.

The first half opened the evening with *Sing* which was specially written for the Silver Jubilee and apparently much liked by Her Majesty.

Then we were treated to a virtuoso violin performance by Eleanor Harber, after which the Singers gave us an a cappella rendition of the hymn *Be Still My Soul* from Sibelius' Finlandia which, for me, was very impressive.

A joyful interpretation of *Gonna Rise Up Singing* quite clearly showed that this was one that the Singers really enjoyed and then a complete change of tempo for *As Long As I Have Music* and *For The Love Of Music*.

But that wasn't all, not by a long chalk.

On came four of the Singers with their ukuleles to help play out the first half with *I'd Like To Teach the World to Sing*. What talent we have in Tatsfield and where on earth did they find the time to learn to play the uke and do the singing all at the same time!!



During the interval we were regaled with excellent sausage rolls and bubbly which comfortably settled us down to a second half of songs from the Commonwealth, starting with the specially composed Jubilee Song *Rise Up And Serve*.

This was followed by that quintessential favourite *Waltzing Matilda*. Amazingly, three ancient Swagmen, wearing their traditional bush hats complete with corks (no flies on them, then) were flown in from Australia at considerable expense and appeared on stage, replacing the three basses for this traditional Aussie song. For this particular

number the baton was handed to Alex Davies, a true Australian and former musical Director of the Singers. Welcome back, Alex.

In all there are 54 member countries of the Commonwealth, so it would have been impossible to include a song from each of them within the allowed time span. However, the Singers managed to include for our appreciation a *Calypso* from the Caribbean, *Myfanwy* from Wales sung in Welsh, Scotland's *Loch Lomond*, Canada's *Land of the Silver Birch*, *Streets of London* for England, a sad, sad *Danny Boy* for Northern Ireland, *Hakuna Ma Tata* and *Tina Singu* representing the African continent and rounded off with a *Sea Shanty* from New Zealand all about the Wellerman (the Whaling Man).

Thank you Tatsfield Singers, conductors, soloists, violinist, percussionists and of course the pianist Nick Drewe for putting on such a wonderfully bright and uplifting show, thoroughly enjoyed by all. Her Majesty, unlike one of her predecessors, would have been much amused.

## MILLENNIUM ART GROUP

The Millennium Art Group is a small group of amateur artists who meet in the Millennium Hall on Wednesday afternoons between 13.45 and 16.45. Formed some ten years ago it was formerly organised by Mary Smith. It has taken two men to replace Mary, myself and Ash Thakar, with Mary still attending the group acting as our "Honorary Chairperson" and adviser! We paint mainly in oils and acrylics and the painting styles of our members range from realism, through impressionism, to abstract. All of us paint separate subjects and help each other with advice. Our members come from Tatsfield itself, surrounding towns, West Wickham and East and West Sussex.



Generally, we have three "terms" of ten weeks per year. The present term finishes on 6<sup>th</sup> July. Our Autumn term starts on 14<sup>th</sup> September and ends on 30<sup>th</sup> November with a two week break in the term on 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> October while the hall is being used by others. We hold exhibitions in the Hall and in the Church itself when requested as some of you may have seen. Our latest exhibition is in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

If you are interested in joining us why not come along to one of our sessions to get a taste of what we do. We are a friendly bunch and we have room for a couple of more members. If you want to visit us to see us in action we can offer you tea, biscuits and sometimes cake at about 3pm. To take up this invitation please contact me using the details below.

**Douglas Dawes Email: [dougdawes@aol.com](mailto:dougdawes@aol.com)**

## TATSFIELD WI



What a busy month we had in June. First there were all the Platinum Jubilee events: we joined the flower arranging team for the St Marys



Flower Festival and had a Cake and produce stall on Westmore Green, you may well have purchased some of the delicious goods on sale and entered the raffle for our brilliant Crown cake.

The speaker for our meeting in June recalled fond memories of that much loved personality Harry Secombe. The greatest treat was that, as a professional opera singer with a lifetime of performing with the ENO and D'Oyley Carte companies, his amusing presentation included the most beautiful tenor solos.



Finally, I attended the Annual Meeting of the International Federation of WIs in Liverpool. A lively occasion, blending in-person and zoom attendees. The Key speaker was Sarah Clarke who, as the first female Black Rod in 650 years, very rarely accepts invitations for public speaking but proved to be both entertaining and inspirational.

In July we will hold our summer garden meeting, fingers crossed for fine weather on that first Tuesday of the month.

**Susan Smale 01959 577660**

## QUIZ BRINGS THE QUIDS IN!

Well done to Liz Kelleher and her amazing helpers. Not only did they host a fantastic fun quiz, but also raised £2,260 in the process – thereby exceeding the amount Liz needed to raise for taking part in the London Marathon in October. Liz is running for the Junior Diabetes Research Fund (JDRF) – there is, of course, still plenty of time to sponsor her!



*Liz and some of her team.  
Photo courtesy of Dave Bishop.*

## TATSFIELD ART GROUP

Tatsfield Art Group was founded in 1994 and has enjoyed a healthy membership for many years. The members of TAG have benefitted from the excellent tutors who have demonstrated and led workshops over the years also from the fantastic support and encouragement we give to one another. Many people have joined us as complete beginners gradually developing their innate skills and talents to impressive levels.



*Emil Nikolla an artist with great enthusiasm and energy who inspired us. all.*



*Chris Fosey a charismatic personality and great communicator who gave us a mixed media*

At present TAG's paintings are on display and available to buy, in Sheree's Tea Rooms, Ye Old Ship Pub Tatsfield, The Miller Centre in Caterham and in October at the Lingfield's Art Exhibition, TAG also enters the art classes promoted by Tatsfield Horticultural Society.

Our calendar for 2022/23 will be available from September which will include a number of tutors using a variety of media, anybody interested in joining us will be very welcome for a small fee.

**2022 Exhibition** Tatsfield would not be the same without the annual Art Exhibition you will be amazed this year by the quality and range of work on display, the exhibition will be held on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September** and refreshments will be available on Sunday.



Being a member includes all tutors, entry to exhibition, access to our store cupboard of equipment and refreshments at all our sessions. We meet Monday's at 7.30pm until 10pm in the Village Hall during term times.



For further details please contact Carol Gaskell [carol.gaskell1@btinternet.com](mailto:carol.gaskell1@btinternet.com) or Sandra Shury [wallernuttytart@aol.com](mailto:wallernuttytart@aol.com)

You will find Tatsfield Art Group on Facebook. Website: [tatsfield-art-group.weebly.com](http://tatsfield-art-group.weebly.com)

## NIGEL'S NATURE NOTES

Steve Gaskell reports seeing an Eyed Hawk-moth at Springfield Cottage, (Westmore Rd):



(20.06.22) *'Father's Day present nestling in the herb patch (chives?) at midday. Very obliging photo model. Released later. Lifetime first for me, made my weekend.'*

Well spotted, Steve. This is a great time of year to see moths. What will be next?

For quite some time now, the daily chirruping outside the kitchen has been telling me that **House Sparrows** are around. What I didn't realise was that,

after an absence of at least four decades, they were nesting in a gap between some tiles above the back door. I discovered this when I was potting-up a few plants in the sideways. The eggs had hatched and alarm calls were being sent by the adult male to warn the fledglings of my presence. This was a joyous discovery and, hopefully, an event that will be repeated next year. This is one maintenance job that 'Bob the Builder' will not be asked to fix!

Strangely, on the same day (29.05.22), I had two further surprises. Firstly, a flock of ten **Long-tailed tits** exploring and feeding in one of the larger acer trees and then, secondly, a garden visit from a **Lesser black-backed gull**! As previously stated, I find gull identification very difficult looking skywards. However, when one drops down onto the lawn to pick up some scraps I'd thrown out, that job of identification becomes somewhat easier. I can only assume that it was passing, happened to spot some little white specs on the otherwise green grass and decided to investigate. Unexpected and welcome.

My system of storing paper cuttings has failed. Somewhere (the recycling bin?) is an article about unusual birds having arrived from foreign parts and how this is a possible indicator of a hot, dry summer to come. Time will tell.

Michelle Hitchcock reminds us that if we are interested in protecting wildlife (which I feel sure we all are), we can find out how to become more active by going to this website: **[www.follywildliferescue.org.uk](http://www.follywildliferescue.org.uk)**. They're even on Facebook. (So I'm told!)

It's summer, so let's get off the pavements and roads and on to the footpaths. There are plenty to follow locally and at this time of the year you won't even arrive home with dirty shoes. **Get out while the sun shines!** (Or should you prefer – 'Make hay'!)

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

## THE NIGHT SKY IN TATSFIELD – JULY AND AUGUST 2022

Now that the summer solstice has passed, astronomers tend to look forward to the longer nights but have forgotten, thanks to the balmy summer evenings, that in general longer nights bring lower temperatures. However, before that happens let's remember that the major planets will be demanding of our attention as we see them transfer their allegiance to the evening skies as the year progresses.

If you are unlucky enough to be able to look, even briefly, at the early morning sky around 4:15 to 4:30am close to the middle of July (14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>), you will see four bright planets, as well as the Moon, strung out across the sky from the north-north-east to the south-south-west. They are, from east to west (left to right) Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and the Moon. If you look a little later, the Moon is below Saturn on July 16<sup>th</sup> and below Jupiter on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

By mid-July, Saturn will rise close to the south-east, at around 10:30pm although you will need to be patient for it to move clear of the murk that lingers close to the horizon. As mentioned above it is still visible as dawn breaks. However, things are improving for the ringed planet because it will reach opposition early in August. This is when a planet, beyond the Earth's orbit, is at its closest to us so it appears at its largest and brightest.



By the time we reach mid-August, the brighter planets are beginning to appear late in the evening. Saturn, which lies furthest west now rises at sunset and by 10pm it has been joined by the considerably brighter Jupiter. The diagram shows the situation on August 16<sup>th</sup> at 11pm and gives the altitude of both planets. Remember from the horizon to the overhead point (zenith) is 90°. I have included Neptune for completeness although it is not a naked eye object.

In June we reached the summer solstice when we had the maximum number of hours of sunlight which, in some quarters, is referred to as mid-summers day. However, it may surprise you to know that just thirteen days later, on July 4<sup>th</sup>, the Earth will be as far away

from the Sun as it can possibly get. Surely, in the middle of summer, you would expect that we (in our elliptical orbit around the Sun) would be at our closest to our parent star but that isn't the case. In fact, the difference in distance between our closest and furthest point has an almost insignificant effect on the amount of heat that reaches us despite that variation being approximately five million kilometres. It is the tilt of the Earth's axis that plays the major role in how the seasons change and the temperatures vary. In the winter our planets north pole (which of course is the pole closest to the UK) is tilted away from the Sun which means sunlight strikes our part of the Earth at a very shallow angle, about 15° at midday. In the summer the north pole is tilted towards the Sun meaning it climbs higher in the sky. It is never overhead for us but it reaches an altitude of around 62° so that the effect of warming is much greater.

**Brian Mills FRAS**

## **TATSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

So a successful Plant and Produce Sale was followed by an even more successful visit to Wisley Gardens where an intrepid group of residents had the pleasure of a wonderful day out with one resident mailing to say thanks:

"Just to say thank you very much for the tickets to Wisley today. So lucky to have this facility with the horticulture society. I thought the peonies and alliums were just beautiful and the cafe through the woods with the new patio area and lavender plants and beehives were beautiful."

If you were unable to go this year then please make sure you go next year.

By the time you read this the visit to Titsey estate visit will have happened and I am sure. There will be a report on that to follow.

Meantime the big event now is the Committee's efforts to knock on all of the doors in the village (and further afield) to persuade past and even prospective new residents to become members of the Society for 2022 / 2023. You will recall we have changed the format so that the Yearbook can be sold during the summer months rather than having to trawl around the village during the cold and murky months of January and February.

So please do respond to the volunteers when they knock on the door, membership at just £ 5 per household with a donation from senior members is really good value, which includes: two horticultural shows per year, monthly talks and quizzes, excursions like the above, subsidised plant sales as well as the Knight's membership scheme with a 10% discount and Suttons Seeds with 50% off seeds and 15% off all other catalogue items. All details in the Handbook when you purchase it.

If you missed the knock on the door please call / email Christine Stainer on 577803 or christinestainer@ yahoo.com and we will arrange a call back. Or pay the fee or donation direct to the Bank account, details below. And we will deliver you a Yearbook. Thank you.

- Sort Code 08 92 99 Account Number 65516610.

Finally, a reminder of the September Show date it will be Saturday September 10<sup>th</sup>. All classes and show details are contained within the Yearbook so please take an early look and see what is required for entry of various classes so that you can start preparing now.

I hope you all enjoy your summer gardening and look forward to seeing them all as entries in September.

**Martin Allen, THS Treasurer**

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## **TATSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNUAL WISLEY VISIT, MAY 2022**

Twenty two people arrived at the RHS Wisley Gardens ready for our group entry at 10am. It is an event we arrange every year as we are allowed one visit for up to 40 people with free entry with our affiliation to the RHS.

Wisley is the flagship garden of the RHS and one of the most visited and loved gardens attracting over a million visitors a year. There are 75 gardeners, 25 students and 4 apprentices, and over 100 volunteers. The gardens cover an area of 240 acres.

George Fergusson Wilson, a keen grower of fruit and orchids, bought the garden in 1878. After Wilson's death, Sir Thomas Hanbury purchased the garden along with a neighbouring farm and donated it to the RHS.

Fortunately the weather was warm for our visit; the sun was shining and I was greeted with lots of happy faces ready for the delightful experience which lay ahead. Some people had not visited since the new entrance has been created, and it really has turned out to be a quite a feat of engineering. We are allowed to enter the gardens with the allocated tickets, as and when you wish and not as a group. Some of us enjoyed coffees and then entered.

I was accompanying Sylvia Hyett, and we teamed up with Sandy and Jon Allbutt. We were very fortunate, as we had our expert horticulturist on hand. The Stars of the Show on entering the peonies and we made sure we took lots of photos.

Sauntering on at our leisure we came across the massive 12 metre high Glass House, built to celebrate the RHS bicentenary. It covers an area equal to 10 tennis courts. Jon described the glasshouse construction and it was very interesting to hear how it was built and used recycled glass from the previous glasshouse. There was a vast pelargonium collection which showed how many different varieties and colours there are. The Tropical plants were enormous and unbelievable that you could be stood in such a jungle setting. We read that robins and wagtails are able to operate the automatic opening vents and make their nests in there - clever birds. There is also a Dry Arid garden section which is full of cactus and succulents.

Coming outside again for fresh air we walked over to the new Science Research block, called Hilltop. The views from the upper levels enticed us to stop for lunch-sandwiches and ice lollies. This building opened in 2021 and is home to their Scientists who are hard at work researching the issues that affect our everyday lives.

We wandered on to view the rose beds, but it is still a little early to get the full impact, but we were greeted with the Wisteria Arches in full bloom, complimented with the purple sensation alliums.

No visit is complete without a stop at the shop and garden centre. This time there were no purchases made however.

**Sue Warren**

## COMPOSTING SITE UPDATE

After a temperature of nearly 32 degrees the day before, it was hard to think that we would have the same number of volunteers that we normally do at the compost site on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June. But, thankfully, the weather was a lot cooler and we had almost a full complement of regular volunteers.

We welcomed Sue, Gerry and Victoria, and Jim and Ruth Yeeles, back from their respective holidays and Harry Boys our long-term friend of the site back for his summer break from university. Dilo, Martin and Elaine from the regular team were also present, along with Jen Aston Fleming, our newest member, and the THS meet and greeter for the day, Sue Warren, along with past member, Eddy Leaves, and his wife Heather, and Julie Jewell.

It was hard work but also a pleasurable social event during tea time. We must not forget Mike Williams from our band of volunteers who very kindly comes along and maintains the 'treasury' part of the site but also who makes us splendid cups of teas and coffees - all supplemented by Sue Warren's superb cakes.

We have increased our level of donations requested for each bag of black gold to £1.50 and, for a wheelbarrow, £3 to cover the ever-increasing costs of running the site. You may be interested to recall that, in April 2021, petrol for the site cost £1.03 per litre having yesterday paid £1.88 hence the need for the increase.



*Left to right: Sue Reed, Victoria Reed, Gerry Reed, Heather Leaves, Elaine Winterbotham, Julie Jewell, Harry Boys, Eddy Leaves, Jim Yeeles, Martin*

You can see both the benefits to the environment and to the social interaction that volunteering at the site brings so, if you are interested, then please contact Dilo on 07709 357086 or myself, Martin Allen, on 01959 577201

## TATSFIELD IN BLOOM



The volunteers were out in force during the last two weeks of May planting the summer petunias in readiness for the Jubilee weekend. The flowers have now established themselves and the village is full of colour. Very many thanks to all the volunteers for their hard work.

A watering rota is now in operation for the summer with a different team 'on duty' each week. We are



very grateful to The Bakery Restaurant and the Village Club for the use of their taps for the watering in the absence of any rain to fill the water butts.

A new bed has been made under the noticeboard on Westmore Green using logs from Acacia Tree Surgeons for which we are grateful.



The volunteers meet every Saturday morning at 10.00am on the Bakery Green. Please come along and join us if you have an hour to spare to keep the village looking beautiful and to meet with our friendly group.

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## THE TATSFIELD GARDENER IN JULY AND AUGUST

With high summer upon us we can assess how our gardens are being challenged by bugs that would threaten our plants and trees. I note that the Chestnut Leaf Miner continues to reduce and we are looking forward to another year with conkers, such a pity that playing conkers is considered to be too dangerous! The Rosemary Beetle population continues to increase and is causing damage to foliage, beautiful shiny beetles with striped backs about 3/4mm long and slow moving; this bug can also attack Lavender. Lily

Beetle was not a big problem this year on my Fritillaries and Lilies, hand picking works very well but be careful, their defence is to fall off at the first sign of attack!

Box continues to suffer from attack on several fronts – suddenly going brown with no evidence of leaf damage could signify the dreaded Box Blight, a nasty soil borne disease for which there is no remedy, dig up and preferably burn all parts of the plant to ash and avoid replanting in the same place. If your Box is in a pot, going brown could be due to drying out, looks very similar to Box Blight. Box can also suffer from attack by a caterpillar that can strip the foliage. A healthy plant can make new foliage, but this leaves it much weakened, and it will need plenty of watering and a liquid feed. At the first signs of foliage damage, use a jet of water regularly to knock the caterpillars off the leaves. Avoid using insecticides if you can, these tiny caterpillars are an important food source for many species of bird.

For some years now the RHS at Wisley have been running trials of alternative plants for hedging and topiary. The plants are now well established and well worth a visit. The trial includes Pittosporum, Sarcococca, small specie of Holly and many more.

Conserving our water supplies at this time of the year is critical so please do not water your lawn – if it goes brown it will recover quickly when the rains return. Capture rainwater in butts and anything you can find especially if there is a big rainstorm. Water plants in containers as later in the evening as you can to reduce loss by evaporation. Also, watering during the day can result in severe scorch of leaves if the sun is hot.

**Jon Allbutt**

## THE HISTORY WEEKEND

Many thanks to all of you who visited the Tatsfield History Project display in the Aileen McHugo Building over the Jubilee Weekend and our stall on Westmore Green on Sunday, ably run by Kate and Greg Watkins.



Road Gang and their regular winning entries at the Westerham Carnival. The tales they told

The highlight on the Saturday was provided by Howard Aylett and Brian Ling, taking us back half a century to the spectacular activities of the Paynesfield



were sometimes to be believed only when the rather grainy version of Super 8 cinefilm coverage was on the screen behind them to provide the evidence. The residents of Paynesfield Road, helped by others from further afield in Tatsfield, were a remarkable source of inspiration, entertaining ideas and practical knowledge of how to bring a community together year after year. Giant floats were built on the verges of Paynesfield Road ready to be driven, sometimes with a police escort, down Clarks Lane to Westerham.

Brian and Howard were able to describe how the Gang provided entertainment and raise the profile of Tatsfield in the 1960s and 70s. Their final entry in the Westerham Carnival was in 1987.

Information about Tatsfield a century ago was provided all weekend in the AMB in the 220 pages of the 1921 Census return for Tatsfield. This gave details of everyone living in or visiting Tatsfield's houses on census night. We were able to provide copies of census entries to visitors wanting to know who lived in their house in 1921, or where previous generations of their families were then living. Among members of long-established Tatsfield families who were able to help us navigate through the various surnames were Ian Longley and Niall Kells in particular.

A number of enquiries led later to email exchanges which filled gaps in several local family histories and fleshed out material already in our archives.

Also on display were six albums of postcards and photographs of the parish as well as contemporary newspaper accounts of how the village celebrated previous royal events, starting with Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee in 1887.

The information on display seems to have encouraged sales of our books about Tatsfield, the Paynesfield Road Gang and Tatsfield school right up until Bob David and I were shutting up shop on Sunday evening.



On the Green on Sunday the stall set up by Greg and Kate Watkins had been superbly embellished by the publicity material donated by Richard Budgen. The large photographs on show of Tatsfield in the last century prompted a number of visitors to pass on memories of life and personalities in the village all those years ago.

Copies of *'Tatsfield – the First 2000 Years'* – were also on sale on the Green. With 150 pages of key historical information, photographs, maps and fun trivia about Tatsfield for only £10, this second, up-to-date, edition of our book provides answers to the quiz that Greg and Kate devised specially for the weekend.

They hope that you enjoyed the quiz (please do message us – email address below - if you didn't get a chance to take it and we'll get one to you) and that it showed what a rich local history we have in our village.

The current edition of the village history is on sale in Sheree's for £10. If you live further away, but close to the village, just message us and we'll arrange free delivery, as we can of other publications we have. Otherwise, we can arrange for delivery by post to any destination.

The History Weekend in the AMB will itself be recorded in the archive thanks to a series of photos taken by Lorna Halfpenny-Beeby, two of which appear above.

**Ian Mitchell, Tatsfield History Project - [Tatsfield.history@talk21.com](mailto:Tatsfield.history@talk21.com) Tel: 577376**

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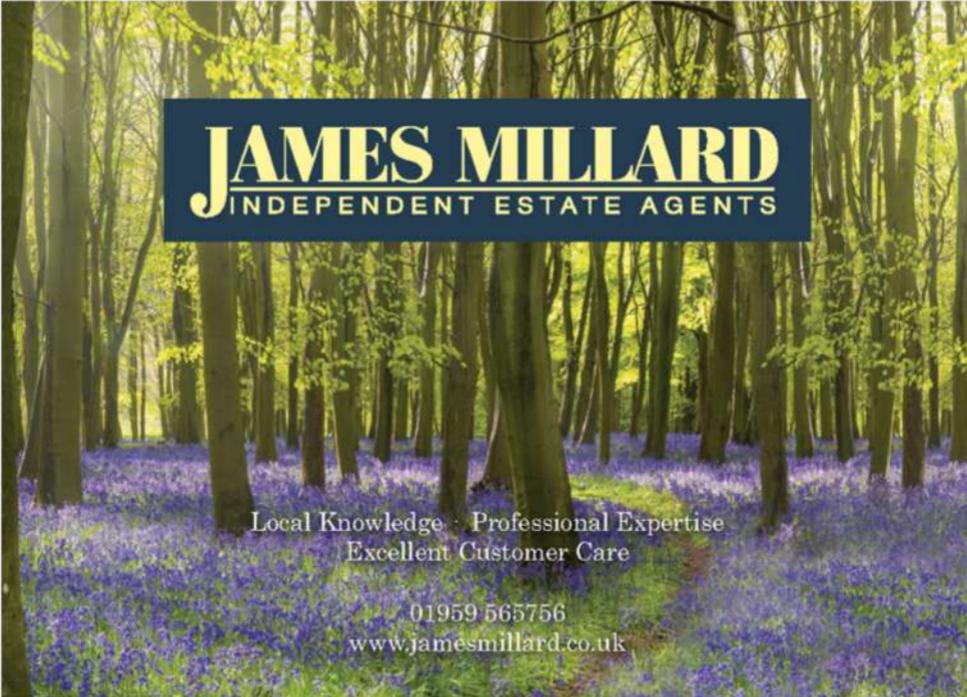
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