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## LETTERS

Dear Editor,

Having just received the October copy of the Tatsfield Parish Magazine and read the three letters printed therein, whatever David has said, it is only a small part of the atrocities committed by the Japanese.

The two bombs that fell on their cities, I admit were terrible, but invasion of their home islands, which had previously been approved, would have been very costly in human life. As quoted by Arthur "Bomber" Harris: 'Now they shall reap the whirlwind, remember Pearl Harbour'.

On Page 52 – Poem by Babs Heffernon - beautiful - of childhood memories.

On Page 47 – Ian Mitchell's 'One Hundred Years Ago'. Arthur Tapsell was my Grandfather, my Father was christened Arthur Harold Tapsell – always known as Harold Tapsell.

The marriage of William Neale and Mable Standing - I believe he was always known as "Jack" Neale. I met their son-in-law, who was married to Peggy Neale their youngest daughter, at Norman Shrubbs's funeral. Peggy is buried in Tatsfield Churchyard, her husband was a Royal Navy Matelot.

I hope the Paynesfield Road Gang Book is a success, I was born and lived through their exploits – I knew them all.

**Dennis J Tapsell (020 8462 9145)**

*Editor: Following Harvest Festival many of the flowers and the donations of food provided by parents of Tatsfield School and by other local people were distributed to some villagers and to a much needed food bank in Brixton. Below Tom expresses his thanks and has asked for this to be printed in the magazine. Many other recipients have also expressed their gratitude.*

Dear Editor,

Thank you St Mary's for your kind thoughts and deeds which came as a surprise but very much appreciated. Our Church has many kind and caring people who also become good friends.

**Tom Menham**



## TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

**Planning:** We dealt with two applications last month. We had no objection to either. One was for the conversion of garage space at Gorsey Down Farm to residential accommodation and the insertion of an extra level without affecting the roof line. The other was for the replacement of a mobile phone antenna at Waylands Farm.

We also noted that the banner advertising which had been displayed in various parts of the village for many weeks had been taken down. This happened in response to action by Tandridge District Council prompted by our query about whether the banners needed planning permission. They did!

Enforcement action by Tandridge has also been upheld on appeal at Cudham Road. A planning inspector has ruled that a mobile home, a motor vehicle and 'residential paraphernalia' must be removed from a piece of agricultural land.

**Moorhouse Tile works:** In view of the large number of responses on the proposal to turn the tile works at Moorhouse (in the very south of the parish) into a mail distribution depot, the District Council has extended until the end of this month the time allowed for further comments. The application is due to be discussed by the Planning Committee in Oxted on 26<sup>th</sup> November.

**Highways:** We reluctantly accepted that, for the time being, there was little prospect of improving pedestrian access along the whole of Church Lane. One landowner has expressed willingness to help make the road safer for walkers, but it has not yet proved possible to make further progress.

**Community Games Area:** Arrangements have now been made to improve supervision of the Games Area (MUGA) behind the Aileen McHugo Building. We hope that closing it at dusk will deter people from behaving in a way that upsets local residents.

**The island outside the Ship:** We have made progress on plans to make it easier to use the paths around the horse trough. We have selected a contractor and new stones could be laid as early as mid-January.

**Waste bins:** Two more dog waste bins have been ordered. Tandridge District Council will install them on our behalf on Westmore Green and in Goatsfield Road.

**The vacant land between Ship Hill and the school:** We have been asked to clarify the status of the piece of open land on Ship Hill at the start of the path (Footpath 21) which leads eventually to St Mary's Church.

This is part of the land acquired by Surrey County Council in 2008 in order to build the new school. In the event, this area did not become part of the school grounds and is outside the school fence. At one stage it was suggested that the

Parish Council should acquire it to be used as a recreation area, but we did not pursue the idea. So my understanding is that its status is the same as the status of any piece of land through which a public footpath runs. You are free to use the footpath, but unless you have the permission of the owner, you should not stray from the path.

**Road Planings:** In last month's magazine, those of you who live on un-made roads were invited to ask to be put on the list for road planings arising from the re-surfacing of the Approach Road. The idea was that the material could be used in self-help projects to repair and maintain the un-made roads.

A total of 15 households responded and were given details of how to contact the contractor but, in the event, there was less material arising than had been originally anticipated. This meant that not everyone who asked was successful.

However, the re-surfacing of a short stretch of Lusted Hall Lane is still to come and Church Lane is due to be re-surfaced at some point in the future, so we hope there will be further opportunities for self-help schemes to obtain material to improve some of Tatsfield's un-made roads.

Finally, please don't forget that we try to make as many of ourselves as possible available in the Bakery on **Saturday mornings between 11 a.m. and noon** to respond to any points you wish to raise – the response can also come with a coffee or a tea!

**Ian Mitchell, Chairman (Tel: 577376; Email: [ianmitchell@talk21.com](mailto:ianmitchell@talk21.com))**

**The next Parish Council meeting will be at the Aileen McHugo Building at 8.00pm on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015. A further meeting may also be needed towards the end of the month – on the 23<sup>rd</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>. Agendas will be available at: [www.surreycommunity.info/tatsfield/](http://www.surreycommunity.info/tatsfield/) and on village notice boards.**

## TANDRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL



On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.00pm, the Overview & Scrutiny committee will be hosting another **Crime Summit** at the TDC offices. The Chief Executive will introduce the event with an overview of local community safety issues and key partnership projects and initiatives before Surrey

Police and Crime Commissioner, Kevin Hurley, provides an insight into the achievements and challenges of Surrey Police over the last twelve months. In addition, District Inspector Dan Gutierrez will be in attendance to provide an overview of local policing together with Clive Davies, Superintendent for Operations, East Surrey. The public are invited to join in as no doubt they will wish to join in the questions and answers session.

A **council tax phone scam** is currently taking place in our area. Residents are being called by someone claiming to work for Tandridge District Council or the Valuation Office. They are offering the resident a reduced council tax band and a refund if they pay a £65 fee. They are then asked to pay by credit card. Please note Tandridge District Council will never contact residents to ask for credit card, bank or other personal details. We always ask residents to call 01883 722000 to speak to us so they can be sure they are talking to council officers.

**Tandridge District Local Plan Consultation** - Tandridge District Council is currently preparing a new Local Plan for the Tandridge District. The Local Plan will help shape the future of our district by setting out policies that guide the development of homes and businesses, take into account our green spaces, landscapes and historic character, while also seeking to provide for the needs of all our communities. The Council is at an early stage of the plan preparation process and wants to ensure those who live, work and visit the district have a say and take the opportunity to respond. Subject to the approval of the Planning Policy Committee, the consultation will take place for 10 weeks from 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015 to 26<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

Anyone can make comments on the draft Local Plan. There will be more details about how to make comments and these will be published on the website ([www.tandridge.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.tandridge.gov.uk/localplan)) nearer the time. Please look out for them and get involved. To make sure you are kept up to date with the latest news, consultations and events, please sign up for our news direct e-mail service [www.tandridge.gov.uk/register.htm](http://www.tandridge.gov.uk/register.htm).

**Residents rate council services and where they live.** Tandridge District Council is delighted the findings of the 'Have your say about council services'

survey show residents still rate council services highly, are satisfied with the area they live in and feel well informed.

This report presents the results of a major survey carried out in July to find out residents' views about the Council. Over 1,800 households were randomly selected to take part in the survey about Tandridge District Council services, 620 replied, giving a 34% response rate.

Services are generally rated highly by those that use them, in particular recycling and waste, environmental health, parks and open spaces, street cleaning and council tax collection.

### **Summary of key findings**

- 87% of respondents are satisfied with the area as a place to live and 77% strongly feel they belong to their local area.
- 77% are satisfied with the way the Council runs things, while 69% trust the Council.
- 73% feel safe outside in the local area after dark, while 91% feel safe outside during the day.
- 87% don't think noisy neighbours or parties are a problem, 79% don't think vandalism, graffiti or other deliberate damage to property or vehicles is an issue.
- 70% usually contact the Council by phone, 31% e-mail and 26% use the website.
- 77% think the Council keeps them well informed.
- 84% of respondents read the Tandridge Magazine and 72% think it keeps them informed about the Council's work and local services.
- 80% of respondents have access to e-mail and the internet.
- 47% of respondents read the County Border News, 21% the Caterham Independent and 20% the Surrey Mirror. 20% of respondents listen to BBC Surrey.

On my part I continue to attend the committees of the TDC to see how the system works and with this and interaction with the relevant staff my knowledge is growing, so:

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

**Cllr Martin Allen (577201 Cllr.Martin.Allen@tandridgedc.gov.uk or martin\_allen@talk21.com)**



## REX BAMBER

7<sup>th</sup> January 1924 – 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2015

*This tribute to Rex was read at the Thanksgiving Service for his life, held at St Mary's Church on 18<sup>th</sup> October.*



Rex was born as an only child in Balham in January 1924. Those were challenging times and it is thought his early childhood was not an easy one.

As a teenager he found himself on a motorbike, carrying messages to and from air raid wardens during the Blitz and later he became a very enthusiastic motor bike trials rider. He volunteered for active service and joined the RAF in 1941 as a photographer; initially aerial photography of submarines in Iceland, and then in Scotland focussing on the Tirpitz. He then moved to Allied Intelligence in Marlow to develop photos of the D-Day beachheads.

Wider travel beckoned – he spent 18 months in India, Malaya, Burma and Singapore – including such harrowing experiences as photographing the relief of Changi prison.

After the war he spent some time with the Air Ministry and then moved to a major fashion photography studio before becoming freelance in the early 60's. His photographic expertise was extended from glamorous people to enticing food – he contributed to the first M&S and Sainsbury's cookbooks and his photos were frequently seen in household magazines, often featuring his own Aga.

Rex was a fellow of the Royal Photographic Society and served on its assessment panels. He made major contributions to Croydon Camera Club for which he was awarded an honorary life presidency. His experience and expertise were willingly shared with others and it is good to see the Club represented here today.

His photographic career had brought him into contact with a wide variety of people and situations – the Queen's wedding, Liberace, Margot Fonteyn, Max Bygraves, Ray Ellington and the Beatles, who he described as 'nice lads'.

However there is far more to Rex than photography – his family life was very important to him, having married Margot in 1962, a year before moving to Tatsfield, followed later by the arrival of Kate. The family meal was a significant

event for him. He enjoyed playing chess with Daisy – or at least he did until she started to beat him.

He enjoyed watercolours and even created a board game. He liked to be in the garden – although not actually doing the gardening! He was a keen supporter of the National Trust and loved animals. He played golf at North Downs and at Parkwood and supported Margot during her year as Ladies' Captain. The recent Paynesfield Road Gang booklet records his contribution.

Rex read widely and had a very distinctive, possibly irreverent, sense of humour. As well as starting some sentences with a twinkle in his eye and the words 'when I was in the war ....', he appreciated the style and writings of Terry Pratchett – hence the quote on the back of your service sheet. Ronnie Barker was another favourite of his.

Sadly Rex's health began to fail but he would still be seen getting to Linda's to get the paper and he had been fortunate to have the committed support of Margot.

Rex will be remembered with great affection by many and will be sorely missed. We have been privileged to have known him.

## **SMOOTHING JOHNS ROAD**

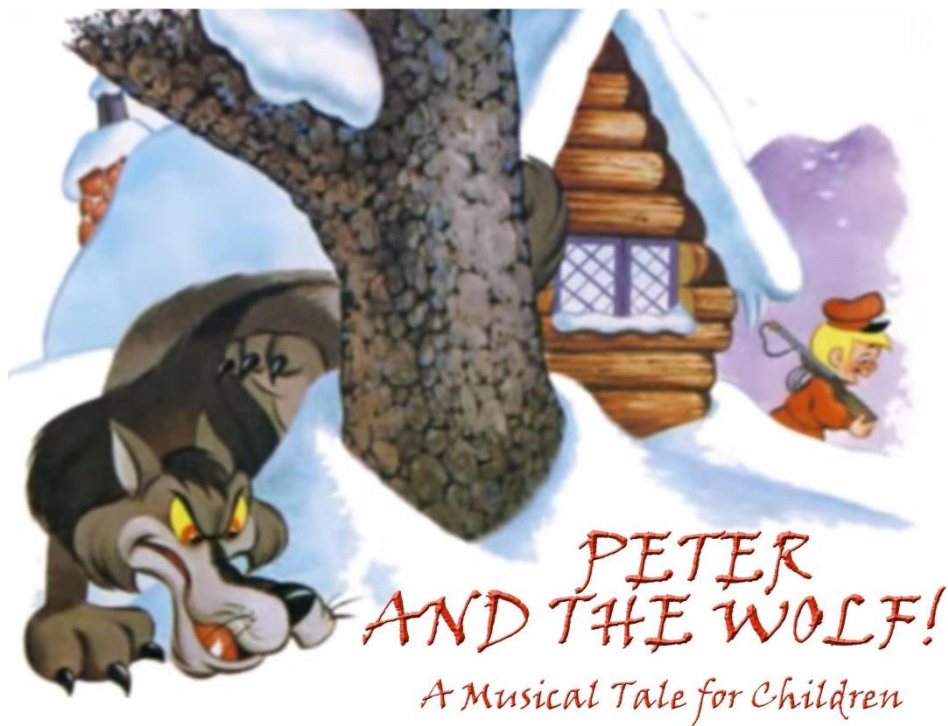
The photo on the front cover shows the John's Road gang spreading the scrapings from the Approach Road. Despite the appalling weather we stuck with it and got it done.

The work started the previous day when an excavator was used to flatten the high points in the road and to fill in some of the pot holes.

The following day a roller was bought in and Trevor Chris and Lee (in the picture) started rolling the road flat from 7.30 in the morning until just before it was due to be collected and taken back to the hire stop. The scrapings arrived about 10 and from then on a small gang of residents spent some time raking and flattening the scrapings for the roller to compress - a good team effort which would not have been achieved without the cups of teas and slices of lemon drizzle cake being on offer as a reward for the work undertaken.

Our thanks to our County Councillor David Hodge, the contractor Marshall's and our Parish Council for working together to get this organised. Thanks also go to Linda Bennett who organised the renting of the machinery and organised the troops to get this done.

**Martin Allen**



# PETER AND THE WOLF!

*A Musical Tale for Children*



North Downs Sinfonia Present:  
"A Performance for Children"  
Sunday 8th November @ 4:30pm  
Tatsfield Village Hall  
Tickets: £1 on the door - All Welcome!



## POLICE REPORT



Hello Tatsfield. When you've got bad news, always sugar it with some initial good news to soften the blow. Especially when delivering it to an entire village.

First, some good news!! For the past month, the Tatsfield area has been entirely crime free..... apart from one day ...

And now for some not so good news. That one day. Mowers from two premises were stolen during the same night, one from a garden shed in Ricketts Hill Road, but later found in a field nearby and retrieved. However, a leaf blower and hedge trimmer were also stolen, and despite enquiries, there is no available evidence to trace offenders. Lastly, a shed door was damaged in an attempted entry at a property on Ricketts Hill Road. These 3 crimes have naturally been linked. At the time of going to press, another attempted entry was made to an empty property on Ricketts Hill Road. Please can I ask all residents there to re-evaluate your security, to make it as difficult as possible for anyone to enter or steal anything from you. It's a priority. Also, report any suspicious activity to us on 101/999 immediately. That's when we can help the most.

With this time of year meaning fireworks, please (kids) be aware of your personal safety when around them. Firstly, they are NOT toys, and are extremely dangerous if mishandled. I know it sounds obvious, but always pick up and hold a sparkler by the unlit end. It looks less fun, but it won't scar you for life. If fireworks have been bought, and are being fired in a back garden, please inform your immediate neighbours beforehand, especially if they have a cat or dog. And never return to a lit firework if it somehow fails to ignite. Leave it alone for a long while, then douse with water to be safe. Lastly, enjoy it all!! Isn't it a shame it only happens once a year? Whatever you get up to, be safe and be good.....'cos if you're bad, we'll be after you!

Bye for now.....see you around the village

**PCSO 12599 Rupert Kelley, Surrey Police**

### **Cancer Research Coffee Morning**

A huge thank you to all who attended the recent coffee morning in aid of Cancer Research. We raised the princely sum of £230.

Such an enjoyable morning for such a good cause.

Many Thanks

Jane Smith



## A SWAZILAND EXPERIENCE

Swaziland, a landlocked nation bordered by South Africa and Mozambique, is a quiet country ruled by Africa's last absolute monarch, King Maswati III, together with a government he appoints. Six out of ten of its people live in poverty and it has the highest incidence of HIV in the world.

In September Jed and I were lucky enough to spend two days in this country as part of a longer holiday in South Africa. We went to visit a child we sponsor, and to see what is happening in his community as a result of the World Vision Australia project that has been at work there for the past eight years. Vulindlela, who is 11, lives with his parents and extended family – nine of them in total. On the day we visited the family's rural home was shrouded in mist and drizzle (very reminiscent of Tatsfield). It is a small holding which consists of a few buildings; one where they sleep, another where they cook and a round mud house (a rondawel) that the community uses as its prayer room. The family grows a few vegetables and keeps chickens and goats. The father does not have work at the moment but is the community's Christian Minister and hopes one day to build a church on the adjacent land. They do not benefit from electricity or clean water. Although the Macdvlwini project will change that when pipework is laid, hopefully within the next 12 months, that will enable clean water to flow to a standpipe about 200m away. The scale of this task cannot be appreciated unless one actually sees the distance the brand-new water tank is from the communities it is to serve. We also visited Vulindlela's school and on that day it was without water for the second time in a week. This meant that the children had to go home early.



One would expect that the country's scarce funds would be spent in improving the life of its 1.3 million people and yet in March 2014 a glitzy new airport and road system was opened. The airport and its 200 space car park are empty. It handles only three flights a day and the new road leading to it is virtually devoid of traffic – we saw only one other car in more than half an hour. Added to this, construction has begun on a 500 room hotel and conference centre. Along with the airport, they are part of the King's Millennium Project - a plan to turn Swaziland into a first world nation by 2022! Also planned are a theme park, a trade centre, a sporting complex and an amusement park. The contrast with how the majority of Swazis live is totally incongruous.



As in South Africa, stalls litter (literally) the sides of many of the roads with traders selling everything from haircuts to fruit and vegetables to handcrafts. Swaziland has a thriving handcraft industry much of which is Fairtrade and sustainable. It also has its own Fairtrade network - SWIFT - that provides training, trade and advocacy to its members. Some of these handcrafts are available in Britain. You may come across 'Gone Rural' grass placemats in John Lewis or 'Black Mumba' Chilli Sauce through Traidcraft, while others sell to the UK directly through the internet such as Quazi Design who make jewellery from waste magazines. A visit to the SWIFT website will reveal many individual and unusual items which would make a great alternative to the usual mass produced Christmas gifts.

[www.swazifairtrade.org](http://www.swazifairtrade.org)

For more information about sponsoring a child go to:  
[www.worldvision.org.uk](http://www.worldvision.org.uk)

**Barbara Hester Tatsfield Fairtrade Group**



TATSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

# WINTER COLOUR AND SCENT

AN ILLUSTRATED TALK BY TESSA ALLEN, WELL KNOWN SPEAKER AND  
TEACHER OF HORTICULTURAL SUBJECTS

8 PM ON TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2015



VILLAGE HALL



**TRANSFORM YOUR GARDEN IN THE WINTER WITH COLOURFUL AND FRAGRANT PLANTS. COME AND HEAR WHAT TESSA RECOMMENDS, BASED ON MORE THEN 20 YEARS OF PROFESSIONAL HORTICULTURAL EXPERIENCE. YOUR GARDEN WILL NEVER BE THE SAME!**

**TICKETS £4, INCLUDING A GLASS OF WINE AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS, FROM MARTIN ALLEN (TEL: 577201 OR EMAIL: [martin\\_allen@talk21.com](mailto:martin_allen@talk21.com)) OR ANY OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBER**

**THE TALK WILL BE PRECEDED AT 7.30 PM BY THE SOCIETY'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
ALL WELCOME**

## TATSFIELD IN BLOOM 2015

You will all have noticed by now that the team have stripped all the beds of the summer plants and removed the mangers, troughs and hanging baskets from around the village centre. These were all taken to the village composting site, before it closed down, to continue our recycling.



We have now planted the Bakery Lawn and Tatol beds out for the autumn and winter with polyanthus plants in red, white and blue to continue our French theme. These have been interspersed with narcissus bulbs which should make a good show in the spring.

The containers and troughs around the Village Hall and beds in the front have been planted with blue myosotis (forget-me-nots) and mixed bellis daisies also accompanied by narcissus bulbs. The remaining polyanthus plants have been put in the cascade container.



The Committee is now moving on to consider the programme for next summer. If anyone has any ideas for a theme which could be translated into a floral display, please contact a member of the Committee. In the meantime, the TiB team will be working hard sweeping up leaves, replanting daffodil bulbs on Westmore Green and helping to look after the

churchyard.

If you see us in the Village on a Saturday morning please come and speak to us. We are always interested in recruiting new members who could perhaps give up an hour to make our village look beautiful throughout the year!

**Jill Hancock - TiB Committee (577622)**

## ISABELLA IN PERU

*Readers may recall the letter in September in which Isabella Gabelli wrote of her impending departure for Peru as part of the Project Trust. She now sends us some of her experiences there.*

Due to some unforeseen circumstances Ava and I have been transferred to a new project. We are now to be located in the Amazon in a town called Pucallpa, which sits alongside of Ucayali River. We are so happy here and the children and helpers are so sweet and kind towards us. We have been here now for one month and thought I would give you all an update of what we have done so far.

To celebrate Ava and my one-month anniversary in the Amazon, we thought we'd have a lil' recap on what we've done so far. And this is it:-

We have experienced eight tropical storms; one lunar eclipse; cleared at least 20 ant infestations from our room alone; been greeted in the shower by cockroaches, frogs and spiders; constantly sweeping goat's poo off our garden path; been bitten alive; watched four chickens that woke us up every morning being beheaded, plucked, butchered and served at lunchtime; been projectile vomited on by a one year old; joined a youth prevention organisation; attended two baby showers and a fifteenth birthday party; ridden the back of motorbikes for the first time; caught our first moto taxi solo and survived; attended a community development event; seen traditional dances performed in the main street; danced zumba in the main square; been officially welcomed by the regional government; handed gifts to a hundred or so elderly people; been to a rock concert and a rap battle; been to Pucallpa's hottest club; sang karaoke; been to an English pub owned by a Welshman; witnessed the crowning of Miss Pucallpa; celebrated spring; danced Waka Waka in front of our whole Aldea for its 28th anniversary party, which landed us featuring in the regional news and local paper; learnt how to cross stitch; had our first bucket shower; been taught how to properly dance Reggaton/ Salsa; seen an adoption, an arrival and an escapee; have got lost in our town on our own; woken at 5 am to have the house fumigated; purchased new mugs for our bedroom; constantly stared at and stopped by randomers for selfies because of our blue eyes; been prepared traditional cuisine (including ceviche and lomo saltado ); eaten weird jungle fruit (one in particular with a hard scaly shell) and river fish; never discussed bowel movements so frequently; brought 24 rolls of toilet paper in the sale and built a den when it rained. but I can assure you all.. we have been teaching as well!

**Isabella Gabelli**

### **PARISH COUNCIL NOTICEBOARDS**

The Parish Council has resolved that posters placed on the open sections of its noticeboards.

– including those on Westmore Green, at Ship Hill and on Ricketts Hill Road should be no larger than A5 in size.

As discussed recently in the magazine, this is to ensure that the maximum number of village related advertisements for local events and even businesses can be placed on the noticeboards.

Notices larger than A5 in size are liable to be removed.



## **Beaujolais Nouveau Quiz Night**

**Saturday 21st November 2015**

**7.30pm - Tatsfield Village Hall**

**£8 per person including nibbles –**

**Free bottle of Beaujolais per table  
booked**

**Join friends and family for a fun  
evening supporting your twinning  
association!**

**Contact John 570097 to book a table –  
teams of 6 to 8 people**



## TATSFIELD COMMUNITY COMPOSTING



The site is now closed until the first Saturday in April 2016, so there will be no further reports from me until then but I repeat my regular call for volunteers to come and assist on the site. There are many things to do some of them not strenuous in any way and your help would be appreciated.

The composting site is run by compost volunteers aided by some allotment volunteers so do please be considerate to them by not dumping any material whilst we are closed and please take your green waste up to the council depot.

If you would like to join the THS or join the band of volunteers to help on the composting site next season, then please contact Martin Allen on 01959 577201.

Further details of the Composting Group and all other THS events can be found on the THS website: <http://tatsfieldhorticulturalsociety.weebly.com>

**Martin Allen**



### TWO CONCERTS IN NOVEMBER!

North Downs Sinfonia will be presenting a Russian-themed concert on **Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> November at the Village Hall at 7.30pm** as usual, and an **EXTRA** concert the preceding **Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> November**, principally (but not exclusively) for schoolchildren.

In the main concert, we will be playing the overture to *Ruslan and Lyudmilla*, by Glinka – a fast and furious work, followed by Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*. Part 1 will end with a selection from Tchaikovsky's *Nutcracker Suite*, which everyone knows and loves. After the interval, we will be playing the intensely romantic Rachmaninov Piano Concerto No 2, with our favourite soloist Mariela Cingo. This is consistently in the top three best-loved pieces of classical music, and has recently been voted number one in the all-time Classic FM Hall of Fame - a concerto not to be missed!



As many of you will know, the music to the old fairy tale *Peter and the Wolf* was written primarily to introduce some of the instruments of the orchestra to children. Thus (amongst others) the flute depicts the bird, the duck is depicted by the oboe, Peter by the strings and the wolf by the French horns. There will be a **SPECIAL CONCERT** on **Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> November at 4.30pm in the Village**

**Hall**, principally for children and their parents, although all are welcome. This short concert will just be **Peter and the Wolf**, and will be entirely informal. Children will be encouraged to ask questions afterwards (about 5pm) and to examine the various instruments. Booking is not necessary, although we would like some idea of numbers as we will provide soft drinks and cakes. (Please email me at northdownssinfonia@gmail.com). The cost will be a token £1 per family, payable on the door.

Tickets for the main concert cost (as usual) £9, or £7 for concessions, and are available by email (see above) or at Linda's, or by phoning 01959 577659.

**Peter Maynard**



## **ENID' S ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR**

**The Village Hall  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November  
11am to 4pm  
Free parking : Free entry**

*Home made light lunches and refreshments at modest cost  
courtesy of the WI and the "Not So Young Club"*

*Local craftsmen catering for all tastes from jewellery to walking sticks*

If you haven't booked your stall yet get on to Enid straight away on  
01959 577719

*Stalls are £7 each*

*PS Enid is looking for a volunteer to take over from her from next year.  
If you think you can help give her a ring. She would be delighted to hear  
from you and give you all the help and advice you need.*

# **Tatsfield Art Group Exhibition**

**10am to 4pm  
SAT 28th & SUN 29<sup>th</sup> November  
Tatsfield Village Hall  
Ship Hill**



**Free Entry and Parking  
Browse or buy  
Art & Craft for Sale  
Mulled Wine, Mince Pies and Raffle**

**NEW \*2016 Art Calendar\***

**Includes art display from Tatsfield Primary School**



## FREECYCLE FRAUD

This is a message sent via The Neighbourhood & Home Watch Network (England & Wales). This information has been sent on behalf of Action Fraud (National Fraud Intelligence Bureau).

Fraudsters are targeting online advertising platforms where items are acquired for free. The fraudsters will list items on the website and advise any purchasers that they have recently moved from the area they were originally living in and can arrange a courier to dispatch the items for a fee.

The payment requested for this service is usually via Money Transfer such as MoneyGram or Western Union, or an e-money voucher. The items they were promised are not received and any attempts to contact the individual to gain a refund are unsuccessful.

### Protect Yourself:

- Stay within the auction guidelines stipulated on the website.
- Ask to view the item in person.
- Be cautious of making advance payments to a stranger via Money Transfer or e-money products.
- If the item advertised seems too good to be true, it probably is.

If you believe that you have been a victim of fraud you can report it online [http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report\\_fraud](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud) or by telephone 0300 123 2040.

### 100 CLUB

Congratulations to the 100 Club winners for September 2015:

1st prize:	Margaret Burton	£43.50
2nd prize:	Chris Heasman	£29.00
3rd prize:	Les Eames	£14.50



**TATSFIELD HELPLINE  
IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Will all our clients and villagers please note that after five years of very valuable service, Sylvia Waters will be handing over the Helpline's Co-ordinator duties. As from 1st November, Maureen Perrin will take over as Co-ordinator. The new number will be:

**TATSFIELD HELPLINE  
577679**

Maureen will be happy to receive a call from any villager in need of transport for medical or other appointments and will match a driver from our volunteer team to meet the request.

**THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** of the Tatsfield Helpline will be held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 45 Paynesfield Road. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer driver or would like to know more about the Helpline we welcome anyone to our friendly meeting.



**For Sale – Offers invited**

Pieces of upholstery fabric  
Computer, screen and keyboard  
Brother printer/copier MFC, Epson printer Stylus Photo R220  
Books – wide variety fiction and non-fiction  
LPs classical and other  
Garden hose on wheels with sprinkler  
Char Broil BBQ 6000 Gas grill  
Flymo Vac blower, Flymo strimmer, B&W Lawnraker  
Wheelbarrows, Saws  
Phone 577597 to arrange inspection



## **TATSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

### **Round up – November events**

Firstly apologies for the late cancellation of the Garden Club in October; we had no choice as we were unable to find a replacement for Jon at such short notice, but we should be ready for the Gardening Clubs in the New Year. If you have any subjects that you want to be part of the evenings please let us know and we will do our best to assist.

Our next event is the Annual General Meeting and the Big Talk on the 10<sup>th</sup> November in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. Before I give you details of the Big Talk I need to stress the fact that the Tatsfield Horticultural Society is in serious need of new committee members coming forward and joining the committee at the AGM. There are a variety of roles that we need to fill (mostly administrative) so we can find you a role to ensure that this long standing Tatsfield Society continues in the forthcoming years. Please take this request seriously and do please offer your services. If you want to discuss this with me or any other members of the committee then please do ring and we can talk it through with you. If you can help with the door knocking at the beginning of the year to help us recruit our membership for 2016 please let me know also. Thanks

The subject of the Big Talk will be “Winter Colour and Scent” a talk given by Tessa Allen, an RHS speaker and lecturer. Tickets are now available from any committee member at a cost of £4 which will include the usual refreshments. Please DO support the event and come along on the night.

### **REMEMBER ALSO WE DO NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE ON THE COMMITTEE**

The AGM will complete the THS Diary for 2015 and we will be contacting you, our members, early in the New Year to renew your membership.

As well as the Parish Magazine details for all events can be found on the posters throughout the village, on the THS website, the Tatsfield Village website which will be kept up to date with all of the above, as well as our monthly email circulation.

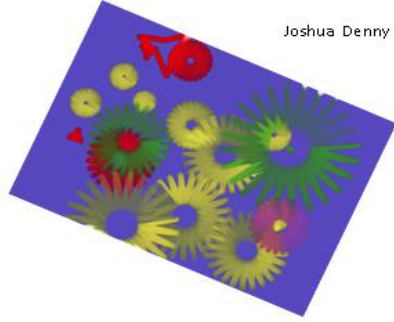
**Martin Allen Chairman Tatsfield Horticultural Society**  
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**Web address <http://tatsfieldhorticulturalsociety.weebly.com>)**

# Kingfisher Class Fireworks

Joshua Cooling & Jacob

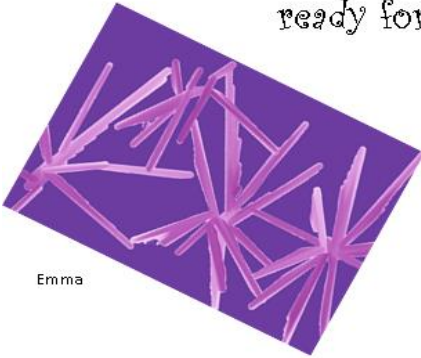


Joshua Denny & Ashton



As part of our Computing lessons we have been using Revelation Natural Art to create firework pictures ready for November 5<sup>th</sup>!

Emma

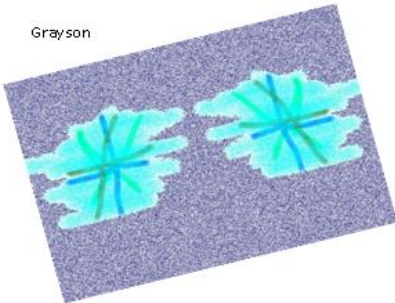


Harry



Stay safe and enjoy!

Grayson



Henry & Marissa





## LITTLE ACORNS

We have had a busy few weeks at Little Acorns Pre-school!

We have welcomed lots of new children and our topics have explored shapes, colours and numbers.

We have had a visit from lots of interesting friends from Beaver Water World which was great fun and this week we have been learning about dentists and keeping our teeth healthy and clean.

We have an exciting November planned with a Superhero Day for Children in Need on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> November and we are pleased to have raised over £50 at our Macmillan Coffee morning.

If you would like more information about Little Acorns or would like to register your child or have a look round, please contact Julie Barlow on 540775 during pre-school hours. These are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 0900-1500 and Wednesday and Friday 0900-1200.

If you have a child attending Tatsfield Primary School, our breakfast club operates every day from **7.15am** and includes school drop-off.

**Natalie Ruggins**

**Chair of Little Acorns Management Committee**

**littleacornschair@outlook.com**



## NOT SO YOUNG CLUB

The Club meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> October was very enjoyable. We were able to treat the members to a free fish and chips lunch, as there was some spare money in the kitty. Everyone seemed to enjoy the afternoon and we just let them sit and chat together, rather than formal games for once and I think most enjoyed that. We owe Michael our usual thanks for going to Hamsey Green to collect the food for us.

At our next meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> November, Ian White will be there to give estimations on the antiques that members bring. We will all find out how rich the other half are!!! Usual time - 2 o'clock.

**Babs Heffernon (Tel: 540602)**

Tatsfield Singers & Friends Present

A little...

# CHRISTMAS

# CRACKER!

## Tatsfield Village Hall

Saturday 19th December

Concert 7.00 - 7.45pm

Followed by mince pies and mulled wine

£5 Adults

Children under 16 free

(Price includes mince pie and mulled wine)

Tickets available from Linda's  
or call 577585 or 577863



## TATSFIELD HISTORY PROJECT



Over the past decades the Tatsfield History Project has been involved in a number of publications. First was 'Tatsfield – the First 2,000 Years', published in time for the millennium and sold out many years ago. Since then we've been involved in the production of the history of the school, the story of the folly (Tangland Castle) in Goatsfield Road and the recently-distributed account of the activities of the

Paynesfield Road Gang.

I am often prompted to provide a new, updated version of the history of Tatsfield. Apart from adding accounts of some of the events of the last decade and a half and correcting any errors in the first edition, a new version would be able to take account of material that has found its way into our archives since 1999.

Absorbing all this material and cataloguing it has been quite a task and there's a backlog to be dealt with. It would be great to have help re-arranging our collection of pictures and providing captions. We also need to find a means of copying some documents that have been partially bound into record books before the originals go to join other irreplaceable documents which we have now deposited at the Surrey History Centre in Woking. Other tasks include scanning newspaper cuttings, checking the accuracy of the archive catalogue and selecting material for future publications as well as ideas for small displays of item from the archives.

To give you an idea of what historical records of Tatsfield exist and an opportunity to see whether you would like to help out, I am hoping to mount a display of material, including videos and Powerpoint presentations, in the Aileen McHugo Building over the weekend of 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> November.

Notices will be displayed nearer the time if the display does indeed go ahead. If you are interested in helping out, please send an email – even if you have already expressed an interest in the past.

**Ian Mitchell (Tel: 577376 Email: [tatsfield.history@talk21.com](mailto:tatsfield.history@talk21.com))**



## TATSFIELD ART GROUP CALENDAR 2016



Available to buy at our Exhibition in the Village Hall Sat 28<sup>th</sup>  
& Sun 29<sup>th</sup> November

Available from Linda's during December

Or contact Sue 570097 or Carol 577724

Tatsfield themed paintings by local artists

Thanks to our sponsors;

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Tatsfield Garage, R.Thorpe Heating & Plumbing,  
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Tatsfield-Vern d'Anjou

## THE PAYNESFIELD ROAD GANG

I have been asked to write a piece about Tatsfield's "Paynesfield Road Gang" who built a number of very large floats that for many years won prizes at local carnivals. There were also a number of shows and pantomimes performed to packed houses in the Village Hall. A small book about the Gang was delivered to every household in the Village last month. It was the brainchild of Howard Aylett. He had received a lot of help from Bob David and Ian Mitchell, the Village historian, who eventually edited the illustrated publication.

The stories were provided by "Gang" members, collected and researched by Howard, and the booklet was launched at a well attended lunchtime party on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> October at the Ship pub.

Ian Mitchell had installed a movie projector that showed a DVD compilation by the IT village genius, Tom Chorley, who had copied and edited it from another (not so good) DVD version. Also there was a laptop computer showing many "Gang" slides of days gone by and illustrations from the book.



*The whole Paynesfield Road Gang at the Ship pub on Friday, 9 October with their partners and wives*

It was a joy to see eleven of the surviving members of the "Gang" attending the event. There were a number of other people there as well, including the wives of members, past and present. Absent from this excellent gathering were Harry Hawkes, who was in hospital and Rex Bamber who sadly had recently passed away but was represented by his wife Margot and daughter Kate.



*A lovely moment with Pat Johnson and Howard Aylett.*

The event was M.C'd by Howard Aylett who proposed the health of Pat Johnson, prime mover in the creation of the PRG. There was much laughter (and amusing public interjections) when Pat shared his memories of the 19 successful Carnival floats which they had built over so many years.

Also there was an excellent buffet laid on which was enjoyed by everyone. The list of attendees at this reunion was as follows; Valerie Clubb, Meta Leslie, Paul Leslie, Brenda David, Anne Jupp, Philip Johnston, Barbara Aylett, Mike Rocke, Michael Vogt, Jane Smith, Margot Bamber, Terry Cockle, Ann Howard, John Howard, Trevor Smith, Dianne and Pat Johnston, Rainer Vogt . Summing up, it was a memorable, happy and very moving experience, brilliantly executed. A job well done!

**Dave Bishop**

## **THE PAYNESFIELD ROAD GANG BOOKLET**

### **The Paynesfield Road Gang**



Edited by Ian Mitchell

Published by the Tatsfield History Project and distributed free with the Tatsfield Parish Magazine—October 2015

Readers received a copy of the Paynesfield Road Gang booklet with their magazine last month. It was unlike most of the documents which are sent out with the magazine, which are usually one-page leaflets, in that it was a 32-page booklet. It added considerably to the weight and bulk of the delivery pack which the magazine's team of deliverers had to cope with last month and we are very grateful to them for doing this. We hope too that readers enjoyed reading about the exploits of a talented and adventurous group of Tatsfield residents who left their mark on local life over a period of some 25 years.

**Ian Mitchell, Howard Aylett and Bob David**

# *All Souls Service*



*St Mary's Tatsfield*

*Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>*

*November*

*3.30 pm*

*A quiet service to remember  
those we see no more*

*All are welcome*

*Tea and cake afterwards*



## REGULAR EVENTS THIS MONTH

*These events, weekly unless stated otherwise, normally take place at the times given below, but there can be variations e.g. in school holidays. Please check with the organisers if necessary.*

Sun	10.00 am	Church service – StM
Mon	9.00 am	PCSO Rupert Kelley Surgery – Linda’s Stores [to 10am]
	9.30 am	Tots on Top – CH
	10.00 am	WI Exercises - WIH
	1.30 pm	Bridge Club – WIH
	6.00 pm	Beavers – SH
	7.30 pm	Art Group – VH [Term time]
	8.15 pm	Bingo – TVC
Tue	7.00 pm	Pilates – TPS
	7.00 pm	Scouts - SH
Wed	10.00 am	WI Pop In – WIH
	6.00 pm	Cubs – SH
	8.00 pm	Yoga – VH
Thu	9.15 am	Said Communion Service – StM [3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday only]
	10.00 am	Over 50s Yoga – WIH
	3.00 pm	WI Darts – WIH
	various	Martial Arts
	5.30 pm	Brownies – CH
	7.30 pm	Duplicate Bridge – WIH
	7.30 pm	Tatsfield Singers - TPS
	8.00 pm	Table Tennis – VH
Fri	2.00 pm	Short Mat Bowls –VH
	5.30 pm	Badminton club for Juniors - VH
	8.00 pm	Badminton Club - VH
Sat	11.00 am	Parish Council Café -The Bakery [to noon]

## ADDITIONAL EVENTS THIS MONTH

1 Sun	10.00 am	Open The Book Service for All Saints – StM
	10.45 am	Ramblers
	11.30 am	Said Eucharist - StM
	3.30 pm	All Souls’ Service – StM
2/3 Mon/Tue		Inset Days at Tatsfield School
3 Tue	2.30 pm	WI, British Calendar Customs - WIH
8 Sun	10.00 am	Sung Eucharist - StM
	10.45 am	Act of Remembrance – StM
	4.30 pm	NDS Special Concert - VH
9 Mon	8.00 pm	Parish Council – AMB
10 Tue	8.00 pm	Water Colour and Scent, Horti AGM – VH
	2.00 pm	Not So Young Club
14 Sat	7.30 pm	Russian Concert – VH

- 15 Sun 10.00 am Sung Eucharist - StM  
 11.00 am Craft Fair (to 4pm)  
 21 Sat 7.30 pm Beaujolais Nouveau Quiz – VH  
 22 Sun 10.00 am Sung Eucharist – StM  
 24 Tue 1.30 pm Whist – WIH  
 28/9 Sat/Sun 10.00 am Tatsfield Art Group Exhibition – VH (to 4pm)  
 29 Sun 10.00 am Sung Eucharist for Advent - StM

### ADDITIONAL EVENTS NEXT MONTH

- 9 Wed 2.15 pm Special Tea Dance  
 18 Fri 7.00 pm Carols at The Ship  
 19 Sat 7.00 pm Christmas Crackers - VH  
 20 Sun 4.00 pm Carols by Candlelight – StM  
 24 Thu 4.30pm Christingle Service – TPS  
 11.30 pm Midnight Service - StM

### FURTHER AHEAD

January

- 3 Sun 10.00 am Open the Book for the Wise Men - StM  
 11.30 am Said Eucharist – StM  
 5 Tue Tatsfield School Term starts

#### Venues

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

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





## SHOPPING AT LINDA'S STORES AND THE POST OFFICE IN NOVEMBER



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We have an expert and friendly postmistress in the centre of our village – Linda Dance. Make sure you use her, especially over the next couple of months when most of us will be thinking of posting letters, cards and parcels locally, elsewhere in this country and abroad. If you are unsure about dates, rules or costs, just pop in and ask Linda before it is too late. Some of the things you may want to think about are:

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- Check your latest posting dates. There is still plenty of time for cards and parcels sent within the UK but some of the latest dates to countries abroad are coming up fast.
- Check what is the most economical way to send parcels and to use special services like next day delivery. Ask Linda!
- Check what is the best way to make returns.
- Make sure you use the right postcode. If you are unsure, you can find out on [www.royalmail.com/postcode-finder](http://www.royalmail.com/postcode-finder).
- Put a return address on a parcel just in case something goes wrong.
- There are some everyday items you cannot post. For example, you cannot post perfume, nail varnish or aftershave abroad (you can post them to addresses in this country but you have to use a special label). Make sure you get it right by asking Linda!

As for your Christmas shopping, you will find that the shop has a good selection of cards and wrapping paper plus trimmings for you to choose from.



The shop's current bargains include the following but there are only a few days left (until 3<sup>rd</sup> November) before they are replaced by a new set of bargains (which will be listed in a leaflet in the shop):

- ❖ Fairy Liquid £1 (price marked £1.29)
- ❖ Walkers 6 pack Crisps £1 (price marked £1.50)
- ❖ Nescafe Gold Blend £3 (price marked £3.50)
- ❖ Princes 4 pack Tuna Chunks £3.50
- ❖ Cadbury's Dairy Milk Chocolate 360g £2.50

**Bob David**

## POSADA

Posada is Spanish for lodging or accommodation. In Mexico it has long been a custom for two people to dress as Mary and Joseph and to move from house to house during the days before Christmas to recall the journey to Bethlehem.



In Tatsfield the carved figures of Mary and Joseph move around the village, spending one night in each house, between Advent (29th November) and Christmas Eve when they arrive at the stable during the Christingle service in the School Hall.

If you would like to welcome Mary and Joseph for a day in your home please phone 577598 or email [gp.south@btopenworld.com](mailto:gp.south@btopenworld.com) by 12th November.

## ANOTHER SCAM

Motorists are receiving a fraudulent e-mail stating they will lose their licence if they fail to verify personal details online, the Driver & Vehicle Licensing Agency(DVLA) confirmed. It is likely that thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands, have already received this message that claims to be from the DVLA.

The email contains a link to a website that resembles a legitimate online service. It also instructs the victim to enter his/her licence number plus a means of payment such as a credit or debit card number. The fraudster can then use this information to pay for goods and services.

Perhaps more seriously, the driver might become a victim of identity theft.

The Driver & Vehicle Licensing Agency said: "By using the online driving licence or vehicle tax services on GOV.UK, you can be sure that you are dealing directly with DVLA - and you will not be charged any additional fees". It explained: "Always start at [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)" rather than via a search engine where less honest sites might appear in the sponsored links or paid for section.

Furthermore, it claimed that such sites: "Often break the search engine providers' terms and conditions" and should be reported as necessary. Such sites can then be removed from any search results.



## TATTY KNITTERS

This explains a lot.....

A recent study has indicated that yarns give off certain pheromones that hypnotize women and cause them to purchase ungodly amounts of yarn. When stored in large quantities in enclosed spaces, the pheromones in the yarn cause memory loss and induce the gathering syndrome, similar to the one squirrels have before the onset of winter.

Sound tests have also revealed that these yarns emit a very high pitched sound heard only by a select few, known as stitchers. When played backward, the sounds are heard as chants....."buy me, knit me"!!! Furthermore, pheromones seem to cause a pathological need to secret the yarn purchases away when one takes them home and blend them into the existing stash. When asked by a significant other if the yarn is new, the reply is: 'Oh, I've had it for a while'.

In order to overcome the so called feeding frenzy that these yarns cause, one must wear a face mask when entering a storage facility and use ear plugs to avoid being pulled into their grip. It is also beneficial to enter these places without the presence of cash or credit cards.

Sad to say, the addictive qualities of this compulsive behaviour are cumulative and are ameliorated only by the purchase of more and more and more yarns.

No cure is known at this time.....

Next meet is 10<sup>th</sup> November 7.30 'til 9.30ish in the Bakery - cake provided - buy your own drink.

In December we are going to have a Christmas meal at £25 per head. There will be the usual fun and games.

**Val Quick (Tel: 576264 / 07761 571071)**

### **Congratulations ....**

... to Sule (who helps with magazine production) and Rob Morley on the arrival of Noah, born on 3<sup>rd</sup> September – a brother for Safiye.

*Editor: We are very willing to print such happy announcements. If you have a new arrival, or any good news that you would like to share, please send it to us.*

## ST MARY'S MATTERS

### All Souls' Service, 1<sup>st</sup> November 3.30 pm

Please see the publicity on page 45.

### Act of Remembrance, 8<sup>th</sup> November 10.45 am

Please see the publicity on page 54.

### Harvest Festival



The St Mary's flower arrangers are simply not able to do "ordinary" and once again the church looked resplendent with the flowers and greenery given by the Titsey Estate and the generous quantities of tinned, packet and fresh produce from Tatsfield School. Even the tins and packets were made into an attractive display.

Our thanks go to Jan and Peter Maynard, Kay Roberts, Sue Saunders, Wendy Maddison, Pat Walsh, Shirley Murgatroyd, Chris Rosenbaum, Pam Draper and Lorna Tory: the photos give some idea of their expertise.

We also thank those who helped to prepare the parcels and deliver them locally – and to Hilary and David Vale who delivered most of the donations to Brixton.

Many expressions of thanks have been received as a result of these gifts, flowers and parcels and we thank the parents of Tatsfield School for their generous contributions as well as many other local people.

We are also most grateful to the Titsey Estate for donating much of the fresh produce.







## **Open The Book**

Our November (1<sup>st</sup>) service will celebrate All Saints Day and in December (6<sup>th</sup>) we will be preparing ourselves to celebrate Christmas. These services at 10am on the first Sunday of each month last no more than 40 minutes with language and music accessible to all.

## **Dementia Awareness Evening.**

This very successful event is described in more detail on page 55.

## **Churchyard**

At the last tidy-up of the year on October 3<sup>rd</sup> we had very welcome help from Bill Corbett and Dave Randall who both came armed with strimmers and wielded them to great effect. Peter Maynard and Keith Roberts, two of our stalwarts, were with us once again, trimming, edging and generally making the churchyard look well kept. The monthly strim by James Longley has almost completed our tasks for this year.

The Woodland Trust has been contacted for advice and help in planting a new hedge. We are able to get all the hedging plants free of charge from the Trust but not until March next year as this November's stocks have all gone. So, the planting party is postponed until then.

Having had such a positive response to our plea for help with the upkeep of the churchyard I am feeling bold enough to ask if there are any enthusiastic hedge trimmers who could help to trim the existing hedge. It has been the work of one of our tidy-uppers to date, but he would welcome any help as it is a very big job.

Thank you to all who have worked with us this year to keep the churchyard as a place of quiet enjoyment.

Mary Smith

## **Flowers**

We are so pleased that Kay Longley now feels well enough to be back in harness after her illness and she and Jan Maynard will be in charge of flowers for November, including for Remembrance Sunday.

## **Carol Singing for Shelter**

This will be during the morning of a Saturday in December in the village centre.

## **Records**

12 October	Funeral and burial of Phil Hill
17 October	Interment of ashes of Peter Langley
18 October	Interment of ashes and Thanksgiving Service for Rex Bamber
25 October	Baptism Isabelle Pratley



# *Act of Remembrance*



*St Mary's Church  
Tatsfield*

*Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November  
10.45 am*

*We will observe the silence at 11am  
along with the rest of the nation.*

*“We will remember them”*

The Dementia Awareness Session held at St Mary's at the end of September was a great opportunity to raise awareness and learn something more about dementia and the small ways we can all help and support people to live well in the community with dementia. Over twenty people came and were encouraged, in an engaging and interactive way, to think about some of the ways dementia, caused by diseases of the brain can affect the life of those with dementia and their families, friends and carers. We certainly don't want to add to their difficulties by making them feel more isolated and in fact there are many positive things we can do to live well with dementia. I hope to organise another similar session in an afternoon next year.

### **Twiddlemuffs update!**

In September's magazine I wrote about Andy Shrubb's new venture in knitting Twiddlemuffs. People with dementia often have restless hands and like to have something to keep their hands occupied. A Twiddlemuff provides a wonderful source of visual, tactile and sensory stimulation at the same time keeping hands snug and warm. Many thanks go to Andy and to those who have supplied her with odds and ends of wool and other materials. She has completed at least ten Twiddlemuffs and they have all found a good home. If you know anyone you think might find like one please contact me. Andy has a good supply of wool and does not need any more at present thank you.

**Jennie South (01959 577598 email [jennie.south@btopenworld.com](mailto:jennie.south@btopenworld.com))**



### **Look out for us at the Enid's Craft Fair! Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November 11-4**

A chance to make a difference to producers and artisan workers as you prepare for Christmas. Among other things we will have Fairtrade ingredients for your Christmas cake; dried fruit, dates and sugar as well as a selection of Fairtrade Traidcraft gifts and Christmas cards.

## **ROBES PROJECT, 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

Last year I experienced just one evening of what homeless people face every single day - I spent the night sleeping out on the cold, concrete slabs in the grounds of Southwark Cathedral. The autumn leaves falling on my face was a weird sensation, and I knew I was lucky enough to be going back home to a warm cup of tea, shower and central heating - all things we take for granted.

The Robes Project was set up in January 2007 to support homeless people by giving them a safe, warm place to sleep, a hot meal, advice and support as they start to rebuild their lives. 22 churches in the Southwark Diocese and over 400 volunteers offer a temporary night shelter during the winter months, from November to April, of each year for 15-20 people sleeping rough in South London every winter night.

Robes costs around £90,000 annually to operate (approx. £46 per guest per week). It receives no public funding and relies solely on donations from churches, individuals, businesses and grants.

By spending a sponsored night outdoors, the main fundraising event, we help a rough-sleeper access short-term aid in winter and year round support in finding stable accommodation, training and employment.

Last year, the Sleepout raised over £80,000, which meant it could provide advice and support for rough sleepers throughout the year, as well as providing clean bedding for guests this winter.

The event is exceptionally well organised with a real sense of community spirit. I didn't know anyone but that doesn't matter as everyone is there for the same reason - we just want to do our little bit to help those less fortunate. Before we bed down for the night in our sleeping bags and cardboard mats, there is some organised musical entertainment and a short evening service in the Cathedral for those who wish to participate. Refreshments are available throughout the night and the torchlights of St John Ambulance volunteers flickering as they meander amongst the sprawled huddles of people young and old checking all is OK, are a comfort.

Tatsfield is in the Diocese of Southwark, and with local food banks becoming more prevalent in every town, it could be any one of us who one day has to unexpectedly knock on the door of a shelter wanting help and a warm bed.

So come Friday, 27 November I will once again be setting out my sleeping bag for the night, representing St Mary's church. Any support you might be able to offer, no matter in what way or how small - it all really counts to a rough-sleeper who needs help when the thermometer hits -5 degrees for the 2nd week in a row.

**Susie Cook. ([justgiving.com/susie-cook16](http://justgiving.com/susie-cook16))**



## WI

Our W.I. meeting in October took the form of a delicious Harvest Lunch, homemade soup and crusty bread, apple pie and custard. We did not have a guest speaker but there was such a buzz of conversation at each table that it would have been difficult to squeeze in any more words of wisdom.



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We have been lucky this year to welcome some new members and hope that they have enjoyed the chance to share in our activities so far and look forward to our future programme.



Our next meeting is at 2.15 on 3<sup>rd</sup> November on the subject of 'British Calendar Customs' in the WI Hall in Paynesfield Road.

## LOCAL PLAN - STRATEGIC POLICIES

The Local Plan is the name for the documents which together set out a Local Planning Authority's development plan policies for their area.

The Core Strategy sets out the key policies for the district, this was adopted in 2008. Tandridge District Council agreed in September 2012 to commence work on a review of the Core Strategy (see below).

The Local Plan Part 2 - Detailed policies, to be used in the determination of planning applications was adopted on 24th July 2014.

In March 2012 the Government published the new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which sets out policy guidance to be taken into account by Councils when they prepare their local plans and when they make decisions on planning applications. This has been supplemented with the national Planning Practice Guidance.

You can view the Planning Policy Maps which include links to the text of Core Strategy and the Detailed Policies at <http://www.cartogold.co.uk/tandridgelocalplan/>.

In addition the Council has adopted various supplementary planning guidance which give more detailed guidance, for example design guidance and parking standards.

If you would like to be kept informed about the process of preparing the Local Plan you can ask to be included on the Council's mailing list. You can send your details to us at: [LocalPlan@tandridge.gov.uk](mailto:LocalPlan@tandridge.gov.uk) please include your name and postal address. Please specify if you are a local resident, a representative of a local body or a landowner. We use e-mail for contact as much as possible.

**Martin Allen, Tandridge District Councillor for Tatsfield**

## ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO THIS MONTH



It was towards the end of November 1915 that news came of the eighth Tatsfield man to be killed in the war.

For one family, however, it was the second son to have died. 32 year old James Asling had been killed in France in August. Now, news came from the Middle East that his 30 year old brother, George, had been killed on the 21<sup>st</sup> of November in the defence against the Turks of the British colony of Aden. He is buried at Maala Cemetery, Aden (now Yemen) and was a member of 70 Company, Royal Garrison Artillery.

Gunner Asling was born in Battersea in 1885 and enlisted at Woolwich. His name appears on the memorial plaque in St Mary's Church, as does that of his brother James, but the Tatsfield archives have no record of whereabouts in the village the family lived or what their connection with Tatsfield was.

At home, the Parish Council, which met only every other month in those days, was keeping itself informed about the modernisation of daily life which had continued despite the war. It had contributed funds towards helping the connection of Tatsfield properties to newly-installed water mains and motor vehicles were already bringing not only the advantages of modern life but the disadvantages too. The increase in traffic had meant increased wear and tear to what was still an unmade road – Ricketts Hill Road – and the responsibility for repairing damage outside 'Hazeldene' was under debate.

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

## **CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGALONG**

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Christmas Carol Singalong will be held once again outside the Ship pub on Friday December 18<sup>th</sup> from 7pm - 7.50pm. Members of the usual concert band under the new name of the "Tatsfield Saints" will performing their super music under their conductor, Leslie Lake, and will be playing the 14 well known carols for all to sing along to. The band will be inside a large marquee kindly erected by Philip Brett and his team of grafters.

The Ship pub along with Paul and Louise will be selling hot mulled wine at £2 a glass and there will be warm up mince pies for all. There will be a lighted up Christmas tree with the kind help of Jon Allbutt and his team. This is a family show kindly sponsored by the Parish Council and we will welcome Parish Councillor Vice Chairman Nichola Stokoe who will say some kind words along with the Revd Gerald South who will give us a Christmas Blessing. Father Christmas (with kind help from Trevor Smith and his Elves) will be there at 7.45pm bringing a present for all of the children. All that is needed is yourselves, but remember to bring a warm coat and hat and gloves and a lantern. To get into the Christmas spirit this is a "not to be missed event".

See you there! Any helpers will be more that welcome please call 577550 or email [davebishop\\_dbsound@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:davebishop_dbsound@yahoo.co.uk).

**Dave Bishop.**

## **CHRISTMAS TEA DANCE SOCIAL SPECIAL.**

There will be a special Christmas Tea Dance Social on Wednesday December 9<sup>th</sup> from 2.15 - 4.50pm. Everyone will be welcomed at the door of the Village Hall with a glass of sherry and there will be all sorts of goodies for everyone to nibble and drink. Also we will have hot mince pies and cream along with as many cups of tea or coffee as you would wish to drink. There will be ballroom dancing along with some party dances as well and the price will be just £8 each. Bring your own drinks if you wish. Do come along and have a good laugh and some exercise as well.

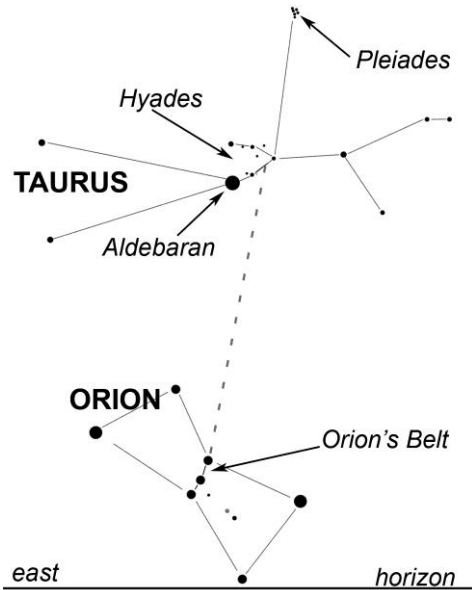
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## THE NIGHT SKY IN TATSFIELD – NOVEMBER 2015

As I mentioned last month, three of the brighter planets are currently rendezvousing in the morning skies. Highest in the sky will be Jupiter, below that is Mars (which appears to be closest to the Moon on that day) and then a little lower is the brilliant Venus which is so bright it is impossible to mistake it for anything else. The exodus of the bright planets to the pre-dawn skies does mean that there are none currently on view in the evening.



However, the winter constellations are just beginning to appear in the east and by mid-November at 9pm Orion, the hunter and Taurus the bull are above the horizon, giving a hint of things to come in the long nights ahead. Taurus contains two so called “open clusters”, which are collections of stars that are gravitationally linked to each other, travelling through space as a group. The two such clusters in the bull are known as the Hyades and the Pleiades. These can easily be found by first locating Orion and his belt. The map shows how Taurus and Orion appear with relation to the eastern horizon and indicates the position of three stars that form the hunter’s belt.

Draw an imaginary line through the belt and continue it upwards away from the horizon. It will pass close to a bright star (Aldebaran) that looks slightly orange. If you look carefully you will see that Aldebaran forms part of a distinct “V” shape of stars, albeit lying on its side. This is the Hyades cluster, and although the bright star seems to be part of the group it is, in fact, not related at all and simply lies in the same line of sight. If you return to your imaginary line and continue it in the general direction it was previously travelling, it will pass close to what at first appears to be a small misty patch of light. If you study it for a moment you will realise that it is a small group of stars that appear very close together. This is the Pleiades cluster which lies at a distance of 440 light years from Earth although it is still considered to be one of the closest clusters. It is also known as the “Seven Sisters” due to the number of stars visible to the naked eye, although some people claim to see 14. Despite the number we can see unaided, we know that the group has more than one thousand members.

**Brian Mills FRAS**

## THE TATSFIELD GARDENER IN NOVEMBER

What do we make of nature's warning signs around us? We hear reports of birds migrating a month early, the hedges are heavy with berries, some say the leaves on the trees are falling early and some frost hollows report ground frost very early too. The recent persistent high pressure is very early and there has been plenty of early snow over the Alps and also on lower ground in Germany, Austria and eastern France. We have no way of knowing if these are indicators of an early winter here, but there is no doubt that our winter weather in Tatsfield has been much later in recent years, so who knows. It is best to be ready for any sort of bad weather at this time of the year, as I write these gardening notes I am very aware that it was this day (16<sup>th</sup> October) in 1987 that we had the worst storm in living memory and Tatsfield was cut off by road with a lot of big trees down that took weeks to sort out.

On that cheery note there are some important gardening jobs to do this month! Leaf clearing will be top of the list, not only in the garden but in the gutters and drains as well to make sure any heavy rain can drain away efficiently. If you are planning to compost your leaves remember to avoid doing this with Horse Chestnut that has been attacked by the leaf miner; stacking them provides the ideal conditions for this serious pest to successfully overwinter and ready to attack again next year. I know it is not very neighbourly but the best way to deal with these leaves is to burn them, preferably when they are dry. I don't advise taking them to the local tip (Bond Road is our nearest Surrey site) as they will be transported elsewhere potentially spreading the infection.

I try to avoid talking about the law in gardening but it is important to note that this year saw the coming into force of the Infrastructure Act 2015. This Act has proved to be very controversial as it contains important changes for planning, fracking and managing our highways; this has masked the very important Part 4 that provides powers for local authorities to take enforcement action, including prosecution, against landowners/homeowners to control Non Native Species both plant and animal on land and in water. I am looking into how this will impact on those landowners/gardeners who have problems with Japanese Knotweed and other pests that are listed as non-native species and must be controlled – watch this space!



*Japanese Knotweed*

**Jon Allbutt**

## NIGEL'S NATURE NOTES

### The Bird Register:

The 'Bird Register', unlike 'Nature Notes', is something I inherited, hence the readership consultation. I must say, I've never been happy using percentages of responders as a means of recording the results of the survey. Even with minor changes made over the years the chart still presents difficulties for some and is misleading. Consequently, I am now proposing a change to the way the recorded observations are presented. Here's the problem as I see it. Let's say that two responders out of twenty (10%) observe and record a solitary kite flying over the village during the period January to June, followed by four responders out of twenty (20%) seeing and recording what was probably the same solitary kite flying over the village during the July to December period. The 'Bird Register' will show a 100% increase in kite sightings, but implies that there was a two-fold increase in the number of kites. To add to this confusion, because the number of respondents varies from year to year, the numeric variance is greatly distorted; two sightings from 20 respondents is shown as 10% but from 10 respondents it is 20%. Obviously, the number of reported sightings is irrelevant. What matters is that at least one person made the observation and recorded it. My proposal, therefore, is that we scrap the percentages and use instead a simple 'seen' symbol. Here's an example:-

Current display:

Chiffchaff	0	20	15
Blackbird	100	100	100
Fieldfare	10	0	30
Rd Leg Partridge	10	20	0

Proposed display:

Chiffchaff		●	●
Blackbird	●	●	●
Fieldfare	●		●
Rd Leg Partridge	●	●	

This simplified form of display, combined with the contributions from John (Rosenbaum) and our growing band of reporters, will, I feel sure, be sufficient to satisfy our ornithological needs whilst at the same time presenting a clear, visual pattern that everyone can easily interpret and understand. Furthermore, I would like to produce the register annually rather than bi-annually as at present. The date of observations is, of course, of interest, particularly when recording migrants, but the register has never been able to show this so we have relied, and will continue to rely, on individuals sending in details, including the date of their observations (see examples below). Hopefully, these changes will prove agreeable. If so, they will be implemented at the end of the year in preparation for the 2016 survey. You have until the end of this month to suggest otherwise!

## **Hobby sightings:**

Although not on the register, John (Rosenbaum) did mention in his notes that he had a 'possible' sighting of a Hobby on 30th April and a sighting on the 5th May. I can now confirm the presence of a local Hobby by adding my own observation of 31st August. This was one of those totally unexpected events that happen now and again. I was taking in the washing when a bird, like a giant Swift, zoomed across the sky, quite low, heading towards some trees further down the road. As it approached the trees it veered away, heading back directly towards me. It could only have been some ten yards away from me when it sped between ours and our neighbour's houses, disappearing through the Lime trees across the road. Needless to say, the washing had to wait while I rushed indoors, leafing through various books to confirm what I thought I'd seen. Now, if you missed out on this one you're going to have to wait a while. Being summer migrants, by the time you read this, the Hobby will be on its way back to Africa; a 2,500 mile journey. But, you never know, it (or they) may be back next year. Something to look forward to.

## **Correspondence:**

Talking of migrants, here's news of an early winter visitor, probably from Scandinavia, visiting Liz and Alan's (Armitage) garden at the top of Greenway:

(07/10/15) 'Just been watching a flock of about 20 birds flying around and settling on the TV aerial above Ken's house at the bottom of our footpath. Thrush sized. Brown, speckled body. Pinkish tinge to breast when caught in sunlight. Alan says greenish breast, but I don't see that. Long pointed beaks. What are they?'

I initially suggested Starlings! Their partly metallic plumage changes colour in the sunlight which could have explained why Liz saw pink and Alan saw green.

'They definitely weren't starlings - we know what they look like - and we have never seen these before. Alan recognises more bird species than me, and he wasn't sure. We've looked in our book, maybe a Woodlark or some type of bunting? Unfortunately, too far away to take a photo but we could see through binoculars. Big, like a Collared Dove, but creamy beige with heavy dark brown splodges on back & wings. Slight pinkish sheen on breast when flying. Alan still says turquoise (which probably means grey!)

On the basis of information provided in both emails I then suggested Fieldfares.

'Oooooooooohhhhhh how exciting - is it rare to see them here? Read up on it and it does seem likely. The nearest we have got anyway.'

Not rare, Liz, but definitely exciting. A flock was seen around Crossways last year. They tend to appear, feed on some found berries then move on. So, if you've been lucky enough to see them, the rest of us will be (and are) quite envious!

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

**Nigel Shaw**



## TATSFIELD RAMBLERS

Details of walks in the surrounding area for November 2015 are as follows. Everyone welcome including your dogs.

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2015**

Leader: Carol Vening

Time and Venue: 10.45am Westerham Green or 11.00am at Mill Lane (Round Pond)  
Limited parking in Mill Lane.

Map Ref: TQ446540 or 444536 Postcode: TN16 1AS or TN16 1TP

Length 5½ miles. 3 hours. To the Carpenters Arms and back via Crockham Hill Common and Limpsfield Chart. Fairly even terrain with one steep hill going down on the return!

### **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

Leader: Mike Evans

Time and Venue: 11.00am at Ightham Mote Car Park

Map Ref: TQ584535 Postcode: TN15 0NT

Length 5½ miles. 3 hours. From Ightham Mote via Fairlawn to Dunks Green. Refreshment stop at The Kentish Rifleman, Dunks Green.

### **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

Leader: Hazel Dixon

Time and Venue: 10.30am at Woldingham Station (Church Road)

Map Ref: TQ359563 Postcode: CR3 7LT

Length 4 miles. 2.5 hours. Circular walk through woods and Marden Park. There is 1 short hill. Stopping at North Downs Golf Club for refreshments.

Walks can be subject to change at very short notice. Please either telephone or check the website. [www.westerhamramblers.org.uk](http://www.westerhamramblers.org.uk). The Ramblers do not carry insurance. They started as an informal group and never felt it necessary, so everyone is responsible for themselves (and their dogs).

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In addition to the appearance of JB, there will be a seasonal music from Morven and Ian Rae, and the shops will be filled with unusual gifts and will remain open until 9pm. There will also be children's entertainment, hot chestnuts and market stalls.

That day will also see St Mary's Westerham come alive with its annual Festival of Christmas Trees, which transforms the historic church into a veritable Christmas grotto. Local schools, businesses, clubs and societies, families and individuals contribute elegant, quirky or entertainingly decorated trees, lighting up the aisles.

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Thames Water is appealing to customers to help identify privately-owned sewage pumping stations.

The utility, which serves 15 million customers across London and the Thames Valley, will take responsibility for around 4,000 pumping stations in October 2016, but needs to track down 1,800 currently off its radar.

New legislation means sewage pumping stations, which power wastewater away from properties and out into the public sewer pipe network, currently owned and maintained by customers will become legally owned and operated by the local water company.

The pumping stations are found in all shapes and sizes, and can be in places where there are a number of properties needing to connect to the public sewer network. Customers will know they have one as they'll be paying to maintain and power them.

Jerry White, of Thames Water, said: "This is really good news for customers. We'd urge anyone who thinks they may have one to get in touch so we can check they are eligible for the transfer of ownership. In some cases, as well as electricity savings, maintaining and replacing pumps can cost thousands of pounds so it's an excellent deal for them.

"We believe we know where approximately half of the stations we need to take over are, but really need help to find the other 1,800. Please get in touch if you think this applies to you and we can take on the responsibility forever."

Anyone with a private pumping station can make Thames Water aware at [thameswater.co.uk/pumphunt](http://thameswater.co.uk/pumphunt)

A sewer pumping station is likely to be 'adopted' by Thames Water if it:

- was in use before July 2011 (and)
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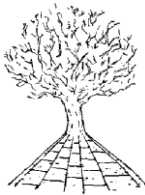


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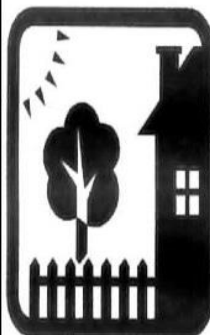
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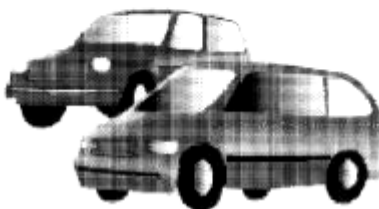
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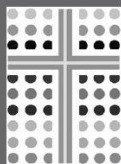
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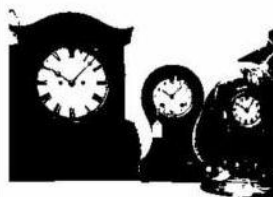
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