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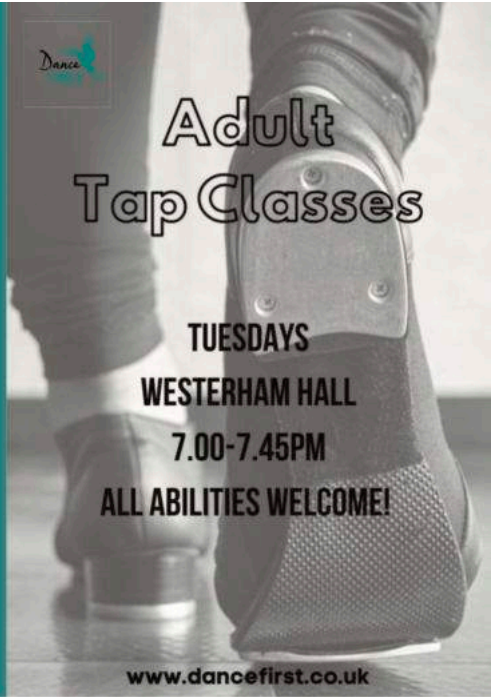
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## EDITORIAL

To recall hearing on Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> 1952 that the King had died, you now have at least to be in your mid-seventies. You may also remember being called into the school hall to hear the news on the wireless.

Within a few weeks, thoughts were turning to the following year's Coronation. Surrey County Council provided each school with 'a small sum with which to acquire

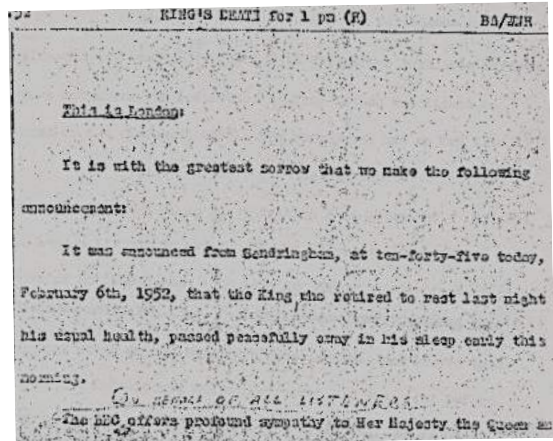
*some object which would be associated in future with the Coronation*'. Just after the 1953 Whitsun holiday, schools were closed again for the festivities. In Tatsfield there was a bonfire and fireworks on Westmore Green and a 'meat tea in Church Hall' for the over-65s. The following weekend came children's sports and a fancy-dress parade, as well as dancing round the maypole. Funds were raised for a Coronation memorial – the predecessor of today's village sign on the Tatol bed.

For the Silver Jubilee in 1977, there was a pram race, five-a-side football, gymnastics displays, a tug-of-war in fancy dress as well as a pub-versus-church cricket match. For the Golden Jubilee in 2002, residents joined a 'Toast to Her Majesty' in the Village Hall, where members of the Tatsfield Art Group were also displaying their work.

Over the 70 years of the Queen's reign there have been significant changes in Tatsfield. At the beginning in 1952 there was still a regular bus service to Croydon and Sevenoaks. You could also go to Aylesbury on the Green Line bus which on its way provided direct links to central London. It was oil lamps and stoves at St Mary's. Electricity didn't come to the church until 1959. Since then, the church has undergone a major refurbishment. Tatsfield's population has almost doubled. Crossways Court, Shipfield Close, Valley Mushroom Farm, the Square and countless other developments have been built since. We now have a Millennium Hall and a new school.

Tatsfield has certainly changed much during the Queen's long reign but it continues to mark its jubilees as it did those of Queen Victoria in 1887 and 1897 and George the Fifth's Silver Jubilee in 1935: adherence to tradition and a token of stability in our way of life.

**Ian Mitchell**





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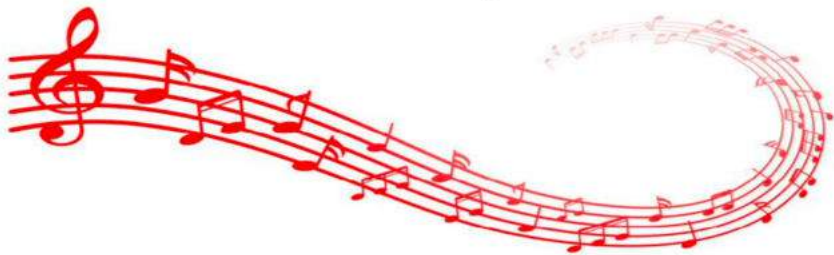


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## LETTERS

**Dear Friends,** As I write this letter summer is beginning to settle in, the weather is getting warmer and some will be beginning to look forward to a summer break. We are also waiting and looking forward to our Queen's Jubilee and the opportunity to join together in street parties and other celebrations. How well Her Majesty has served this country for seventy years, never flinching from duty, steadfast in service and always done with such grace. The Queen in line with tradition is very regal, on state occasions she will be seen wearing a crown, sitting on a throne and riding with much ceremony in fine coaches and on occasions well-groomed horses. The king we serve in the Christian church is very different, he chose to enter into Jerusalem not on a fine horse but a humble donkey, his clothes were simple garments and the only crown we wore was made of thorns. Jesus was also a King who was humble, courageous and acted as servant to others. In this we find that although outward appearances are very different, inwardly our Queen seems to have many of the qualities which we find in any disciple of Christ who seeks to follow the way of our Lord. I hope that however you celebrate the Jubilee you are able to enjoy the company of others and express your gratitude for the Queen's steadfast service to this country. **With my love and assurance of prayers, Rev. Helen Cook, Team Rector for Limpsfield and Tatsfield**

## TATSFIELD PARISH MAGAZINE

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2022

<b>Income</b>	<u>2022</u>
	£
Advertising	6662
Sales (Including postage from Subscribers)	122
Donations from Village Organisations	715
Donations from Individuals	707
Bank Interest	<u>1</u>
Total	<u>8207</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>	
Printing	9492
Postage and Stationery	193
Sundry Expenses	<u>50</u>
Total	<u>9735</u>
Deficit in year	<u>1528</u>

**Madie Langford, Treasurer**

## TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

It was a sad start to our May meeting as I began by giving the sad news of the passing of Stephen Mittins. Stephen was a highly valued, dedicated former member of the Parish Council and a good friend to all his colleagues. He will be sadly missed and our condolences go to Gillian and Family.

Our May meeting was also our AGM and when elections for office take place. I can report that I (Kim Jennings) was elected as Chairman and David Pinchin as Vice Chair for the year. The agreement for Roles and Responsibilities was also decided with only minor changes. Our newly appointed member John Rand was appointed to THS Liaison, John will also be undertaking training to join the team dealing with Legionella Monitoring/Fire Alarm Testing/Emergency Lighting Testing and Fire Risk Assessment.

We also have a Finance Committee lead as Chair by Alex Davies; also sitting on this committee are Jason Syrett, Kim Jennings and David Pinchin.

(Please see Full Minutes of our AGM which will be displayed on Village Website after our next meeting for further details.)

**Planning** TA/2022/482 Sixpenny House, 105 Paynesfield Road, Tatsfield TN16 2BQ. Erection of a replacement porch and replacement decking to the side and rear of property. The property is located inside the settlement area. This plan is for minor alterations to improve insulation through the addition of a new porch and replacing the decking which is starting to rot. No comment.

The Clerk reported that the PC had received a payment of £463.97 from Tandridge Council for CIL payment.

**Neighbourhood Plan** Jason Syrett gave a short report on progress so far. Further details can be found in the Neighbourhood Plan report in this magazine.

**Village Hall** Some exterior decorating maintenance works will be undertaken during the next few weeks.

**Airport** David Pinchin reported that the Airport consultative committee had met on the 28<sup>th</sup> April. (His report can be seen on the Village Website under Minutes of this meeting after our June meeting.)

**Furze Corner Playing Field** The Parish Council is in touch with the Tatsfield PFA (who currently lease Furze Corner playing field) and Tandridge District Council (who are the freeholders) with a view to potentially taking over the lease of the sports ground. The proposal being to try to secure a long-term lease then submit funding applications with Tandridge and Surrey to secure funds to rebuild the Cricket Pavilion and rejuvenate club sports at Furze Corner. We will keep you informed of progress.

**Aileen McHugo Building** We continue with our refurbishment of the Parish Rooms. In April we had the toilets and reception room decorated. A new electric fuse board is being fitted in May and the kitchen is being refurbished in early June .

**Little Acorns Preschool** The Parish Council had received a request to extend the outside area at the Village Hall to provide a reading hub and toy store. Members were supportive of this proposal and gave agreement in principle, subject to approval from the VHMC.

**Jubilee Celebrations** Hopefully you will have all received the Programme of Events planned in the village to mark this special occasion. The planning of all these events has been fully supported by our local village businesses and we are very grateful for the time given to assist in the organisation. The Tatsfield in Bloom team have done an amazing job again making our village fit for a Queen and all the bunting makes us smile. Let's all hope to have an amazing time Celebrating this 70 year reign of our Monarch.

**Kim Jennings, Chairman Tatsfield Parish Council**  
Email: [kimjennings@tatsfieldparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:kimjennings@tatsfieldparishcouncil.org.uk)

## **TANDRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **District Council Elections**

Before I go on to report the outcome, I will repeat my own position again for clarity, next year will be my 8<sup>th</sup> and final year and I will be up for re-election, so as I have done previously I wanted to give anyone who may be interested in taking on the role of the District Councillor for Tatsfield and Titsey the opportunity to come forward in plenty of time and find out about the role. **If that is you then please contact me.**

So, of the fourteen seats that were up for re-election there were some changes. The Conservatives lost four seats - two to the I&OLRGAlliance and two to the Liberal Democrats. The outcome of this is that of the 42 seats: the Independents and OLRG Alliance hold 18; the Liberal Democrats hold 11; the Conservatives hold 10; and the Independent Group hold 3.

Full details for the Tandridge District Council elections results are at [www.tandridge.gov.uk/elections](http://www.tandridge.gov.uk/elections).

### **Your opinion matters**

There are two consultations ending soon and we don't want you to miss the opportunity to let us know what you think. The consultations are:

**The Council's electoral process.** District elections currently take place by thirds, which means a third of our councillors are elected each year. We are reviewing this in light of the Government's requirements for Ward size reform and may decide to move to holding elections every four years where all our councillors would be elected at the same time.

**For more information and to submit your response, please visit [www.tandridge.gov.uk/4yearelections](http://www.tandridge.gov.uk/4yearelections) by 5pm on Friday 17 June.**

Please review this consultation and send out a very clear message that villages like Tatsfield, Chaldon, Felbridge and Woldingham are unique to their own characters and should not be bound up with other places purely for the sake of evenness or conformity. Please express your wish to remain a one Councillor ward. Thank you.

**Queen's Park in Caterham.** There are three draft designs for what an improved Queens Park could look like and we want residents who use the park to tell us what they think. **To view the plans, visit [www.tandridge.gov.uk/queenspark](http://www.tandridge.gov.uk/queenspark) and submit your feedback by 5pm on Friday 24 June.**

### **Support for Ukrainian nationals**

Tandridge District Council are working hard to support residents and Ukrainians during this crisis, as well as working with faith, charity and community groups. There is a lot of information, support and guidance on our website at [www.tandridge.gov.uk/ukraine](http://www.tandridge.gov.uk/ukraine).

### **Something more for Tatsfield**

You can win some amazing cash prizes, including the jackpot of £25,000, with the Tandridge Together Lottery. If you enter before Saturday 25 June, you will also be in with a chance of winning a £1,000 staycation with Forest Holidays. To buy your tickets please visit [www.tandridgelottery.co.uk](http://www.tandridgelottery.co.uk) or call 01883 460555. You can help a number of Societies in Tatsfield this way.

In view of the elections last month it has been extremely quiet on the District Council front so nothing from me, but I will update you as to my position on the Council and those of my fellow Independent Councillors next month.

**Remember your council tax energy rebate,** direct debit rate payees will have their rebate go directly into their bank account by mid-May. If there is more financial support available for households not eligible for the rebate we will let you know more as soon as we receive guidance from the government.

**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)**

## **TATSFIELD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR ALL RESIDENTS**

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

The committee are now processing all of the responses and comments from the Public, Tandridge District Council and the statutory Consultees, they were numerous.



There had been 27 responses in total from the Consultation meetings and from the online system.

21 Supported the proposed plan 4 did not and 2 declared themselves unsure.

The main areas brought up on the responses were: Local Transport, particularly buses, Pastiche Design, Light Pollution (Dark Night Sky) and Shops (Local Economy)

All the comments had been read and where concerns had been raised these would be looked at specifically if they had not already been addressed in the plan. If accepted the Neighbourhood Plan will be changed or it would be explained why there would not be a change. It was felt that with most of the No responses, their later comments implied that they are in agreement and support the overall objectives of the plan.

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

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

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

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### **SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**

Surrey County Council has launched a new community helpline for residents in need of financial, health and welfare support. They provide advice over the phone and / or direct individuals to appropriate external support.

There is **an online hub** available 24/7, or residents can call the community helpline on **0300 2001008**. The helpline is open from 9am to 5pm on Monday to Friday, excluding bank holidays.

For more information about the service visit: [surreycc.gov.uk](http://surreycc.gov.uk).

### **CLARE COUTINHO MP**

At the moment, over eight million adults in England have numeracy skills lower than those expected of a nine-year-old, and the charity National Numeracy estimates that this can cost them up to £1,600 a year in lost earnings.



That's why, earlier in my career, I helped to set up a National Numeracy Day. I wanted to encourage a culture where we find someone saying 'I can't do numbers' as concerning as someone saying 'I can't read', and where we shout about all the tools we put in place to make sure people are at ease when dealing with numbers so that more opportunities and higher-paid jobs are open to them.

For this year's National Numeracy Day, I was delighted to visit De Stafford School in Caterham. I spoke to students about the importance of numeracy and maths and about how no matter whether their pathway was academic or into a trade, these skills can make them and our country richer.

Another highlight this month was my visit to Bloomin' Arts in Lingfield. I attended one of their art classes for people with disabilities and got to admire their bedazzling portraits. I'd like to thank Hayley and team for all they do for people with disabilities – giving them a place to socialise, make friends, and enjoy being creative.

My team and I are still working around the clock with residents to help Ukrainian refugee families with their visa applications. I am so looking forward to meeting them and hope to bring them all together at an event in the coming weeks. None of us can begin to imagine what they have been through and I am still so bowled over by the kindness of the British people. I am particularly proud of the generosity that I have seen here in East Surrey. It is a credit to all of you.

Looking ahead to June, I am really looking forward to celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Her Majesty has served our country gracefully for 70 years. I'm sure you will agree that we can learn a lot from her example and should strive to work as hard, faithfully and courageously as she has for all these years. She is truly an inspiration to us all.



### **TATTY KNITTERS**

After a lovely meal in April we actually were productive in May. Lots of local projects on our needles. We will be taking part in World Wide Knit in Public day on June 11th from 10am until 12pm. As per usual we will be sitting outside the Bakery, hopefully enjoying the sunshine, tea and cakes.

The normal monthly get together will be a few days later on the 14<sup>th</sup> in the Bakery 7-30 - 9.30 ish!

**All crafters welcome!**

**Val Bagshaw 07761571071**

## LITTLE ACORNS PRE SCHOOL

Our penultimate half term of the school year has been very animal orientated with pet visits and a trip to Godstone farm.



We were very lucky to be visited at preschool by some very friendly pets including a tortoise, guinea pigs and rabbits. The children got to meet, stroke and ask questions about the animals.

We also spent a day with some of our families at Godstone farm. The weather was perfect for a trip out and we all had a lovely time together meeting the animals and

learning about them, followed by a well deserved ice cream and play in their fantastic outside area. A great day was had by all.

Little Acorns Breakfast Club has seen the introduction of hot foods and is now regularly offering the children baked beans on toast or boiled egg and soldiers before school. These additions to our usual breakfast menu of cereals, toast, fruits, and yogurts have been extremely popular with the children.

Finally, as the preschool was on half term over the Jubilee weekend, we had our own mini street party to celebrate the occasion before we broke up. The children made decorated our outside area with their own bunting, we made crowns, waved flags and had 'selfies' taken with a life size cut out of her majesty before joining in with some music and party games. A right royal event!

Thank you for reading!

**The Little Acorns Team**  
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## TATSFIELD SCHOOL

Tatsfield School's Year 5, Owls class were fortunate enough to attend a 4-day residential trip to Blackland Farm in East Grinstead in April. The children got to take part in a whole host of exciting activities which certainly tested their nerve and got their adrenaline pumping, such as Leap of Faith, Zipwire, kayaking and abseiling.

The children showed great resilience and bravery in all of the challenges and did themselves and their teachers very proud.

**Well done Owls! Mrs Ricci (Year 5 Teacher)**



## CONSERVATION GRAZING AT HILL PARK

Ten-acre field is the south facing scarp slope opposite Tatsfield Court Farm as you head towards Westerham. It is subdivided by hedgerows into three separate grazing compartments and has recently been home to a dozen yearling Belted Galloway cows, courtesy of Surrey Wildlife Trust.



It's been a few years since we've had any grazing in these compartments and when we did have sheep on the slopes there was never enough grazing pressure to remove the coarse grasses, so this experiment with the 'Belties' is most welcome.

This hardy breed originates from the lowlands of Scotland and has a proven track record in grazing both heathland and chalk grassland and are now a familiar sight across much of Surrey. They have a calm temperament and are selected because many of the Trust sites have public access.

The aim is to create diversity of structure within the chalk grassland - a mosaic of grazed patches with un-grazed tussocks around small scrub.



We may also allow some scrub blocks to develop further as this is equally valuable habitat for increasing biodiversity.

The grazing will help to lower the nutrient levels and hopefully reduce the rank species such as Thistles, Dock and Nettle and increase the range of wildflowers and invertebrates that make chalk grassland so special.



The grassland will be monitored to ensure that the calcareous grassland attributes are maintained and future management can be adjusted if we pick up any potential problems.

By the time you read this article 'the girls' will have completed their task at Hill Park and have moved on to fresh pasture at another Trust reserve to continue their valuable work.

We look forward to welcoming them back in the future and very much hope that this trial will start to reverse the decline of recent years and have a positive effect on the flora and fauna of ten-acre field.

**Jim and Ruth Yeeles, Voluntary Wardens, Hill Park Nature Reserve**

# TATSFIELD FAIRTRADE GROUP

## FAIRTRADE COMMONWEALTH CONNECTIONS

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee has raised the profile of the Commonwealth which is a unique association of 54 sovereign nations most of which used to form part of the British Empire. Many of the members of the Commonwealth grow and export food which we enjoy consuming here in the UK. **The Tatsfield Fairtrade Group will be serving Fairtrade Tea and Coffee from our gazebo at the Village Street Party on Westmore Green on Sunday 5 June.**



There are hundreds of Fairtrade teas and coffees to choose between. This article will shine a light on some popular UK Fairtrade brands who have nurtured ethical and sustainable relationships with producers across the Commonwealth.

**1. CLIPPER FAIRTRADE TEAS** blend their teas which are sourced from **Kenya, India and Sri Lanka**. The company works with a small number of plantations to build up a supportive partnership with the growers rather than buying at auctions. The company began in Dorset in 1984 and has grown to supply over 1 billion tea bags a year! Clipper teas are widely available in our local supermarkets and there is NO PLASTIC in their teabags. Why not give them a try and link with Commonwealth growers ensuring greater security, equality and opportunity for the farmers, pluckers and the lives of their families and communities.



**2. CAFÉDIRECT** was launched in 1991, three years before the Fairtrade Mark. They pioneered its introduction in the UK and were the first coffee brand to carry the certification. Since the beginning, Cafédirect have used business as a force for good to improve livelihoods and build communities. In addition to the Fairtrade social premiums they pay for the crops, they reinvest at least one third of their profits to grower business and communities.



To date, they have invested over 50% of their profits back into the 40 producer organisations they support across 14 countries! One of their producers is located in **Uganda**, East Africa. Ankole Coffee Co-op is in Kabowhe close to the border with Rwanda. You will be enjoying Ankole's coffee in Cafédirect Smooth Instant and Lively Roast blends. You can also savour Arabica beans from **Tanzania** in the Kilimanjaro whole bean or ground coffee bags from Cafédirect. <https://www.cafedirect.co.uk/products/kilimanjaro-beans/>

**3. DIVINE CHOCOLATE** is a global social enterprise based in **Ghana** driven by a mission to help end exploitation in the cocoa industry, creating a world where farmers thrive and prosper.

Their business model reflects the belief that producers should earn a share of the profits they help to create. That's why Kuapa Kokoo Farmers' Union, a co-operative of over 100,000 cocoa farmers in **Ghana**, who grow the finest quality cocoa for their everyday and seasonal collections, co-own Divine Chocolate. Their stake in Divine Chocolate is a first in the Fairtrade world.

Your decision to choose a Divine bar of chocolate makes a tangible difference to the Ghanaian workers who own the plantations, share in the profits and make decisions democratically about the business. Look for Divine in Sheree's Stores, Waitrose, Oxfam and Co-op.



We hope that you enjoy our teas and coffees at the Jubilee celebrations and that you will try to add Fairtrade products to your next shopping basket. You have the power to make a positive difference with every £1 in your pockets.

Thanks for all your support over the years.  
Tatsfield has been a Fairtrade Village since 2009. Here's to many more!

**Hilary Harber, Tatsfield Fairtrade Group**

**TATSFIELD 100 CLUB**

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

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Stuart Hendry	£48.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	Paul Menham	£32.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Brian 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).



**NEWS FLASH**

**SAVE THE DATES**

**TATSFIELD ART GROUP**

**2022 ART EXHIBITION**

**TATSFIELD VILLAGE HALL**

**SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup> September**

**2.30PM-5PM**

**SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**11am-4pm**



## TATSFIELD SCOUTS

Our Tatsfield Scouts have been enjoying the great outdoors this term with activities including kayaking and paddleboarding, ballooning, archery and avoiding capture between checkpoints on the ever popular 6-mile Colditz overnight hike. They have also been working towards Astronomy, Gardener, Communicator and Collector badges.

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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## VACANCIES



### 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**.

## TATSFIELD MARTIAL ARTS

**Southern Area Inter Counties** On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May, myself and other TMA coaches, led the Surrey Teams into battle against teams from Sussex, Kent and Hampshire in the SA Inter counties championships. Each county provided the following teams: Boys U12; Girls U12; Boys U16; Girls U16; Senior mixed – coloured belts; Senior mixed – black belts.

Our U12's did extremely well, both the boys and girls team came 1<sup>st</sup> and won the Inter Counties cups. The future looks strong for team Surrey!



In the U16 teams, TMA had four members competing. Lizzie Merredew fought in the u44kg group, winning 1 fight and losing 2. Bella Mumford fought in the u57kg group, winning 2 and losing 1. Aaron Mumford fought in the o66kg group (basically an open weight with no maximum limited) and he came up against some very big opponents, and although he fought well he was unable to score a win. Finally, Kayden Plinston fought in the u60kg, and although facing the no1's for each of the other counties – he won all his contests in style. Full ippon (judo's knockout) against each one of his opponents. As this is a team event, individual wins only count for so much and overall, both the boys and girls' teams placed 4<sup>th</sup>.

Both our Senior teams placed 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. In the lower grade (non-black belt) team, TMA had Harry Baxter fighting in the u100kg group. Harry has only been doing judo a matter of months and is a 6<sup>th</sup> kyu – the lowest grade after white belt. On top of this being his first competition, he was also giving away a massive amount of weight – being only 83kg fighting in the u100's. Despite this, he put in a brave effort and gave his opponents something to think about, however the lack of experience and size eventually work against him and he was unable to secure a win – however, lots of valuable experience gained.

**New Black Belts At TMA** I'm delighted to say that Ben Davy has now collected all the competitive points he required and has been promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Dan black belt by the British Judo Association (BJA). This a well-deserved and overdue promotion, without COVID I have no doubt that Ben would have obtain the grade back in 2020. This means that Ben is the 5<sup>th</sup> black belt the club has produced since opening. On top of Ben's promotion, Kevin Ruggins was also promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan by the BJA, having completed a technical examination earlier in the month.

**Adam Plinston**



## ST MARY'S NEWS

### From the team rector:

Dear Friends,

As I write this letter summer is beginning to settle in, the weather is getting warmer and some will be beginning to look forward to a summer break.

We are also waiting and looking forward to our Queen's Jubilee and the opportunity to join together in street parties and other celebrations. How well Her Majesty has served this country for seventy years, never flinching from duty, steadfast in service and always done with such grace.

The Queen in line with tradition is very regal, on state occasions she will be seen wearing a crown, sitting on a throne and riding with much ceremony in fine coaches and on occasions well-groomed horses. The king we serve in the Christian church is very different, he chose to enter into Jerusalem not on a fine horse but a humble donkey, his clothes were simple garments and the only crown we wore was made of thorns.

Jesus was also a King who was humble, courageous and acted as servant to others. In this we find that although outward appearances are very different, inwardly our Queen seems to have many of the qualities which we find in any disciple of Christ who seeks to follow the way of our Lord.

I hope that however you celebrate the Jubilee you are able to enjoy the company of others and express your gratitude for the Queen's steadfast service to this country.

With my love and assurance of prayers,

Rev. Helen Cook

Team Rector for Limpsfield and Tatsfield

### **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)

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

*Themed service* Our 10am service on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June will include especially themed to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

### **Flower Festival**

We will be presenting a Flower Festival at St Mary's on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> June. If any individual, business or organisation would like to make a contribution towards the cost of the flowers please contact Madie Langford 01959 577114.

## Jubilee Teas

Although this year's Teas Season does not officially start until 12<sup>th</sup> June, we will be providing Teas on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June from 2pm to 5pm to mark the Jubilee Weekend. We look forward to seeing you for our Jubilee Teas and at our regular popular Sunday Teas over the summer months to come.

## New Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Following our recent Annual Meeting, our Church Parochial Council is now made up as follows:

Vicar	<i>Vacant</i>
Chair	Chris Hancock
Churchwardens	Chris Hancock and Marjory Broughton

### *PCC Members*

Madie Langford (Treasurer)	Jennifer Evans	Mary Smith
Richard Budgen	Maryrose Fawke	Hilary Vale
Sheila Cook	Steve Jackman	Rebecca Veale



### "Happy Hour" Coffee

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

## Churchyard Tidy-Up

Due to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee our next churchyard tidy-up will now be on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July from 10am - 12noon. We will enjoy coffee/tea and cake at 11am. All are welcome – please join us as we keep the churchyard looking beautiful for our many visitors.

## Food Bank Deliveries

We delivered to Westerham Food Bank on 19<sup>th</sup> May and plan to deliver to Christ Church, Brixton Road, towards the end of June. We continue to collect and deliver food to both sites throughout the year, to meet the growing need to support families there. Food suggestions, welcomed by Christ Church are baked beans, tinned meat, tinned fish, tinned fruit, rice, pasta, sauces (pasta sauces etc) and snacks. If you would like to give your support you can leave any non-perishable food that you wish to donate in the Narthex of St Mary's church, Tatsfield. The church opening days are Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday from 8.30am to approximately 3.30pm, or please contact me. If you would like to donate in the monetary way, this will be used to purchase further food. Thank you for your support. **Hilary Vale 01959 577864**

## Bishop of Croydon appointed

Downing Street have announced that Her Majesty, The Queen, has approved the appointment of the Venerable Dr Rosemarie Mallett, Archdeacon of Croydon, as Bishop of Croydon in the Diocese of Southwark. She succeeds the Rt Revd Jonathan Clark who

left the Diocese in March. Dr Mallett is the first female Bishop in the Diocese. She will be the second Barbadian Bishop of Croydon - the first being the Rt Revd Wilfred Wood who served as Bishop from 1985 to 2003. He was the first Black Bishop in the Church of England. Dr Mallett will be consecrated at Southwark Cathedral on Friday 24 June. The Revd Greg Prior is to replace her as Archdeacon of Croydon in the Diocese of Southwark.

### 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 May 2022

53 S. Cook £22; 75 D. Parker £13; 7 J. Ellis £8; St Mary's £42

### 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

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

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

## TATSFIELD WI

May is the month for all WIs to hold their Annual Meeting. We reviewed last year's events and discussed plans for 2022/23. The Committee of five agreed to continue in their roles for another year.



Tatsfield WI will be fully involved in the village events celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee: the St.Mary's Flower Festival and the Party on Westmore Green. Look out for our WI Cakes and Produce gazebo.

Susan Smale 01959 577660



## 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]
	8.15 pm	Bingo – TVC
<b>Tue</b>	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	Tatsfield Drama Club - StM
	6.00 pm	Beginners Step Class - VH
	7.00 pm	Scouts and Explorers – SH
	7.00 pm	Beginners Step Class - VH
<b>Wed</b>	10.00 am	WI Pop In – WIH
	7.30 pm	Yoga – VH
<b>Thu</b>	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
	8.00 pm	Table Tennis – VH
<b>Fri</b>	10.00 am	Pilates – WIH
	9.30 am	Self-defence and HIIT, Tatsfield Martial Arts -SH
	11.15 am	Pilates – WIH
	1.30 pm	Short Mat Bowls –VH
	6.30 pm	Over 10's Ju Jitsu- SH
	8.00 pm	Badminton Club – VH
<b>Sat</b>	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](mailto:tatsfieldpm@gmail.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS – VILLAGE AND BEYOND

### JUNE

2 <sup>nd</sup> Thu	12.00pm	Church Flower Festival, StM
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thu	9.30pm	Platinum Jubilee Beacon Lighting, Bakery Lawn
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thu	7.00pm	Live Music by Mel, Ye Olde Ship
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thu		Drinks available at The Bakery, Ye Olde Ship
		Drinks available Village Club (members and guests only)
3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri	12.00pm	Church Flower Festival, StM
3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri	2.00pm	Church Teas, StM
3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri	6.00pm	Live Music at the Village Club (members and guests only)
4 <sup>th</sup> Sat	12.00pm	Church Flower Festival, StM
4 <sup>th</sup> Sat	2.00pm	Church Teas, StM
4 <sup>th</sup> Sat	7.00pm	Platinum Jubilee Live Music, Pie & Mash, Ye Olde Ship
4 <sup>th</sup> Sat	7.30pm	Platinum Jubilee Concert, Tatsfield Singers (ticket holders only)
4 <sup>th</sup> Sat	7.45pm	Oxted Comedy Night, Barn Theatre
5 <sup>th</sup> Sun	12.00pm	Church Flower Festival, StM
5 <sup>th</sup> Sun	3.00pm	Platinum Jubilee Tatsfield Street Party, Westmore Green
5 <sup>th</sup> Sun	7.30pm	Live Music in Ye Olde Ship
11 <sup>th</sup> Sat	7.00pm	Liz Kelleher Quiz Night, Marathon Fundraiser, VH
11 <sup>th</sup> Sat	7.00pm	The Magic Globe, Barn Theatre
24-25 <sup>th</sup>		Glow – Honk! JR, Barn Theatre
28 <sup>th</sup> -1 <sup>st</sup> July		Glow – Honk! JR, Barn Theatre

### JULY

5 <sup>th</sup> Tues		THS Wisley Garden Visit
7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup>	various	Glow – Our House, Barn Theatre
16 <sup>th</sup>	1pm&6pm	Back to the Boomovies, Barn Theatre

### AUGUST

10 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	High School Musical – Kenley Holiday Workshop Barn Theatre
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### 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 ONLINE

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and ask to join to be able to view and post.

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## NIGEL'S NATURE NOTES

We begin this month with a (delayed) garden report from Martin Allen (27.03.22):

*'John Rosenbaum's listing is mighty impressive. I can only recall noting 28 visiting species from his list in our garden. [Re: John's 2021 observations.] It has been pretty quiet in the garden recently where the 20+ flocks of **House Sparrows** and **Chaffinches** we used to get have never returned. But lately it has been a pleasure to see both **Chaffinch** and **Goldfinch** returning. Although in small numbers, it is much better than the number 0 that was the case for so long. We have had a visit from a solitary **Brambling** over winter. At least that one is absent from John's list!'*

It looks as though Martin may have made a Brambling observation some time before the rest of us. The last sighting in my garden, incidentally, was just two days after submitting May's 'Nature Notes' – April 19<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully, having found a good winter home, they will return to us at the end of the year. Right now, however, it's time to keep a lookout for summer visitors and I'm going to get in straight away with a fantastic sighting of... a **Tree Pipit!** Having never seen one before it was immediately apparent that this was



something out of the ordinary. Extraordinary, in fact! I was eating breakfast, looking out of the window, as usual, when what I thought was probably an immature sparrow or finch flew down from the acer tree on to the fence. It's mostly true what people say about small brown birds all looking alike from a distance. This one, however, then flew towards the house and settled on the wall of the raised bed, just the other side of the patio, about ten feet from my

cereal bowl. And there it sat, for about a minute, giving me ample time to observe and mentally record various features. As you are doubtless aware, to have a bird sit so obligingly for this length of time at such close quarter is a heaven-sent opportunity. The striated breast was the most obvious feature. Alongside this were the markings and colour of the crown, cheeks, eye-stripe, wing and tail feathers, legs and beak, and, of course, the general shape, posture and size. To be honest, on this occasion, I was glad not to have a camera to hand. If I had, I would probably have been concentrating too much on achieving a decent photograph rather than mentally recording and fully appreciating what I was seeing. Once the bird had flown, the immediate task was to confirm, through various book and computer illustrations and descriptions, that this was indeed the bird species I believed it to be. Not having heard its call or song, and by appearance alone, it could easily have been a Meadow Pipit. However, the fact that it was perfectly content perching in a tree, in a garden, and not favouring an extensive area of grassland (meadow) makes this, for me, a certainty. It also makes me a very fortunate and happy man!

**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 – JUNE 2022

It's amazing to think that the summer solstice is with us already – it only seems like yesterday when we were admiring the brilliant winter constellations. This year the solstice occurs on June 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:13am which is the moment in time when the Sun is as far above the celestial equator as it can possibly get. The celestial equator is the Earth's equator projected out into space and onto the imaginary celestial sphere. On that date, from our latitude, the Sun rises at 4:43am (at its furthest around the horizon towards the north-east) and sets at 9:21pm. To astronomers the day of the summer solstice marks the first day of summer whereas to the meteorologist it is June 1<sup>st</sup>. This is because astronomers use the dates of the solstices and equinoxes as indicators of when seasons change, whereas meteorologists use the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month when these events occur. For example, an astronomer will tell you that autumn this year begins on September 23<sup>rd</sup> (the date of the autumnal equinox) but a meteorologist will say it's on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

The planets remain very much rooted in the morning skies at the moment, strung out as they are from east to west along the line of the ecliptic. The ecliptic is the *apparent* passage of the Sun through the constellations over the course of a year. It does not refer to its daily rising and setting. Alternatively, the ecliptic can be considered as the plane of the Earth's passage around the Sun – both are equally correct and amount to the same thing but seen from a different perspective. All the other 7 planet's planes of rotation around the Sun are very similar to the Earth's which means that all those bodies can be seen in a fairly narrow band across the sky. This band is called the Zodiac which is itself centred on the ecliptic. If you do happen to look out around 4:15am in the middle of the month the planets you will see, starting in the north-north-east, are Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and lastly towards the south, Saturn. Uranus is also there, close to Venus, but is too faint to be seen by the naked eye. The problem is, at this time of year, the Sun rises very early. It's worth noting that sunrise is not earliest on the day of the summer solstice: it usually varies by a few days. This is due to something called the equation of time as well as your location on the Earth's surface.

Not only does the Sun rise early and set late, but the sky is never properly dark in the summer because the Sun is never very far below the horizon. In the middle of June at midnight (GMT) or 1am (BST) the Sun is only 15° below the northern horizon which is why the sky looks lighter in that direction. For the sky to be classed as astronomically dark the centre of the Sun must be at least 18° below the horizon.

The saying that “What goes around comes around” is as true in astronomy as it is in anything else and if you have the patience, the brightest planets will be evening objects in late August and September when they can be observed at a far more sociable hour. Saturn is closest to Earth (at opposition in astronomical terminology) in August, Jupiter in September and Mars in December so the best is yet to come. Plus, we have a partial eclipse of the Sun to look forward to in October.

**Brian Mills FRAS**

## TATSFIELD IN BLOOM



As I am writing this the summer bedding plants have just arrived from Coblands and the petunias in purple, white and yellow are looking beautiful. We are intending to plant these in the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> May so that they can become established by the Jubilee weekend. A watering rota is also being drawn up for the summer and we hope that as many people as possible have volunteered to take on this task. If you would like to help please contact me.

After planting the summer flowering plants in the village containers, one of the challenges the Tatsfield in Bloom team face is to ensure that there is a constant supply of moisture in the compost that ensures the plants can continue to grow without suffering drought stress. A shortage of moisture will cause a plant to stop growing and wilt; watering dry compost is very difficult and wilting causes damage to the internal water conducting tissues inside the plant.

Although our volunteers are watering daily, we have had to learn some 'tricks of the trade' that avoid the compost drying out:

- we avoid watering in the heat of the day when up to 50% of the water can be lost in a short space of time;
- we use water retaining granules that can be bought from local garden centres under various names such as 'Swell Gel', when the white granules are mixed into the planting compost the soak up water and turning to blobs of clear jelly, as the compost dries, they release their water acting like hundreds of mini reservoirs;
- we use large plastic bottles cut in half, we cut thin slits into the bottom and invert them into the compost, when filled with water they release the water slowly as the compost dries out.

We are also purchasing some perennials and shrubs to make a new bed under the new parish noticeboard on Westmore Green which will be completed by the Jubilee weekend.

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

**Jill Hancock (577622) ([jillhancock12@gmail.com](mailto:jillhancock12@gmail.com))**

## THE TATSFIELD GARDENER IN JUNE

Those folk who have been admiring our spring displays of Pansies and Violas in the manger baskets on our front wall by the garage might be puzzled to notice that the left side basket is now full of dry withered plants hanging over the edge while the right hand basket continues to flourish. Two weeks ago I was standing close to this basket with the watering can when there was a blur of wings that brushed my hair! Using a two-step, I carefully climbed up and peeked in amongst the plants and found buried deep in the compost at the back of the basket a nest with five eggs laid by mummy Robin. I stopped watering, the plants wilted removing the cover over the nest but mummy Robin



continued to sit on her eggs and is now feeding very hungry babies. We were very pleased that our resident Blackbird has once again set up home in our log store, one brood is on the wing and we are expecting her to start a second brood soon. We also have Dunnocks, and more, in our hedge at the back.

This is a critical time for nesting birds and our gardens are one big maternity ward, be careful out there gardeners!

June is the ideal time to prune and reshape those shrubs that flowered early in the year eg Forsythia, Lilac and many more. Pruning now will allow them time to make and mature the growth needed to produce flower buds vital for a good show of flower next year. Remember that if these plants are happy in their space and not encroaching on paths, patios, or other plants then leave them be.

It is wonderful to see and hear about the many initiatives to plant more trees. But I am very worried at the lack of emphasis on the importance of watering these plants in the first year or two of life. There are reports of large numbers of trees that have died already in the very dry start to the growing season. If you have new trees and shrubs in your garden please take care to give them enough water; please give them a bucket, or watering can, full per plant during warm dry periods and use a thick layer of compost around the base as a mulch to hold the moisture in the soil.

**Jon Allbutt**

## **NOT SO YOUNG CLUB**

We all had a very pleasant afternoon at the Biggin Hill museum cafe. Members tucked into a lovely buffet followed by scones and cake.

June's meeting will be our AGM therefore if there are any potential new members that may be thinking of joining us please could they let the committee know.



Following our Parish Council grant, nine members enjoyed a complimentary night at the village hall to see the film 'Belfast'. This month 12 members will be seeing "West Side Story". As the Curzon Country Cinemas is suspended for the summer we are organising for family and friends of the NSYC a cinema evening on June 17th. We will be screening a short film, breaking for an interval when we will be serving tea, cakes a perhaps a small glass of wine! Then showing "Fisherman's Friends". If anyone would like to join us please contact Sue Dowse.

Finally, we all look forward to seeing you at the Jubilee celebration at Westmore Green, where we will be serving traditional ice cream favourites.

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

## TATSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The THS **Plant and Produce Sale** took place on Saturday 7th May and, considering this was the first Spring Sale for a few years, it can be considered another big success. Thank you to all the villagers and members who came along and supported us.

We must particularly thank our new Vice President and good friend Bryan Everest for the considerable number of donated plants that he brought along on the day - including at least six different varieties of tomato that were quickly purchased when everyone knew they had come from Bryan!

Thanks to Pam Bishop for her contributions on the two purple Aeonium. For my part I hope the lucky lady who purchased my donated runner beans enjoys as good a crop from them I as I have been getting over the years. Thanks to everyone else that donated both their produce and their time, including your hard-working committee who started the day at 8am waiting on the delivery of the plants. The sale raised over £750, including approximately £100 from donated plants, and made a profit for the society of over £300 which will go back in to the THS funds.

I hope you didn't miss out I did warn you everything would go very quickly.

This photo courtesy of Sue Warren shows members and villagers purchasing from the sale on Saturday. The unknown lady on the left \*\* see below, then Jessie Eales White, Margaret Bishop and Kim Jennings.



\*\* If the unknown lady on the left sees this and wishes to make herself known to me on the contact details below, the THS will donate her a £10 Knights voucher.

By the time you read this The Wisley Visit will have happened so I hope some of you have some good memories of another worthwhile visit and a lovely day to boot. Let's hope so.

And another reminder for the **Evening Garden Visit to Titsey Place** arranged for **Tuesday July 5<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**. You are welcome to bring along a picnic to eat on the picnic tables outside the formal walled gardens after our tour of the gardens with the Head Gardener, Rory Dryburg. The cost will be £6.00 per head to enter the gardens, and we will ask for a donation towards the Head Gardener's time and expertise on the day. Ring Sue Warren on 542892 if you want to book or have some questions.

**Martin Allen, THS Treasurer**

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## MY DOG'S GOT FLEAS



An almost perfect presentation of an adult education class! The arrival of a group of complete strangers, in an alien environment, to begin a new challenge of learning to play the ukulele? Add to the mix the under-stated style of the tutor, played admirably by Phil, and the superb accompaniment of the musical backing group, led by Chris Lovelace, this was a play full of expectation from the very start and it did not disappoint. The final performance by the ensemble enraptured the audience and particular admiration for the class of ukulele beginners, who had never played a ukulele before rehearsals began!

Capturing the elements of learning from no knowledge and relatively little confidence, Ann Lovelace has written a play that charts the process and joys of being engaged and inspired by learning something new.

Act One painted a picture of the different characters, some shy and reserved, others cheeky, but most of all, all determined to learn. There were some obvious stereotypes – the haughty ex-headteacher, the student who needed regular comfort breaks, the bossy caretaker, the student looking for personal tuition! Winding up the tutor with a kazoo performance was classic! Ann created a steady interaction between the characters as their confidence grew, and the goal of a public performance inspired them towards revealing other talents, often hidden amongst strangers.

Act Two presented these talents and the tutor and organiser of the public performance auditioned them all as they began to expose their new-found talents and combine with existing skills. Even the tutor demonstrated his ability to recognise how to merge various students' talents and stretch them to perform together.

The final performance was led effectively by the master of ceremonies and the musical backing group merged with the class of ukulele beginners to produce a scintillating and engaging last period. We all wanted more, and the ensemble did not disappoint.

A well-crafted play, with musical accompaniment of professional standards, presented on a village hall stage, with all its idiosyncrasies, and the lighting and sound complemented the action. The actors gained new musical skills and projected the joys and fears of learning admirably. Tricia Whyte (Director) provided the experience to weave the sounds and script into a complete, embroidered production.

As Ann Lovelace alluded to in her programme notes, the onset of Covid inspired her to work with Chris to produce something unusual and yet so reflective of the world of adult learning. The humour, the interaction between class members, the fusing of sound and script – all captured in an entertaining and engaging couple of hours of sheer enjoyment!

The original group of ukulele beginners should also be proud of their inspiration! Find a beginners class near you to discover why... "My dog's got fleas"!!

## NORTH DOWNS SINFONIA

NDS held their Spring Concert on May 7<sup>th</sup> in the Village Hall as usual. The weather was excellent and allowed the 70 people who attended to stretch their legs outside during the relaxed interval. They were entertained by the virtually unknown, but very tuneful, 'Naiades' overture by a composer who was celebrated in his time, William Sterndale Bennett. This was followed by the Mozart Symphony No 31 - the Paris, named after the location where it was written and first performed.



The second half of the concert consisted of the mighty Piano Concerto No 5, the Emperor, by Beethoven. This was beautifully performed by the soloist, Mariela Cingo. The concert was conducted by Ben Knowles, who has, unlike Mariela (who has played with the orchestra many times) never

conducted NDS, but will undoubtedly be invited back. The concert was enjoyed by orchestra and audience alike, all of whom left with a smile on their faces.

The concert in November will be a tribute to Francis Griffin, who died very unexpectedly last December after a short illness. He not only conducted the orchestra on many occasions, but introduced incredible soloists such as Nina Alupii-Morton (mezzo-soprano), Davide Sorrentino (tenor) and Edwin Kim (violin) who flew from Korea especially to play in an NDS concert, such was his regard for Francis, who will be sorely missed. Francis was also instrumental in returning NDS to rehearsals once the pandemic restrictions began to ease. The concert will feature some of Francis's favourite music – Mozart Marriage of Figaro overture, Haydn Symphony 99 and Beethoven Violin Concerto. More details nearer the date.

### Peter Maynard

#### EMERGENCY INFORMATION – DEFIBRILLATORS

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## TATSFIELD'S VILLAGE CLUB

I came to live in the village in the early 1950's and spent two years living next door to the Working Men's Club at Number 1 Pond Cottage. I had previously trained as an electrician and I was asked to re-wire the whole club. I found that every surface I touched was covered in slimy and smelly nicotine as most of the male members smoked a pipe or cigarettes. The place was dark and (I thought) not very nice and I never really wanted to become a member. Scroll forward some 67 years and recently I was invited by the new club secretary - Pete Bath, to come and have a look at the place and find out what was going on.

My word how different it all is now - so warm, bright and inviting. I received a friendly welcome from the many people I recognised. Two small group meetings were being held, a large TV screen had a football game going on with the sound level just right set that people could talk to each other without shouting. It was explained to me that swearing was not tolerated and if it did happen, the annoying person would receive a written letter prior to disciplinary notice by the mixed members committee. I was shown a large outside area at the end of the club especially for the members who like a quiet drink and a smoke in the fresh air. Here again the fenced in privacy was great with nice tables and chairs uniformly placed around to use. I was informed that there was a full-sized snooker/billiards table upstairs that was well used by many keen players.

There are plenty of things going on at the club on different days including a poker card school, Mondays are for big bingo nights with the local woodworker David Bacon as caller with Fridays being the meat raffle draw (tickets are a pound a strip) with Pete Bath in charge. The club's diary is filled with bags of cracking bands booked for future entertainment.

Presently there are some 300 members on the clubs books and the opening times are: Monday to Thursday, 3pm – 11pm, Friday 12 midday to 11.30pm, Saturday and Sunday 12 midday to 11pm.

As an aside - a bit of background info was received from Tatsfield's village historian Ian Mitchell, that the club was a completed new building in October 1931 and the nine gentlemen committee members ages totalled 701 years.

After taking pictures of the management and staff members I was offered a drink to which I declined as I am a non-drinker and smoker and immediately the question was put "would you like a cup of tea?" Now that's what I call a proper club.



**Dave Bishop**

## BIGGIN HILL COMMUNITY CARE ASSOCIATION



BHCCA organises a number of activities for older people to enable them to be more active, and to provide them with an opportunity to take part in social events and hobbies. All of our activities are open to anyone from Biggin Hill and the surrounding areas including Keston, Tatsfield, Downe, Cudham. We hire St. Mark's Centre, which is attached to St. Mark's Church in Church Road, Biggin Hill which has its own car park. Our facilities include a large hall, a comfortable lounge, a small garden and a professionally fitted kitchen. We have three opportunities:



**Art Club** Our Art Club is a chance to meet together with other interested adults. It is for any level of skill from beginner upwards and we provide some tuition if required and is very informal. The Club meets on Wednesday afternoons from 2pm. Light refreshments are served during the afternoon. Some of our members take part in local exhibitions.

**Lunch Club** If you think you might enjoy chatting to others over lunch, then you may be interested in our very friendly Lunch Club that meets every Wednesday from 12.15pm. A three-course meal is provided which is cooked by our own staff on the premises and is followed by tea or coffee. Our volunteers will be very keen to look after you and make you feel welcome!

**Day Centre** Our Day Centre provides a friendly and sociable environment where our members are supported by our caring professional staff. We have a regular activity programme each morning and afternoon and provide a 3-course meal that is prepared in our own kitchen. It is open to any older people who would like some company or are in need of a level of support or whose carers need regular respite. We are able to support those who are experiencing isolation, frailty, a physical disability, early stages of Dementia, or have suffered a stroke. The Centre is wheelchair friendly. The Day Centre meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10.30am to 3.30pm. If you are not sure if the Day Centre is suitable for you, you can talk to our Centre Manager, who may offer to visit you at home if that is appropriate.



If you would like any further information about any of the above please send an email to [bigginhillcommunitycare@gmail.com](mailto:bigginhillcommunitycare@gmail.com), or you can visit our website at [bigginhillcommunitycare.org](http://bigginhillcommunitycare.org), or you can call us on 01959 577400. The office is usually open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9.30 to 3pm. Outside of these times you may need to leave a message. All of our activities need to be booked in advance so please get in touch if you are interested.

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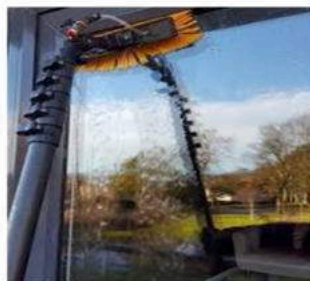
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