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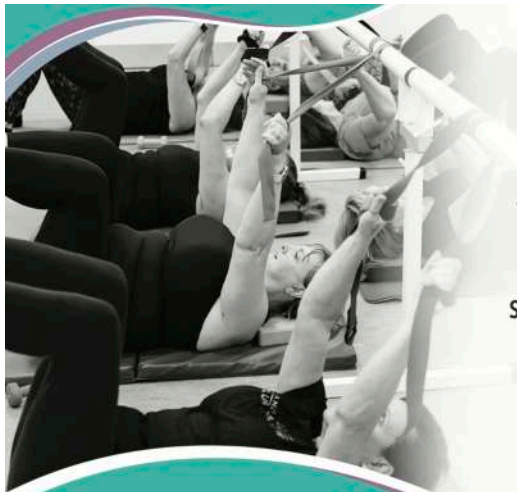
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## EDITORIAL

Welcome to Autumn!

It was a dark and stormy night ...

A great crack of thunder and a flash of lightening in the midst of relentless, heavy rain. This was alarming enough sitting in the comfort of the home of the lady I was visiting, drinking tea and eating brownies. But my thoughts went to the person pictured below who was walking the North Downs Way and would be arriving that evening.

Kathy Sifret turned up very wet and laden by her pack – she intended to camp but one of her tent poles had broken and how could we let her camp in our garden when we had a spare bed in the dry?!

We knew very little about her beyond her need for a place to stay for one night on her charity walk for the RAF Association. She did not look like a Squadron Leader, still less a well-qualified and experienced engineer!

But then, appearances can be deceptive, can't they?

It is from the Bible that we get the phrase 'entertaining angels unawares' where the writer suggests that by showing hospitality and welcoming strangers we might be showing love to God's messengers in disguise!



Not that we were expecting a heavenly visitation when Kathy came to our door – but we were rewarded by her company and conversation and finding common ground in a delightfully unexpected way.

Whenever we offer a helping hand, make a donation to a charity, give our time and talents to those needs we see in our community, share a meal with strangers - we are making our way towards hope and relationship. These are acts of trust which lead to a healthy and thriving society.

Blessings to all our neighbours as the leaves fall and the days draw in.

**Reverend Debra**

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## LETTERS – GOODBYE TO TATSFIELD

**Dear Editors** By the time you read this, Chris and I will have left our Johns Road home for a modest maisonette in Sanderstead. Although we were only in Tatsfield for 14 years and were comparative newcomers compared to many, we were never made to feel so. One of our main reasons for choosing the village was to be near our daughter Sarah Coop and husband Tom. We could be on hand to help with looking after our granddaughters Lucy and Amy, taking them to and from school.

From the start we were amazed by the vibrancy of Tatsfield life and all it had to offer. We were encouraged to embrace it. Although we won't miss the morning mists and the potholes we have such warm memories of our life there. My love of flower arranging allowed me the opportunity to enter the Spring and Autumn shows. We take our hats off to the wonderful work and dedication of the Horticultural group. One year we were persuaded by Bob David to enter the competition for the best untamed garden. We actually won the cup. We were filled with pride until we later learned we were the only entry! These are the memories which will warm us on winter days:

- Tatsfield school shows, encouraging the development of our granddaughters' musical talent under the tutelage and encouragement of Jan Akhtar. (Lucy, 22 today as I write, was awarded a degree in Music this summer and is going on to follow in Jan's footsteps. Amy is a fine singer and appeared in a leading role in *les Miserables* at the Stag Theatre last year.)
- The encouragement and generosity of residents when I did my 100 mile walk around the village for the Orpheus Centre, Sir Richard Stilgoe's wonderful charity for young disabled people. Several of the latter have performed and wowed audiences in Tatsfield over the years.
- Sheree's shop with its enticing gifts and a place to meet. Her and Simon's support to the housebound during Covid.
- The Johns Road residents' association, founded by Chris.
- The fitness classes I puffed my way through in the WI Hall.
- The various charity concerts I enjoyed helping stage in the Village Hall.
- Tapping into the talents of Tatsfield singers and actors for the musical Chris and I wrote and staged: *My Dog's Got Fleas*. The fun we had rehearsing at our house and Chris teaching them the ukulele. It played to full houses and raised over £6,000. Thank you Sandy Higgins, Jan Akhtar, Carol Gaskell, Roger Williams, John Moore, Terry Cartwright and Huw Davies.
- The beautiful church and surroundings. The privilege of taking part in the flower shows.

**Long may this unique community thrive! Thank you for having us.**

**Ann and Chris Lovelace**

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Thank you for your continued support. **Madie Langford**



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**Kim Jennings**

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### PLANNING

**Application reference: TA/2024/870/TPO. 2 Beacon Shaw, Tatsfield Approach Road, Tatsfield TN16 2JT. T1) – Norway Spruce – section fell to as close to ground level as practicable. T2) – Common Horse Chestnut – section fell to as close to ground level as practicable. Summary:** There is insufficient information to review this application on the Tandridge website – all that is uploaded is a red line plan and the application form. **Recommendation: Request TDC to provide further information and reconsult/extend consultation, providing the following note:** There is insufficient information to review this application on the Tandridge District Council planning website – all that is uploaded is a red line plan and the application form. The application form cross references ‘supporting “reason for works” from “Treecraft Ltd” Arboriculturist provided within the description of works section and Structural report and photos from “CDR Engineering Services Ltd”. These have yet to be uploaded for consultees to review. N.B since meeting further information has been received and a Recommendation of No Comment has been submitted.

**Application reference: TA/2024/82. Charmwood (plot C), Greenway, Tatsfield TN16 2BS. Erection of a 2 storey dwelling (self-build). Summary:** Planning permission has existed on this plot to construct a new build house since March 2019 (TDC ref. 2018/2481 and varied by 2021/1125). Evidently previous applications have now lapsed and a new application is being submitted. There is limited information and in our view there are a number of key documents and commitments that are not provided to enable a decision. **Recommendation:** Objection. Though the principle of a replacement dwelling has been previously set on this site under TDC planning applications ref. 2018/2481 and varied by 2021/1125, this new application should be reviewed in the context of the adoption of the Tatsfield Neighbourhood Plan 2024.

In design and massing terms, the proposed house is considered appropriate and proportionate, however, a number of key documents are missing, and commitments need to be shown before TDC make a decision on this application. A Design and Access Statement, Planning Statement and a Renewable Energy Statement should all have been submitted with an application for a new dwelling for consultees to review it properly. No commitment has been made to meet 10% renewable energy generation on site as required under TDC Core Strategy policy CSP14 (Sustainable Construction). The proposal is also not compliant with Policy TNP08B of the adopted Tatsfield Neighbourhood Plan for the provision of well-designed energy efficient developments which requires: ***New developments should demonstrate that they meet a high level of sustainable design and construction and will be optimised for energy efficiency, targeting zero carbon emissions. This includes:-***

- a) *Siting, orientation and shading of windows to optimise passive solar gain,*
- b) *The use of high quality, thermally efficient building materials,*

c) *Installation of energy efficiency measures such as **high levels of insulation, triple glazing and heat recovery.***

d) *All new development should incorporate on-site energy generation from renewable sources such as solar panels.*

We ask that this information is clearly demonstrated by the applicant and the commitments made for energy use and on site renewable energy generation such as solar roof panels.

**Note on Planning Decision at committee for 2024/393: Lochiel, Ricketts Hill Road, Tatsfield TN16 2NB - Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new dwelling.**

Planning was granted at TDC planning committee in the past week for this replacement dwelling which used three cumulative permitted development decisions to demonstrate that a new replacement dwelling that was 136% larger than the existing single storey bungalow was appropriate. Tatsfield Parish Council objected to this application on it being ‘materially larger’ than the existing bungalow (almost 2.5 times the size), causing harm in the Green Belt, on poor non-contextual design, no commitments to renewable energy and insufficient off street parking. This was repeated in our 3 minutes to the planning committee on the night including the numerous TDC and Neighbourhood Plan policies that it did not comply with.

Tandridge District Council cited ‘Very Special Circumstances’ to argue that the proposed house was a better option than building the three separate extensions to the current bungalow which they had also permitted in the past 2 years.

It is very unusual to use ‘Very Special Circumstances’ on a single residential application and our concerns about this setting a significant precedent for the future were set aside by the committee and a majority supported the application for approval.

**FINANCE** Items for expenditure were approved this involved works to the exterior paintwork at AMB, replacement and painting to the front beams and interior paintwork to new fire doors.

Mike Platten was appointed as the Internal Auditor for 2024-25 and is proposing an interim audit around Christmas and year end audit in May 2025.

**FURZE CORNER** Jason Syrett provided a report on progress of the initial meeting of the Steering Group for this project and Terms of Reference for the Steering Group were approved by the Parish Council. Please contact Jason Syrett if you are interested in joining this exciting project ([jasonsyrett@tatsfieldpc.org.uk](mailto:jasonsyrett@tatsfieldpc.org.uk)).

**RISK ASSESSMENT** The Annual Parish Council Risk Assessment has been concluded and all matters arising addressed. Furze Corner will now be added for future Risk Assessment.

**EV CHARGING** Simon Cook reported that initial investigations and applications had been supplied to a contractor but would be 10 weeks before we would hear if we are considered.

**RECYCLING INITIATIVE** Kim Jennings has been looking into small recycling projects that could maybe be introduced for residents, this would involve recycling medicine foils and coffee pods.

**PARISH MAGAZINE EVENT** The PC received a request from Tatsfield Parish Magazine to use Westmore Green to hold an event on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025; permission was granted.

**REMEMBRANCE SERVICE** This will take place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November at the Remembrance Stone at 10.40am. We require volunteers to assist with setting up and traffic management; if you can help please contact [Kimjennings@tatsfieldpc.org.uk](mailto:Kimjennings@tatsfieldpc.org.uk).

Our next meeting is on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm in the Parish Rooms.

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



## TATSFIELD'S NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

You can still view the documents on the Neighbourhood Plan website: <https://e-voice.org.uk/tatsfieldneighbourhoodplan>

## TANDRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Hi. Back again. How has your summer been? I hope it has been enjoyable and you have taken advantage of all the events that have happened in Tatsfield recently, but more importantly in the future. See the middle pages for the events list.

Tandridge District Council have agreed new **corporate plan for 2024-2028** which sets out the Council's strategic direction for the next four years. The vision is to protect the environment, delivering affordable homes, encouraging economic growth and supporting a healthy and inclusive community. The priorities will be:

- Protecting and enhancing the environment - Delivering affordable housing for local people – A thriving economy
- Financial prudence and sustainability – Putting residents at the heart of what they do.
- A safe and healthy and caring community supporting those most in need.

Let's hope all of the above is achievable.

TDC's first **net zero carbon homes** have been built at Orrick Court Caterham on the Hill, these new affordable rented homes mark an important step towards reducing carbon emissions and promoting sustainable living.

In the **fight against illegal breaches** of planning control a High Court injunction has been secured for a site in Shipley Bridge who had been undermining the planning laws and the green belt by making hard surfaces for mobile accommodation on the land.

TDC have refreshed the website as part of the work to improve online services, hopefully making it easier for everyone to engage more securely but also efficiently.

**There are some government grants available.** For more information go to: <https://find-government-grants.service.gov.uk/grants/electric-vehicle-infrastructure-grant-for-staff-and-fleets-1>

- From the Government for small and medium sized businesses towards installing electric vehicle charging points for their staff and fleet vehicles.
- Landlords can also apply to install and supporting infrastructure in both rental and leasehold properties.

Action Surrey has been awarded funding to help **Surrey residents who are off-gas** (not heated by mains gas) to improve the efficiency of your home, this is available to low income or stretched income households with hard to heat properties. For more information: <https://www.actionsurrey.org/home-upgrade-grant-phase-2-hug2/>

**Boiler upgrade scheme.** The boiler upgrade scheme supports the decarbonisation of homes and small non-domestic buildings. Grants of up to £7,500 are available to help property owners overcome the upfront costs of installing low carbon heating system. For more information: <https://find-government-grants.service.gov.uk/grants/boiler-upgrade-scheme-1#summary>

In view of another disappointing decision at the Planning Committee about **building in the Tatsfield Green belt** I/Chairman of the Parish Council intend to call a meeting with the Chairman of Planning and the Interim CPO to discuss the events of the evening and the "Fall back" position being used of permitted Development rights

Tatsfield residents are invited to meet the **Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner, Chief Constable and Tandridge Borough Commander** on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> between 6:30pm and 8pm at The Arc in Weston Drive Caterham. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and raise concerns following presentations.

Each year, TDC check the details on the **Electoral Register** are correct, so everyone who is eligible to vote in elections can have their say. This is known as the **Annual Canvass**. Look out for your request and action it straight away please.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2024 White Lane Titsey will be closed for the **annual Bec climb**. Please take note.

**Remember to help Tatsfield Good causes by buying your Tandridge Together lottery tickets.** Also please volunteer to assist the clubs and societies that need committee members to help run them.

**Remember to support all of our local businesses** who will continue to need us to show our support to them to ensure that they continue to operate well into the future.

If there is anything you think I can help you with, please contact me accordingly.

**Cllr Martin Allen**

**Tel: 01959 577201 or 07484 185363**

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

## **SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL**

Utility companies, such as those providing water, gas, electricity, and internet services, sometimes need to dig up roads to repair or maintain the infrastructure beneath them. We collaborate closely with these utility companies to coordinate the work on our roads. Although these works may cause temporary road closures and detours, they are essential to ensuring the continued delivery of vital services.

In the event of an emergency, such as a burst water main, a gas leak, or a sudden loss of electricity or internet services, utility companies may need to begin repairs immediately. In these urgent cases, they are allowed to notify us within two hours of starting the work. Due to the urgency, we cannot refuse permits for these emergency repairs, but it can be challenging to organise them, especially when other roadworks are already underway nearby. Since January 2024, the Streetworks team have managed 21,418 emergency works across our road network.

While road closures can be inconvenient, they are a necessary part of maintaining the essential services we all depend on. We work closely with utility companies to ensure that these works are completed properly and safely.

**For more information please see our frequently asked questions at: [surreycc.gov.uk](https://surreycc.gov.uk)**

## **CLAIRE COUNTINHO MP**

After another busy month out and about in East Surrey meeting residents, I wanted to give a particular mention to two visits to the wonderful Woodhouse Centre in Oxted, and the Prospero Theatre in Caterham to hear about their brilliant Friday Club. I'm delighted to have supported both groups through my local charity the Friendship Project, which I started to help support community groups who tackle loneliness. Overall, the Prospero Theatre has received £2000 for their Sandwich Club and the Woodhouse Centre has received £2500 for refurbishment.

I also met with the headteachers of five independent schools to discuss their concerns around the plan to introduce VAT on independent school fees. More than 1,000 constituents responded to my survey with 98% agreeing that this would increase pressure on local state schools and services for children with special educational needs and disabilities. 87% of parents who responded who had a child in an independent school said they would have to consider sending their child to a state school. That's up to 900 parents of children that local state schools would have to accommodate, many of whom have complex special needs. My fellow Surrey MPs and I have written to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rachel Reeves to ask her to reconsider this damaging policy and introduce an immediate exemption for children attending independent special schools.

In my role as Shadow Secretary of State, I led the opposition to Ed Miliband's plans to create an energy company that doesn't generate any energy, that won't save families



money off their bills and cannot be guaranteed to turn a profit. You can watch my full speech on YouTube or my website.

I have also campaigned against the Government's plan to scrap the Winter Fuel Payment with no time for those affected to prepare. 17,000 pensioners in East Surrey will lose up to £300 of energy bill support this winter - including 84% of pensioners living in poverty across the country. However, despite our best efforts in Parliament, the Government is determined to go ahead with this policy. I will be launching another pension credit campaign this winter just as I did in 2022; if you know anyone who is affected please do encourage them to check their eligibility and call 0800 99 1234. This is a separate payment from your state pension and could top up your weekly income by £182.60 per week if you live alone or £278.70 per week for pensioners living with a partner. I know many will be just above the cut-off line and for them I worry this will be a very difficult winter. If the Government truly wanted to means test the Winter Fuel Payment then this could have done in many better ways and with more notice.

Finally, I know some of you may be interested in the Conservative leadership election. It was a difficult election for my party. Many of you discussed your thoughts with me during that time. After much consideration, I have decided to support Kemi Badenoch. She has a fresh approach to politics, she is courageous, an engineer by background and firmly rooted to her Conservative principles.



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## TATSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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The Governing Body at Tatsfield Primary School are looking to recruit some new governors who wish to support the development of our village school. There are many benefits to being a school governor:

- Giving back and making a difference to young people
- Gaining a variety of skills and knowledge
- Providing networking opportunities and becoming part of a wider community

We are part of the Tandridge Learning Trust which is a multi-academy trust comprising seven schools at present: Warlingham Secondary School, Bletchingley Village Primary School, Felbridge Primary School, Hamsey Green Primary School, Hurst Green Infant School, Woodlea Primary School and Tatsfield.

If you are interested in hearing more about the role of governor at Tatsfield Primary School, please send enquiries to Rachel Jewitt, Headteacher, Tatsfield Primary School ([head@tatsfieldtlt.co.uk](mailto:head@tatsfieldtlt.co.uk)) or email [j.hancock@tatsfieldtlt.co.uk](mailto:j.hancock@tatsfieldtlt.co.uk) for more details.

We would be particularly keen to hear from people who can bring any of the following skills or experience to the team:

- Law
- Human Resources
- Accountancy / Financial Services
- Risk Management and Audit
- Health and Safety
- Facilities and Premises
- Wellbeing

**Jill Hancock**  
**Chair of Governors**  
**Tatsfield Primary School**



*Please note that Governors are required to have certain safeguarding checks in place. These include ID checks, DBS, references, an online search and a section 128 check.*

## LITTLE ACORNS PRESCHOOL

We have had a busy start to the new school year and welcomed new children and families into The Little Acorns family.

Our children have immensely enjoyed play with the new resources we have been able to purchase, thanks to fundraising money raised from various events through-out the year.



We have purchased a large wooden water run, tyres and wooden construction zone, new bikes and even a small bubble machine to add more sensory to our outside area.

Our fundraising is a very appreciated and valued part of Little Acorns PreSchool and we would like to thank everyone who was involved and contributed to this, enabling the children to have even more fun and varied learning experiences.



**FAMILY DISCO** This month we have our next fundraising event – the **Neon-themed Family Disco includes games and fun dancing.** All are invited, so please bring friends.

Date: Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October, from 6pm

Venue: Tatsfield Village Hall.

Tickets are priced at £20 for a family of four.

**NEW STARTERS** We currently have some spaces in our sessions for children from 2 years. If you would like more information or to come and visit us, please email on [office@littleacornstatsfield.co.uk](mailto:office@littleacornstatsfield.co.uk), or have a look at our new website: [www.littleacornstatsfield.co.uk](http://www.littleacornstatsfield.co.uk).

**The Little Acorns Team**

**Email: [office@littleacornstatsfield.co.uk](mailto:office@littleacornstatsfield.co.uk)**



## MONKEY PUZZLE DAY NURSERY

The seasons are changing, and we are embracing every minute of all it brings! As we are coming into the autumnal months, we are exploring the changes in our outdoor environment looking at the leaves falling on the ground, changes in the weather and wildlife that are appearing in our garden including robins and longtail tits.

At the start of the month, the children proudly dug up the potatoes they successfully grown after planting and old potato at the beginning of the year. They then enjoyed eating them with their roast dinner the following day.



We love planting and observing growth, the children understand that we need to take care of the living and growing things in our environment!

In line with our natural resource theme, our pre-schoolers have enjoyed exploring loose parts which is made up of natural found resources in a range of ways including making arrangements, building small construction and following early mark making patterns.



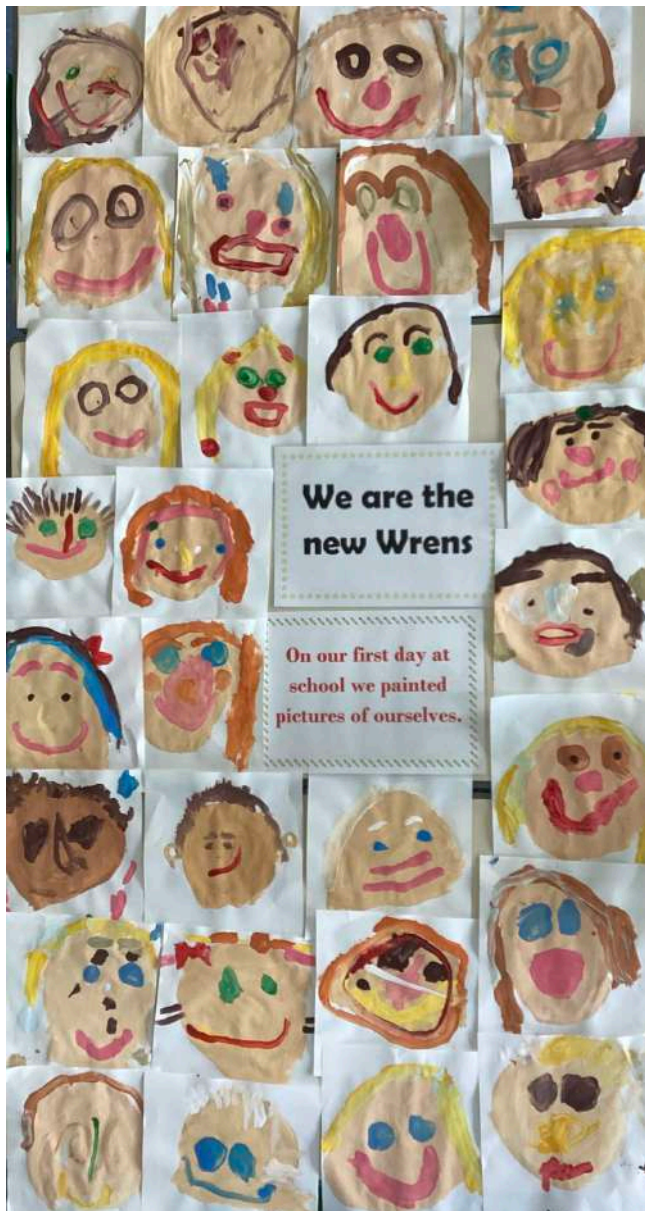
We have spaces available here at Monkey Puzzle Tatsfield, if you are interested, please contact us to book your personal tour of our amazing nursery where you will get the chance to look around our setting, meet our fantastic team members and ask any questions you may have.

**Management at Monkey Puzzle Tatsfield** 😊

**Contact Number: 01959 928427 Email: [manager@monkeypuzzletatsfield.co.uk](mailto:manager@monkeypuzzletatsfield.co.uk)**

## TATSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Thirty new children have started school at Tatsfield Primary School this week. **Our new Wren Class!**



Wren Class have been spending their first few days of school getting to know each other and building new relationships. They are busy learning about all of the aspects school life and being involved in lots of new learning.

This term, Wren Class will be focusing on the theme of 'Ourselves' and learning about what makes us unique; one of their first activities was to paint self-portraits. They looked in a mirror to help them identify their facial features and then used paint to create their own masterpiece for their class gallery!

## COMMUNITY CHOIRS

At the end of the summer term, music was in the air as the **Tatsfield School Choir** joined forces with **The Tatsfield Singers** and performed in a summer concert in the Village Hall.

The afternoon started with a workshop where Musical Director of The Tatsfield Singers, Sarah Fryer, led warm-ups to introduce the choirs to each other. Children and adults concentrated on warm-ups that involved counting and actions to prepare everyone to sing together. Then, Headteacher, Rachel Jewitt, led a round – a twist based on the popular children’s song ‘If you’re happy and you know it’. Challenging the choirs to sing in two parts, again with clapping actions, ensured that everyone was ready to rehearse performance pieces.

After the workshop, parents and members of the Tatsfield community then assembled in the Village Hall to hear the choirs perform together. The school choir opened the concert with an energising rendition of ‘Ocean Commotion’ followed by the Tatsfield Singers performing ‘Gonna Rise Up Singing’ and ‘Hakuna Matata’. The choirs then sang ‘Rhythm of the Rain’ a piece that they learnt in the afternoon workshop with exciting rhythms and melodies. A rousing finale of ‘Rhythm of Life’ was then performed by both choirs and resulted in cheers and applause from the audience!

This was a wonderful community event and the choirs hope to perform together again in the future.

**Rachel Jewitt**

### HALF PRICE BUS FARES FOR UNDER 20s IN SURREY

Did you know, anyone aged 20 or under can apply for a 'LINK' card, which gives 50% off all adult bus fares across Surrey?

We have developed a 'LINK' card that can be shown on any bus in Surrey to qualify for the discount on all single and return journeys.

**How to apply** You can apply for a card on the **Surrey LINK card webpage (go to [surreycc.gov.uk](http://surreycc.gov.uk))** and you must have a passport style digital photo ready to upload or capture. If successful, you should receive your card within 10 days and the card is valid for three years.

**How does it work?** You must live in Surrey and journeys should start and or end in Surrey. Once you've received your card, simply scan the card at the ticket machine. If you're purchasing a ticket on the bus, simply hold the LINK card to the ticket machine and tell the driver where you're going. The card is valid 24/7 all year

## THS - GARDEN CLUB

**Date: Tuesday October 8<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 7.30pm in the WI Hall**

We are very lucky to have Marie Shallcross to our next garden club meeting in the WI Hall. Marie has recently moved to the outskirts of Tatsfield and judged the Vegetable Section at our Autumn Show. Marie is a garden consultant and designer and publishes a weekly Blog called 'Plews Potting Shed'. This is an award-winning Blog on creating beautiful, practical spaces that are easy for people, pets and wildlife to share and maintain.



Marie will be bringing lots of bulbs, and the main subject being Spring Flowering Daffodils for colourful containers (and showing at our Spring Show) Demonstration – planting Narcissus/daffodils in pots; soil mixes to try. Tips on where to grow, and how to grow to get the best for your garden and - perhaps - winning a prize for them.

Daffodils anecdotes - "Did you know?" plus a bag of Narcissus bulbs to take home for you to grow and show.

Marie is great fun, and the evening will be very light hearted with the emphasis on having some social chatter, learning something new-maybe!?! and of course delicious cake....

How about that! – all for £1 - you can have all of the above, plus tea and coffee, and of course my homemade cakes. I will also be bringing along my recommended tulip bulbs and some surprises to quiz Marie on...

**You are all very welcome. Any questions please phone me, Sue Warren on 542892**



## THS – VISIT TO WISLEY GARDENS

**Date: Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am**

Just a reminder that the Horticultural Society has 30 tickets for the Wisley Gardens on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

Please text Sue on 07555120427 or phone on 542892 and I will add you to the list. You are welcome to arrive earlier and enter the gardens on arrival as I plan to be at the Café at 9.30am. If you are later than 10am I will put your tickets in your Family named envelope and these can be collected from the Group Tour Desk in the entrance on the left hand side. Please do not panic if you are stuck in The M25 queue as most probably I will be there as well.

The day is free and you are welcome to use Wisley catering facilities or take your own picnic.

**Sue Warren**

# TATSFIELD VILLAGE HALL

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## TATSFIELD MARTIAL ARTS - A NEW JUDO BLACK BELT AT TMA!

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September, I had the absolute pleasure of presenting Bella Mumford with her 1<sup>st</sup> Dan black belt on behalf of the British Judo Association. This promotion is extra special for the club, as Bella becomes our first female black belt in judo and at the tender age of 15, she is now our youngest black belt. Bella has been with the club almost since we first opened. She joined as a complete beginner along with her older brother, Aaron, in 2015. In the 9 years she has trained with us, she has represented the club at competitions on numerous occasions, has fought in the Surrey Team and has been county champion.



A black belt in a lot of martial arts is gained when you can demonstrate the required level of skill and knowledge – however, Judo is one of the few martial arts where you have to fight and win in order to collect ‘black belt points’. When you have 100 points, providing you have also passed the technical examination, you are promoted to black belt. Bella went to the London Area grading on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September knowing that two more wins would give her the remaining points she required, and she delivered!



At TMA, 30% of our junior headcount are female which is a much higher ratio compared to other judo clubs. Bella helps coach the Thursday night junior class and I really hope the girls in this class get inspired by what she has achieved. The club is 10 years old in January and this year has been particular rewarding, as we have seen three of our teenage members gain their competitive black belts – just shows what hard work and determination can do!

**Adam Plinston**

## HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT



A high street café/takeaway renowned of its sausage rolls and reasonable prices has more to offer than meets the eye! I strolled into this shop to buy a snack to eat while I waited for the tram. As I waited in the queue stretching outside of the door I started to browse the other tasty treats on offer.

Much to my surprise I noted just how many of their products carried the Fairtrade logo. On returning home later that day I decided to research this popular hidden gem.

The British bakery chain Bakers Oven was acquired by Greggs in 1994 and was renamed Greggs in 2008. Since 2005 they have supported Fairtrade Products initially sourcing all coffee beans and fruit entirely from Fairtrade accredited suppliers. Year on year they have added more to their list with a commitment to ensure all their chocolate products are 100% Fairtrade across all stores by 2025.



So if, like me, you fancy a quick snack that is ethically sourced and won't break the bank, as well as checking out the usual suspects, pop into Greggs and choose from their range of Fairtrade: coffee; tea (inc speciality tea); sugar; hot chocolate; milk white and triple chocolate cookies; caramel shortbread; triple chocolate brownies; star biscuits; triple chocolate muffins; apple juice and orange juice. Enjoy!

You can read more about Greggs and Fairtrade here: [www.fairtrade.org.uk/media-centre/news/greggs-switches-to-fairtrade-chocolate/](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/media-centre/news/greggs-switches-to-fairtrade-chocolate/).

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## NOT SO YOUNG CLUB

In September we were back at the WI Hall to enjoy delicious lasagne with garlic bread and salad, followed by trifle and cake. We all enjoyed one of our favourite games 'Play your Cards Right' not forgetting the Bruce's bonus. The raffle is always popular and we try to ensure a prize is had by all.

In October we will be joining the Horticultural Society on their day trip to Wisely gardens. Our next meeting is on 8th October at 12.30 pm in the WI hall.

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

**Keep safe**

**Sue Dowse**

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## ST MARY'S MATTERS

**Sunday Services at St Mary's** Whilst Curate Debra undertakes her training the main Sunday service with music is at 10am led by visiting clergy / lay people and Debra herself when available. Further information is in our Notice Sheet which can be accessed via the home page of our website: [www.lttm.org.uk/stmarys](http://www.lttm.org.uk/stmarys). All are welcome!

**St Mary's Sunday Teas – 3pm to 5pm in the Millennium Hall** Another successful Sunday Teas Season has now finished with taking exceeding £3000. Thanks to all our regulars and visitors and to Madie Langford and our Volunteers. We hope to see you all again next year!

**St Mary's Golf Day** A successful Golf Day was held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September at the North Downs Club, over a challenging but interesting course, followed by lunch. The winning team with 63 points were Simon Case, Tom Shaw and Steve Jackaman. Runners up were the Ladies team of Jill Hancock, Jane Parker-Simmons and Marjory Broughton scoring 56, awarded on count-back. 'Nearest the Pin' was Simon Cook with Graham Lane winning the longest drive. £148 in total was raised for St Mary's. Marjory Broughton.

**'Flower Ladies'** Please note we will be arranging for Harvest Festival at 9.30am on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October. We look forward to welcoming any new ladies on that day as well as the usual team, of course. Tea, coffee and cake will be available. Best wishes Ann (577207) & Jan (577659).

**12noon Sat 5<sup>th</sup> October – St Mary's Organ Recital and Harvest Lunch** Enjoy a programme of music relating to 'Our Region' performed by the accomplished Graham Dixon and Graham Powell. With pieces by Frederick Delius and Michael Tippett it concludes with the unique Duet for Organ by Samuel Wesley, who has been called the 'English Mozart'. The Organists are generously performing free of charge, and we will invite donations to St Mary's in appreciation of the Recital. Following this from 1pm in the Millennium Hall will be a Harvest Lunch of main & dessert with vegetarian option. Lunch tickets £12 from Sheree's Store Tatsfield or [stephenjackaman@btinternet.com](mailto:stephenjackaman@btinternet.com). (Please mention if you want the vegetarian option when buying your ticket).

**Harvest Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October** Please join us to celebrate our 10am Harvest Sunday service. The church remains open during the day for viewing the harvest decorations and displays of produce, including from Tatsfield Primary School. Food produce will be donated to Westerham Foodbank

**Ecumenical Service 3.30pm Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October** All our welcome to join us for this short ecumenical service of prayer, scripture and music. We particularly welcome the local Roman Catholic community with whom St Mary's has historical connections. Light refreshments follow in the Millennium Hall.



**All Souls' Service 3.30 pm Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November** Team Rector, Revd Helen Cook and Curate Debra Elsdon will lead a short service to remember those we have loved and see no more, as we gather to share our sadness and to give thanks for the lives that have meant so much to us. All bereaved are welcome wherever your loved ones are laid to rest. If you would like the name of anyone who has died to be

read at the service, do contact the Church Office at [stmoffice.lttm@btinternet.com](mailto:stmoffice.lttm@btinternet.com)

**Churchyard Team** Our maintenance session for September took place on 31<sup>st</sup> August! Other than those on holiday all our team were present including new volunteer Alexa Carter. The huge piles of branches that were cut down during the Pfizer visit in July were all well wilted and burnt easily on the bonfire. Flower beds were weeded and tidied, paths that hadn't had their edges trimmed for several years were also dug back, shrubs were trimmed and the grass was cut. Work was also carried out in the compost area. A reminder that there are bags of compost there freely available for collection. Due to the organ recital and Harvest Lunch our October maintenance session was held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September.

**Supporting Westerham Foodbank** We continue to support our local community at Westerham Foodbank which faces an increase in those needing help due to the ongoing high cost of living. They currently support families referred from a variety of agencies. Our next delivery is 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Please help by donating if you can. Items currently needed include: cereal, soup, baked beans, jam, pasta sauces, rice, tinned fish, meat, long-life or powdered milk, custard and rice pudding. Non-perishable food donations can be left in the Narthex at St Mary's from 9am - 4.30pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Monetary donations made will be used to purchase food. Thank you for your support. **Hilary Vale (01959) 57786**

### **St Mary's Tatsfield 100 Club Results - September Draw**

98 JA Howard £23      6 M & R Smith £14      89 M & L Lambert £9      St Mary's £44

### **Church Opening Times**

St Mary's is open for viewing, prayer or personal reflection from 9am - 4.30pm approx. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

### **Church Office**

The Church Office is currently based at the Parish Office, St Peter's Church, High Street Limpsfield RH8 0DG (01883 712512). Our Parish Administrator will be available 9.30am to 1.30pm each Thursday in Limpsfield, by phone as above and by email at [stmoffice.lttm@btinternet.com](mailto:stmoffice.lttm@btinternet.com). Emails are checked regularly during the week for any urgent matters. **St Mary's Website: [www.lttm.org.uk/stmarys](http://www.lttm.org.uk/stmarys)**

## 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   |
|            | 9.30 am  | Shape and Tone with Gary - WIH                                   |
|            | 1.30 pm  | Bridge Club – WIH  |
|            | 6.30 pm  | Cubs - SH  |
|            | 7.00 pm  | Art Group – VH [Term time]                                       |
|            | 8.15 pm  | Bingo – TVC  |
| <b>Tue</b> | 10.00 am | Chair Yoga with Mel - WIH  |
|            | 1.00 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            |
|            | 4.00pm   | Paracise VH  |
|            | 7.00 pm  | Scouts and Explorers – SH  |
|            | 6.15 pm  | Barré with Fi - VH   |
| <b>Wed</b> | 10.00 am | WI Pop In – WIH  |
|            | 2-4 pm   | Composting Site CLOSED from 1 <sup>st</sup> October              |
|            | 6.30 pm  | Shape and Tone with Gary – WIH                                   |
|            | 6.00pm   | Over 8s Jujitsu, SH  |
|            | 7.30pm   | Adults Jujitsu, SH   |
|            | 7.30 pm  | Yoga – VH  |
| <b>Thu</b> | 9.30 am  | Yoga with Lexy, StM  |
|            | 9.30 am  | Shape and Tone with Gary, WIH                                    |
|            | 2.00 pm  | Scrabble at AMB (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month)          |
|            | 1.30 pm  | Hear Here Sessions – AMB (1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month) |
|            | 6.00 pm  | Over 8s Judo – SH  |
|            | 6.15pm   | Barré with Fi, VH  |
|            | 7.30 pm  | Adults (14+) Judo - SH   |
|            | 7.30 pm  | Tatsfield Singers - TPS  |
|            | 8.00 pm  | Table Tennis – VH  |
| <b>Fri</b> | 9.30 am  | Combat Fitness - SH  |
|            | 1.30 pm  | Short Mat Bowls –VH  |
|            | 4.15pm   | Boom Arts Academy Tots Street Dance – VH                         |
|            | 4.45pm   | Boom Arts Academy Lower Junior Street Dance – VH                 |
|            | 5.30pm   | Boom Arts Academy Theatre and Singing – VH                       |
|            | 6.15pm   | Boom Arts Academy Junior Street Dance – VH                       |
|            | 8.00 pm  | Badminton Club – VH  |
| <b>Sat</b> | 9.00 am  | Under 8s Judo – SH   |
|            | 10.00 am | Composting Site CLOSED from 1 <sup>st</sup> October              |
|            | 10.15 am | Over 8s Judo - SH  |

**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

## UPCOMING EVENTS – VILLAGE AND BEYOND

### OCTOBER

|                      |         |  |
|----------------------|---------|--|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Tue  | 1.00pm  | WI Harvest Lunch, WIH  |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Fri  | 9.30am  | Flower Arranging for Harvest Festival, StM                     |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Sat  | 12.00pm | St Mary's Organ Recital and Harvest Lunch, StM                 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> Sun  | 10.00am | Harvest Sunday Service, StM                                    |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Tue  | 7.30pm  | TNS Garden Club – Daffodils, WIH                               |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Sat | 6.00pm  | Little Acorns Neon Family Disco, VH                            |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> Sun |         | White Lane Closed, Annual Bike Climb                           |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> Sun | 3.30pm  | Ecumenical Service, StM  |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> Mon | 8.00pm  | Parish Council Meeting, AMB                                    |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Tue | 7.30pm  | Clue: On Stage, The Oxted Players, Barn Theatre, Oxted         |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Wed | 7.30pm  | Clue: On Stage, The Oxted Players, Barn Theatre, Oxted         |
| 17 <sup>th</sup> Thu | 7.30pm  | Clue: On Stage, The Oxted Players, Barn Theatre, Oxted         |
| 18 <sup>th</sup> Fri | 7.30pm  | Clue: On Stage, The Oxted Players, Barn Theatre, Oxted         |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Sat | 10.00am | THS Wisley Garden Visit, Wisley                                |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Sat | 2.30pm  | Clue: On Stage, The Oxted Players, Barn Theatre, Oxted         |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Sat | 7.00pm  | The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare, Curzon Cinema, VH       |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Sat | 7.30pm  | OLMS Concert, Hazelwood School                                 |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Sat | 7.30pm  | Clue: On Stage, The Oxted Players, Barn Theatre, Oxted         |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Sat | tbc     | Curzon Cinema, film tbc, VH                                    |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> Sat | 2.30pm  | The Really Happy Company, A Night of 100 Years, Barn Theatre   |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> Sat | 7.30pm  | The Really Happy Company, A Night of 100 Years, Barn Theatre   |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> Tue | 6.30pm  | Surrey Police & Crime Commissioner, The Arc, Caterham          |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> Wed | 2.15pm  | Bandstands: History, Decline & Revival, Limpsfield Church Hall |

### NOVEMBER

|                      |         |  |
|----------------------|---------|--|
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Tue  | 2.15pm  | WI Felting Workshop, WIH                               |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Sat  | 10.40am | Remembrance Service, Remembrance Stone, Village Centre |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Sat  | 2.00pm  | NDS Concert rehearsal, open to public, VH              |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Sat  | 7.30pm  | NDS Concert, VH  |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> Sun | 3.30pm  | All Souls' Service, StM                                |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Tue | 7.45pm  | The Addams Family, OMTC, Barn Theatre                  |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> Wed | 7.45pm  | The Addams Family, OMTC, Barn Theatre                  |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> Thu | 7.45pm  | The Addams Family, OMTC, Barn Theatre                  |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Fri | 7.45pm  | The Addams Family, OMTC, Barn Theatre                  |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Sat | 2.30pm  | The Addams family, OMTC, Barn Theatre                  |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> Sat | 7.45pm  | The Addams Family, OMTC, Barn Theatre                  |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> Thu | 7.30pm  | La Boheme, New Aquarian Opera Company, Barn Theatre    |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> Fri | 7.30pm  | La Boheme, New Aquarian Opera Company, Barn Theatre    |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sat | 7.30pm  | La Boheme, New Aquarian Opera Company, Barn Theatre    |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> Fri | 7.45pm  | Flash – A Tribute to Queen, Barn Theatre               |
| 30 <sup>th</sup> Sat | 7.45pm  | Oxted Comedy Night, Barn Theatre                       |

## THE TATSFIELD GARDENER IN OCTOBER

As I write (mid September) we have already had a couple of very chilly mornings with a slight ground frost in the hollows, this is about a month early! I was talking to an old work colleague a few weeks ago and we agreed that maybe it is time to throw away all those lovely gardening books full of advice and growing plans, with sowing\growing dates of course! Our changing climate is now so unpredictable, it is difficult to know what to do and when! The old rule to make sure you have taken your geranium cuttings by early September no longer applies; last year I took geranium and fuchsia cuttings in October and they did very well – BUT – will October be so mild this year, who knows!



A single geranium or fuchsia plant can yield ten times its numbers by taking cuttings, it is a simple process and great fun to see all those 'free' plants for planting next year. Gardeners like to take two types of cuttings; the normal tip cutting where the cut is made just below a leaf joint (shown on the right of the pic), or taking 'slips', also known as taking with a 'heel', that is taking your cutting with a tiny piece of the older wood it was attached to (shown on the left of the pic). The thinking is that taking a cutting with a tiny 'heel' of more mature wood gives a higher percentage of successful cuttings, go on give it a try!

I have decided that this year I am going to leave my tender perennials outside in a sunny spot until I am sure the weather has cooled down and the frosts have arrived. However, I do not want them to keep growing and flowering so there is another challenge to protect them from rain to keep the soil on the dry side. I will have to invent some means to do this as my Brugmansias are now nearly five feet tall!

My annual flowers, cornflower, cottage marigold and the shoo fly plant (*Nicandra physaloides*) have done very well in the borders this year. Before pulling them up I will cut off all the flower heads, place them in a paper bag (you can mix them up), leave them in a dry, warm place, giving them a good shake every now and then. I will keep them in a drawer over winter and then sow them in March (or maybe later – climate change again!!) in a seed tray with no heat; I will put them outside as soon as the winter frosts are gone (who knows when that will be!), and then plant them out in April – ish. You could also sow them direct into your garden borders as soon as the soil conditions are suitable (dry on the surface) scattering them thinly and raking over gently. Most annual flowers are loved by pollinating insects, so having these lovely plants growing amongst your perennials and shrubs will make your garden much more attractive to wildlife.

It used to be the tradition to cut down all herbaceous perennial plants at the end of the month to 'tidy up' a border; but we now understand how important these flower heads are to seed eating birds. Please leave them until later in the year; I know they will look a bit scruffy but just think, you are helping our local bird population to survive the winter months. **Jon Allbutt**



## OCTOBER WILDLIFE GARDENING TIPS – BONFIRES AND WOODPILES

Perhaps most importantly, bonfire season is upon us with Guy Fawkes and Halloween so please, please check your bonfire for hedgehogs as these little guys love to sleep under a big comfy woodpile so they often get burnt if the fire gets lit without a thorough check.

In October hedgehogs will be settling down to hibernate but youngsters won't be big enough to sleep through winter so it's a good time to be putting out cat biscuits to help see them through. And one thing that's really helpful to hedgehogs and oodles of other wildlife through the colder months is a woodpile. A woodpile can be a lifesaver for many of our winter birds because it is also a haven where worms, bugs, and bees can thrive and survive the cold weather. Many of these mini-beasts live underground but if the ground gets waterlogged, a woodpile might be the only high ground where they can seek refuge. A few of them might get picked off by a hungry robin or hedgehog but the odds are so much better than staying underground. Woodpiles are also great sources of food for the tiniest creatures that like to eat the wood itself, so there's something for everyone – they really are one of nature's favourite larders. And so easy to make too; it is just a pile of wood that's preferably still got its bark on, and nothing that's ever been painted or treated. And if you feel like turbo-charging it into a natural habitat you can add some partly rotted wood that already has some lichen or fungus on it to get the food-chain started. If anyone is wondering how big a woodpile should be; as with many healthy things in life; anything is good, but more is better.

All of which takes us back to bonfire night. Hedgehogs love a woodpile so much they often sleep in them so they can be near a nighttime snack. So please remember to check before lighting it.

**Interesting fact of the month...** I think I've been a bit slow on this one, but I've only just found out that badgers love root vegetables. We've always fed them with peanuts and



cat biscuits, and one of our stripey faced friends gets very excited about a half banana. But now we've tried carrots, it seems they are the go-to snack that might just keep them away from digging up the tulips. Fingers crossed... And I wonder if carrots help them see in the dark?

*A Ricketts Hill badger enjoying peanuts and carrots.*

## **NORTH DOWNS SINFONIA, ONE NOT TO MISS! (CONTINUED...)**

I said last month that we expected a heavy demand for tickets for the next NDS concert, which is on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. In fact, tickets have sold out. It is *possible* that we will have one or two returns, but there are very likely to be NONE available on the door. Because of this, we have decided to open up the rehearsal on the afternoon of November 9<sup>th</sup> to the public. Tickets can be booked in advance by phoning 01959 577659, and may also be available on the door for £5 each (adults) and free for children under 16. The rehearsal starts at 2pm and will finish at 5pm with tea and biscuits included in the rehearsal interval around 3:30pm. This will of course be an open rehearsal for the orchestra (and Mariatu) covering all the concert works, so will not necessarily be a full performance of any of them, and will have stops/starts as we polish the corners ready for the evening's performance. However, if you have missed the opportunity to hear Mariatu's performance in the evening, this will still be a fantastic opportunity to hear her playing, in a relaxed atmosphere.

The concert will start with Hummel's 'Premier' Overture. Hummel was a contemporary of Beethoven, and wrote in much the same style. Very popular in his time, he was one of the most celebrated pianists in Europe, for both performing and teaching. The 'Premier' Overture is one of his lesser known works, but is extremely tuneful. This will be followed by Saint-Saens Cello Concerto No 1, played by Mariatu Kanneh-Mason, the youngest of seven siblings of this incredibly talented family, all of whom play at least two instruments to an exceptionally high standard. Many of you will recall Sheku's performance at the Royal wedding, and all indications show that his sister Mariatu is destined for similar levels of success, so we are thrilled that she has agreed to perform with NDS. Those in attendance will be able to say "We heard her in Tatsfield first!" in the years to come!

After the interval, the orchestra will play Beethoven's mighty Symphony No 7, the so-called 'Dance' symphony. Despite being composed when he was almost deaf, it remains one of the best-loved symphonies in the classical repertoire.

The concert will be conducted by Jonathan Maynard, the chairman of the orchestra and a familiar face who has conducted many previous NDS concerts.

**Peter Maynard**

### **TATSFIELD 100 CLUB**

Congratulations to the winners of the Tatsfield PFA 100 Club for August 2024:

|                       |               |        |
|-----------------------|---------------|--------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Prize | Chris Maynard | £46.50 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize | Gary Weaver   | £31.00 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize | Nigel Gracie  | £15.50 |

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 [leames200@gmail.com](mailto:leames200@gmail.com). **Les Eames**

## TATSFIELD COMMUNITY COMPOSTING NEWS

The composting site is closing on 1<sup>st</sup> October for the winter, a big thank you to all who brought in record amounts of green waste this year, we will have plenty of Black Gold ready for our customers next year.

The composting project would not be possible without the work of our team of volunteers; if you would like to join us please contact Jon Allbutt ([jon@jonallbutt.co.uk](mailto:jon@jonallbutt.co.uk) or call me on 01959 577100).

Our big orange processing machine has given us loyal service for many years and we have decided that it is time to look for a replacement. We will be applying for a community grant over the coming months and hope to have a new machine in place ready for the new seasons composting.

We will continue working at the site when the weather allows to finish off some final processing of green waste and carry out essential maintenance of equipment and repairing the composting bays.

**Jon Allbutt**



## OXTED & LIMPSFIELD MUSIC SOCIETY

**Saturday 19th October 2024 at 19.30**

The Bawtree Hall Hazelwood School Oxted RH8 OQU

The Society is thrilled to welcome back: **ADRIAN BRENDEL Cello with ALASDAIR BEATSON Piano.** Adrian Brendel is “One of the most versatile and original cellists of his generation.” Alasdair Beatson is spoken of as giving “..performances memorable and arresting, casting a new light on the repertoire.”



### PROGRAMME

Beethoven Cello Sonata in C major Op. 102

Widor Cello Sonata in A major Op. 80

Gabriel Faure Elegie and Sicilienne

Brahms Cello Sonata in F Major Op. 99

Tickets are £30 (with free entry for those under 25). Either on the door or by way of our website at [www.olms.org.uk](http://www.olms.org.uk)

Information or press tickets [OandLMusicSociety@gmail.com](mailto:OandLMusicSociety@gmail.com). **Giles Maberly**

## THE NIGHT SKY IN TATSFIELD – OCTOBER 2024

In the solar system, as in the wider universe, not much moves in a perfect circle. The orbits of the Moon around the Earth and the planets and other objects around the Sun are all ellipses. In some cases, these are almost circular but in others they are extremely elliptical. Comets are a prime example of bodies that move in orbits far removed from circles. Closer to home, the Moon moves around us on an elliptical path whilst at the same time we move elliptically around the Sun. The result of this is that the distances between the three bodies is constantly changing. We can see this for ourselves in the way the size of the Moon varies which occasionally provides us with a “supermoon”. This is something that is seriously overhyped by the media and possibly indicates a “not much news day”. Any casual observer who glances at the full Moon on such an occasion won't immediately be struck by its suddenly engrossed proportions.

Because the Moon has to be opposite the Sun to appear full, it follows that at such a time, the Moon is rising as the Sun is setting so the rising full Moon is always seen at a comparatively sensible hour. It is a well-known phenomenon that a full Moon always looks larger when it is seen rising against other foreground objects such as trees and buildings even when it isn't a supermoon. If you watch the Moon rising and then look again several hours later you will see that, miraculously, it has reverted to its regular size. It's entirely likely that if the full Moon were to rise at 3am then the term supermoon would never have come into existence.

Of course, the supermoon does appear larger but not by very much. If we go back to thinking about elliptical orbits, then when the Moon is at perigee (closest to Earth) it is around 7% larger than average and when it is at apogee (furthest from Earth) it is 7% smaller than average. It is also brighter when it appears larger but only because there is (apparently) more surface area to reflect the sunlight onto the Earth.

Another example of an elliptical orbit can be seen on 2<sup>nd</sup> October when the southern tip of South America experiences an eclipse of the Sun. In most total solar eclipses, the Sun's light is blotted out completely which allows us to observe the corona, the Sun's outer atmosphere which is normally invisible to us. However, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of this month, the Moon will be slightly more distant from the Earth with the result that it appears smaller and in fact not large enough to obscure all of the Sun. The result is what astronomers call an “annular” eclipse because a ring (annulus) of sunlight remains visible even when the Moon is centrally located in front of the Sun. If you would like to witness the event there are always live feeds on the internet if you do a search. The eclipse begins at 5:50pm and finishes at 9:39pm BST.

For planetary observers, the evening sky is an improving picture with Mars rising at 11pm, Jupiter at 9.30pm and Saturn at 6pm on the 1<sup>st</sup> October. If you look at the map for September, the planets are in virtually the same positions although Mars is slightly further east (left). Just be aware that although the relationship of the planets to the stars is very similar the sky has rotated a little towards the west.

Venus is still very low down in the SW (just 8° high) at sunset around the middle of October. Please wait until the Sun has set before searching for it with any optical aid to avoid any damage to your eyes. **Brian Mills FRAS**

## TATSFIELD WI



This month our speaker Jennie Randall, told us the story of local hostelry 'The Crooked Billet' (you may know it as The Harvester, Petts Wood).



Originally one of the oldest buildings in the area, it was redesigned as a smart new hotel and public house between the wars. It was almost entirely destroyed by a German V2 rocket in November 1944 with the loss of many lives and now rebuilt to the plan, it bears a commemorative plaque. Tracing those people and their relatives proved a fascinating story.,

Next month, October, we will all enjoy a hearty Harvest Lunch starting at 1pm, and in November there will be a Felting Craft workshop led by the talented Jane O'Keefe.

If you would like to come along as a guest at any time to see what we get up to please just give me a call, you will be very welcome.

As I always remind you, everyone is invited to come along for a cup of coffee or tea and a friendly chat every Wednesday morning between 10 and 12 in the WI Hall in Paynesfield Road. A great way to meet other village residents – all ages welcome. hop So, if you are passing, just Pop In. **Susan Smale 01959 577660**

## THE ARTS SOCIETY LIMPSFIELD



**Bandstands: Their History, Decline and Revival** by Paul Rabbitts.

**Date: Wednesday 30 October. Lecture starts at 2.15pm** at Limpsfield Church Hall, refreshments before the lecture. Note: there will not be an evening lecture. Guests: £10.

Bandstands are a distinctive feature of public parks and seaside promenades all over Britain. Why did they appear in our earliest park, when were they erected, and who made them? This lecture tells how the bandstand evolved from the buildings and 'orchestras' of the early Pleasure Gardens of the eighteenth century, how they appeared in nearly every public park and seaside promenade of the time, how its design was influenced by the great landscape designers, and importantly how a very small number of Scottish foundries cornered the market across the world, from Bradford to Brazil and Aberdeen to Australia.

We have lectures in November and January up to June. Website: The Arts Society Limpsfield

## NIGEL'S NATURE NOTES

For months on end the stars of the show were birds, but recently a fine selection of insects and plants have been forcing their way into the limelight. And here we go again with a collection of insect news, beginning with this from Steve (Gaskell) (28.06.24):

*'Hi Nigel, look what I bred from a chrysalis I found in the soil while gardening. Makes up for not seeing too many butterflies this summer.'*

WOW! A gorgeous-looking **Elephant hawk-moth**. What a beauty! Thanks for the update, Steve. Your breeding activity reminds me of the Small tortoiseshell chrysalises I used to 'rescue', many years ago, when Mum was out weeding the garden beds. Even when placed in what I thought was a safe environment they would nearly always be attacked by predators. You obviously took much greater care of yours. Great job!



These moths in maturity, like most others, are seldom seen during daylight. In caterpillar form, however, they are quite often found and, due to their size, can be quite alarming! My neighbour (Val Moore) was surprised to find one on her patio, munching the leaves of a potted fuchsia. And Val wasn't the only one. Soon after, this email arrived from Gillian Phillips (12.09.24):



*'Eek! I was enjoying the autumn sun on the patio today when this monster caught my eye. Luckily it was the other side of my glass balustrade, in a fuchsia bush. I managed to take one of the photos next to a steel measure to demonstrate its proportions. [About 3½ inches.] Should I be worried?'*

Although somewhat scary, these large caterpillars are perfectly harmless to humans. But as both you and Val have discovered, they love fuchsias. It will soon become a chrysalis in the soil close to your plant and emerge next year as a beautiful pink moth, among the prettiest in Britain. You're lucky to have such a visitor. I wish I had a few on my fuchsias. A worthy sacrifice, Gillian!

There are several species of hawk-moth to be found around the country. Some take the name of the plant on which they lay their eggs – Privet, Lime, Poplar, Spurge, Bedstraw and Convolvulus. I can't recall any reports of these locally; until now. Mary (Smith) sent this message (14.08.24):

*'This caterpillar was seen on the bark of the Birch tree in my front garden just now - a **Lime hawk-moth**. I don't know how common they are but this is certainly a first for me. I identified it from my 'Oxford Book of Insects' and then looked up "bug" on my phone which gave the same result.'*



What an excellent find, Mary. With so many Lime trees around the village I wonder how many other caterpillars are lurking amongst the leaves. Unfortunately (for us), the fully formed moths are very well camouflaged, resembling the bark of the tree on which they rest. Finding one requires a lot of patience and a lot of luck. So, happy hunting, Mary!

Unfortunately, Martin Allen's caterpillars have proved more troublesome than most (09.08.24):

*'Haven't got a 'before' picture but take it from me, my trough of nasturtiums looked amazing only two days ago. The 'after' picture is a disaster. But as I have said before, we need caterpillars as well, just not in our garden!'*



These look like the caterpillars of the **Large white** butterfly, Martin. It's been a good year for them, partly thanks to you and your delicious nasturtiums!

And finally, some news of my own. You may recall how pleased I was to have such fine specimens of Aaron's rod growing through my patio slabs. Well, soon afterwards, they were munched back to bare stalks by a swarm of voracious caterpillars!



Like Martin, I had daily visits from both Large and Small white butterflies. Were they the culprits? As it turned out – no; these were the caterpillars of the **Mullein moth**. Was this as worthy a sacrifice as Val and Gillian's? Absolutely. The caterpillars soon disappeared to pupate in some hidden place and my Aaron's rod quickly restored itself, throwing up a mass of new growth. All is well in the

semi-naturalist's garden.

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



## TATSFIELD in 1924

Last month, under the theme of ‘**how things have changed**’ I mentioned the call for a sewage cart to be provided for the village in the days before mains drainage. Little did I know then that, in the same edition, Councillor Martin Allen would be reporting that 2024 Tandridge was now abandoning its predecessor’s response to that century-old call and ending its Cesspool-Emptying Service.

There’s a similar ‘**coming and going**’ aspect this month. In October 1924, the Westerham Herald was reporting on the increasing demand on the country’s expanding telephone network with news of plans for a telephone exchange at Warlingham. This was likely to improve the service to Tatsfield and its neighbours. A hundred years later, we’re hearing about the ‘**Digital Switchover**’ replacing that 100-year-old technology, getting rid of the copper wires and revolutionising the network.

Not many a week goes by without a mention of **speeding traffic** cropping up on Tatsfield Talk, but the issue had already come up as long ago as at the parish council meeting in October 1924. There had apparently been two accidents near the school, which was then near the junction of Ship Hill and Church Hill. A call came for the existing speed limit to be enforced properly to ensure that traffic kept to no more than **ten miles an hour** near the school.

At the same meeting, the need for more **housing** was raised. The rural district council had asked for suggestions about available land and the number of possible tenants. The parish council suggested that land could be made available behind the Village Hall. In the event, the main area for development became both sides of Lusted Hall Lane.

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Also in October 1924 one item in the Bromley Mercury contained an odd and, so far, unexplained reference to Tatsfield. The Bromley Trades and Labour Council had complained to Farnborough Parish Council about the lack of a proper playground at their local boys’ School. When the parish

council met, members described the Trades Council as “nosey parkers” and “ignominious”. The chairman’s attack on the Trades Council ended with “the only place for the Trades Council is the heights of Tatsfield where they can go and enjoy themselves without disturbing other people”. What should we make of that?

And a reminder: ‘**History Weekend**’ at the Aileen McHugo Building – 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> November.

**Ian Mitchell, Tatsfield History Project - [Tatsfield.history@talk21.com](mailto:Tatsfield.history@talk21.com) Tel: 577376**  
**Website: <https://e-voice.org.uk/tatsfieldhistoryproject/>**





## TATSFIELD ART GROUP

Ian Henderson gave us a memorable demonstration and workshops on how to paint a portrait in oils using a limited palette. What a brilliant teacher and artist!



**Project 3** We have one of our favourite artists with us on 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> October Adie Parker. Adie will lead us in a mixed media Demo/workshops her focus will be trees.

**Project 4** Jane O'Keefe Joins us on the 21<sup>st</sup> October for a lino workshop 'cut and cards' this will be an Xmas theme.

We then have a break for half term.

**Project 5** 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> November, Paolo Francis will not only demonstrate but also run workshops, showing how to paint a 'Stormy sky' and a 'Sunrise'. The paintings will be 80% sky and 20% land.

In the village you will see members work on display, and available to buy, at Sheree's Tea Rooms and Ye Old Ship. But don't forget many of our talented members accept commissions

Our work will be on display at Lingfield's Art Exhibition from the 28<sup>th</sup> October until the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024.

If you enjoy art and are thinking of joining a group please pop in and see us, we will be in the village hall Monday evenings from 7pm until 9.30pm during term times, non-members are welcome to visit for two meetings to see if we suit!

Our Annual membership fee is still only £150 which includes our weekly sessions, the cost of all demos and workshops and also guarantees entry to our annual exhibition, plus access to our store cupboard of equipment and refreshments.

Interested? Check us out at on [Facebook Tatsfield Art Group](#) or [Instagram](#) in the coming weeks and months for the latest updates. For further questions or intrigue? contact **Carol Gaskell 07815775859** or **Sandra Shury 07867502235**. We can't wait to see you.

### Further 2024 dates

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| 18/11/24 | Own work   |
| 25/11/24 | Project 6 Carol Gaskell Workshop 'Influenced by Clarice Cliff' |
| 02/12/24 | Project 7 Zsuzsanna Pataki Demo/workshop 'Harbour'             |
| 09/12/24 | Project 7 Zsuzsanna Pataki Workshop 'Harbour'                  |
| 16/12/24 | Own Work   |
| Xmas     | Social event to be arranged                                    |

## TATSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, AFTER THE STORM...

In spite of the torrential rain just two days before the autumn show nearly 50 people worked hard to enter 175 exhibits.

We were really impressed by the quality and range of work on show and sorry that rain stopped play for some potential exhibitors. Locals entered: ART, PHOTOGRAPHY, CRAFTS, VEGETABLES, FLOWERS, PRODUCE AND FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS of the highest quality. All these were judged very carefully and awarded points and prizes. As always our judges gave generously of their time and expertise and we are most grateful for that.



The Kitchen was busy selling homemade cakes and the raffle prizes attracted a good crowd.

It was good to see the enthusiasm of our junior entrants who earned a small sweet as well as monetary prizes for their efforts. Our youngest entrant was five month old Lucien Roux-Martyn who entered a finger painting.



Congratulations go to the following successful exhibitors who secured winning positions: Peter Maynard, Sue Warren, Kim Jennings, Christine Stainer, Sue Dowse, Little Acorns PreSchool, Jan Maynard, Linda Lambert, Grace Sinclair and the Wales family.

It was particularly good to see some new entrants, particularly families and juniors as well as our local preschools. We would love to see more!

Our PC chair Kim Jennings was kind enough to present the prizes and urged all villagers to support Tatsfield THS going forward.

Please use our website to see more details about the forthcoming events. Our year book is available and membership (£5) includes a discount token for Knights Garden Centre in Chelsham.

GO TO: [tatsfieldhorticulturalsociety.weebly.com](http://tatsfieldhorticulturalsociety.weebly.com)

See you all at the **SPRING SHOW - SATURDAY 12th APRIL 2025.**

**Carol Gaskell For any more information please ring me on 07815775859.**





## THS AUTUMN SHOW 2024 CUP WINNERS

| CUP                     | SECTION                 | WINNER            | POINTS |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|--------|
| Presidents Challenge    | Horticulture            | Maynard Peter     |        |
| Club Challenge Cup      | Vegetables              | Maynard Peter     | 50     |
| Elizabeth Challenge Cup | Flowers                 | Warren Sue        | 33     |
| The McHugo Trophy       | Flower Arrangement      | Warren Sue        | 14     |
| Slatter Trophy          | Crafts                  | Jennings Kim      | 6      |
| Peter Warner Trophy     | Art                     | Stainer Christine | 12     |
| Jeff Bloxham trophy     | Photography             | Dowse Sue         | 10     |
| Tom Black Cup           | Domestic                | Maynard Peter     | 16     |
| Tatsfield School Cup    | Juniors                 | Little Acorns     | 12     |
| Harry Shrub Memorial    | Best Dahlia             | Maynard Jan       |        |
| Ron Draper Award        | Best of Vegetable       | Lambert Linda     |        |
| Clark Cup               | Best Flower Arrangement | Warren Sue        |        |
| Tony Erbes Cup          | Best Onion              | Maynard Peter     |        |
| Allotment Trophy        | Fruit/Vegetables        | Maynard Peter     |        |
| Banksian                |                         | Warren Sue        |        |
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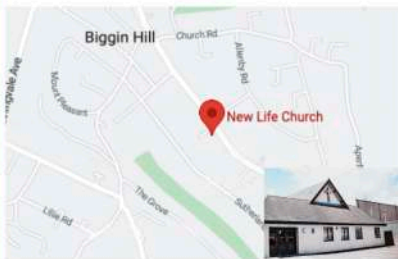
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