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Calendar Dates Our calendar usually covers six weeks or more from publication so please give us your dates in good time. If you don't want your event to clash with others why not check with us early?

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EDITORIAL

Happy Harvest-time! Thanks to the good folk at the Titsey Estate the creative ladies who usually work with flowers for the church were able to make this impressive display for our Organ Recital and Harvest Lunch and the Harvest Service the next day. The colours and textures are so beautiful and as the season really takes hold in our leafy part of Surrey the autumn palette will be a glorious sight – with or without the unexpected spectacle of the Northern Lights!



And these generous gifts were further enhanced by donations from the families of Tatsfield Primary School and those who regularly leave groceries in the Narthex of the church. These have been collected by the Westerham Food Hub which serves those in need locally.

As circumstances in our lives change – just like the seasons – we can all experience struggles to adapt and prevail. From time to time we will all need the help of those around us in different ways. We may feel vulnerable and self-conscious.

But a community moves and adapts as circumstances change, a community rises to the challenge of new situations and sometimes difficult circumstances and a community - if it's going to be a good, strong and useful community - is fuelled by compassion. A heart for those around us who are hurt, sad and hungry.

I hope this season is full of the mellow delights of mists and fruitfulness for all of us.

Reverend Debra

Autumn by Florence Hoatson

*Yellow the bracken,
Golden the sheaves,
Rosy the apples,
Crimson the leaves;
Mist on the hillside,
Clouds grey and white.
Autumn, good morning!
Summer, goodnight!*



TATSFIELD REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

NOVEMBER 11TH 2024

Tatsfield Village Memorial.

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2 minutes silence at 11 am

Followed by a wreath-laying service

Tatsfield Parish Council

All Welcome - We Will Remember Them



SAVE THE DATE – TATSFIELD CLUBFEST AND VOLUNTEER AWARDS SUNDAY 11TH MAY 2025, WESTMORE GREEN

We want to celebrate all that is great about our clubs and village community. Join us for an afternoon of fun and celebrations next May!

ClubFest

ClubFest is an opportunity for Tatsfield's clubs and societies to promote themselves to more villagers and encourage and welcome new members. This is a call to all Tatsfield Village Organisations to think about how you would like to promote yourselves on Sunday 11th May. The event will be held on Westmore Green. More information will follow in early 2025.

Volunteer Awards Tatsfield Parish Magazine wishes to recognise the contributions of the numerous volunteers who give their time for the village and its residents and the difference these have made to our community. Our awards are:

Young Person Of The Year (under-18). A young person who has: embraced volunteering for the village; overcome personal difficulties; supported and/or inspired other young people to cope with difficulties; challenged themselves.

Good Neighbour Of The Year. A neighbour who goes above and beyond loaning some sugar – demonstrating true generosity of spirit, always there when you need them and happy to help with the smallest of things.

Club Leader Of The Year. A club Chair/Leader who goes the extra mile to inspire, ensuring that your organisation has a varied and engaging programme of activities.

Club Secretary/Treasurer Of The Year. Organisation and managing limited funds are key to any club running smoothly and often take place out of the limelight. Does your club secretary/treasurer deserve a special mention?

Club Member Of The Year. A club member who is the life and soul of the party!

Outstanding Contribution to Tatsfield. An individual, group, or village organisation who has made a real difference to community wellbeing in Tatsfield or indeed to our village environment.

Long Service Award. A Tatsfield resident who has given their time and been instrumental in setting up and supporting organisations and facilities that benefit the village as a whole.

More information will follow about how and when to send us your nominations in early 2025, but start thinking about who you might like to nominate and why - what has been the impact of the person / group on you or the local community? Who and how have they helped? What do the volunteers do, why are they special?

TATSFIELD PARISH MAGAZINE

REQUEST FOR DONATIONS FROM INDIVIDUALS As you know, the magazine is delivered free each month to all households in Tatsfield and to some in Titsey. We are only able to do this because of the income we receive from advertisers and donations from village organisations and individuals, not to mention the voluntary efforts of nearly 100 villagers who help to write, produce and distribute the magazine each month.

If you would like to contribute to the magazine funds, we would be very grateful as we then have the chance to keep improving the magazine and balancing the books. There is no obligation to donate but we are very grateful for anything received.

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Thank you for your continued support.

Madie Langford



TATSFIELD'S SECRET GARDEN, CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Some improvements to the secret Garden on Westmore Green have taken place. We would love for a couple of **Volunteers** to undertake maintenance of the garden if you have a spare hour once a fortnight please contact me.

Kim Jennings (Email: Kimjennings@tatsfieldpc.org.uk)

TATSFIELD AND VERN D'ANJOU TWINNING

Easter 2025 is the 50th anniversary of the twinning with Tatsfield and Vern d'Anjou in France.

We are making plans for transport to travel there on Easter Good Friday, returning on Easter Monday. There is also the option of people driving themselves, in case you want to extend the weekend.

It is always a very warm, friendly weekend, with all the hospitality laid on by our French friends. If anyone is interested in joining the weekend, please contact Hollie Panther as soon as possible to ask any questions and express your interest.

Hollie Panther Tel: 07886 393584

TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council met on Monday 15th October.

I am happy to announce that Sue Dowse has been co-opted as a Parish Councillor at our October meeting. Welcome to the team Sue.

Planning

TA/2024/437 1 Park Farm Cottages, Rag Hill. Erection of a two storey rear extension, loft conversion and extension involving installation of 3 rooflights and erection of rear dormer. Erection of an outbuilding (Certificate of lawfulness for a proposed Use or Development). Recommendation: Objection consistent with our previous objection on application ref:TA/2024/95.

TA/2023/101 Motorway service area North, Clacket Lane. Construction of a drive through lane and the associated civils works with extensions to provide the pay and collect locations (Updated plans and revised ecology Report). Recommendation: No further comment.

TA/2024/939 The Briars, Ninehams Road. Conversion of existing double garage into a habitable room and erection of rear external access ramp. Recommendation: No Comment.

TA/2024/1011 The Firs, Maesmaur Road. Erection of a detached garage. Recommendation: No Comment.

TA/2024/944/NC Meadow Bank, Goatsfield Road. Conversion of agricultural building into a residential dwelling (Prior approval Schedule 2, Part 3, Class Q). Recommendation: No Comment.

Finance Expenditure was authorised for works on outside of the Village Hall and Aileen Mchugo Building. A quote for our three-yearly tree survey had been received and was approved by councillors this will take place in next few weeks. The external audit had passed with no comment. This can be viewed in full on our website)

Furze Corner Jason Syrett reported that the steering group has had two meetings and another planned. All forward planning for the next season's ground maintenance would be discussed then. If you are interested in joining this project please contact Jasonsyrett@tatsfieldpc.org.uk.

EV Charging points for Village Simon Cook reported that he now had all relevant information and would proceed with an application.

New Recycling Initiative The PC are planning to trial recycling of **foil medication containers** and **coffee pods**. More information to follow.

Remembrance Service We will host a Remembrance Service in the village centre. Saturday 9th November at 10.45. Please let me know if you/your organisation would like

to lay a wreath by emailing kimjennings@tatsfieldPC.org.uk. More details can be found in this issue.

Claire Coutinho's Happy to Chat Initiative We have been invited by our MP to take part in this scheme and have chosen a bench around the pond to have the plaque placed.

Halloween Happening The Roseheath Foundation requested to use the picnic benches outside the shops to provide Tricks and Treats for our village young ones (below 11yrs). This will take place between 4.30-6pm on 31st October . Permission approved by the PC.

Christmas Tree Once again we will have a large Christmas Tree in the village. This year it is a joint sponsorship by Tatsfield Aquatics and The Roseheath Foundation. It will be erected ready for switch-on of lights 1st December. The trees will be lit up again this year and we get so many comments about how wonderful our village looks. Of course this comes at a cost and I would like to ask if anyone would like to make a donation to our Lights Fund please contact me for further information.

Aileen Mchugo Building Letting of Meeting Room A review of the meeting room hire process resulted with the decision being made to charge village groups who hire the room to pay £10 per evening session. This charge is necessary to cover heating and cleaning costs. It was also agreed that AGM's of groups would remain free of charge.

A full report of our meeting can be found on our website.

Kim Jennings, Chairman

Tatsfield Parish Council Email: kimjennings@tatsfieldpc.org.uk



TATSFIELD'S NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

You can still view the documents on the neighbourhood plan website:
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TANDRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL

It has been a quiet month for me in September, although only shadowing my Independent colleagues at committee I do tend to support them and have my say on things that I believe are not correct. I attended the Licensing meeting that discussed the new guidelines over Pavement Licensing, who knew that was a thing? It was introduced during Covid to help businesses the government has extended the practice to help businesses continue with the practice of outdoor eating and drinking.

As always this time of year the budget process has started and we are now charged with findings more savings over the next four years of £4m. This will have an inevitable strain on the services offered so watch this space.

I had a promising conversation with a SCC Highways Officer that has resulted in an open channel to them in the future to discuss planning matters in areas of danger on our narrow and bendy roads.

Now that the Independent group consists of five members it was felt sensible between us to have more regular meetings so that we can discuss ideas and share experiences of things that are happening across our wards and may help each other resolve them quicker. The meetings will be bi-monthly and will be between our meetings with the Chief Executive and selected officers.

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What is vehicle crime, and why should it be taken seriously? Vehicle crime includes theft of vehicles, theft from vehicles, interference with a motor vehicle, and buying or selling stolen vehicles. These types of offences are increasingly being seen across the country. They are carried out at all hours of the day, even in broad daylight.

We want to help you stay safe and minimise the chances of becoming a victim of vehicle crime. There are simple steps you can take to deter criminals, such as making sure your vehicle is locked when you leave it, even if you are returning shortly. If you are a motorbike or moped owner, you can help keep them safe by using a disk lock, chaining your bike to an immovable object, and covering it when not in use.

- Storing keys away from windows and doors and in a metal tin
- If you are able to purchase one, use a radio frequency blocking pouch
- Consider using a steering lock
- Park in well-lit or CCTV covered areas

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 or martin_allen@talk21.com

CLAIRE COUTINHO MP

As we approach winter, you might have seen me and my staff out and about in East Surrey delivering posters to local services and pinning them up on parish council notice boards. That is because I have restarted my campaign to get the word out on how to apply for pension credit. Many pensioners are not aware that if you are in receipt of Pension Credit, you will also receive Winter Fuel Support, a free TV licence, a Warm Home Discount, and much more. Please check your eligibility or ask a friend or family member to help you check whether you can access this critical support. To apply for Pension Credit, all you need is your National Insurance number, your Bank details, and information about your savings. To check if you are eligible please call 0800 99 1234, or apply online www.gov.uk/pension-credit.

I want to thank Inspector Lindsey Whatley, the Borough Commander for East Surrey, for taking the time to meet with me recently to discuss residents' concerns including worries about anti-social behaviour, traffic control measures, and traveller sites. Whilst being updated on the relocation of the police headquarters, I told the inspector that keeping the front desk service at Caterham was very important to people in the town.

After the shoplifting roundtable a few months ago, I was pleased to hear the parish council's work to install CCTV cameras in Oxted was having such a positive impact. I'm also grateful to the officers who have done so much to tackle multiple criminal gangs who were shoplifting on our high streets. There is still more to do, but our fantastic police officers are making good progress.

TATSFIELD SINGERS PRESENT
"SINGING FOR CHRISTMAS"

Date: Saturday 14th December, 5.00pm

Venue: Tatsfield Village Hall

Tickets are £5 (children are free)
and are available from Sheree's Store.

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CITIZENS ADVICE EDENBRIDGE & WESTERHAM

A major change to this year's Winter Fuel Payment means that to get the allowance that's worth up to £300, you must also receive Pension Credit. If you don't currently get Pension Credit, but think you could be eligible, it's vital to check now and apply, otherwise you could miss out.

Pension Credit tops up pension incomes and can help with day to day living costs. If you are over State Pension age, you may be eligible to claim Pension Credit, even if you own your own home or have savings. People who claim Pension Credit may also be able to get:

- The Winter Fuel Payment and other help with heating costs
- Help with rent and Council Tax
- A free TV licence for those aged 75 or over
- Help with the costs of NHS services, such as NHS dental treatment, glasses and transport costs for hospital appointments.

You could be eligible for Pension Credit if your weekly income is below £218.15 or, if you have a partner who lives with you, £332.95. Qualifying income level may be higher in some circumstances, for example, if you receive a disability benefit.

Check your eligibility at gov.uk/pension-credit or by calling the Pension Service on 0800 99 1234.

DON'T DELAY !!! - to qualify for the Winter Fuel Payment this year, you must have been eligible for Pension Credit during the 'qualifying week' of 16 to 22 September. Since Pension Credit can be backdated by three months, the last date you can make a claim for Pension Credit and still get the Winter Fuel Payment is 21 December 2024.

It takes between six and eight weeks to process new Pension Credit claims, due to high volumes of applications. But as long as you apply by 21 December, and your claim is successful, you will get the Winter Fuel Payment.

Call our free Adviceline on **0808 278 7962**

Monday to Thursday 9.30am to 4pm.

Email us at: enquiries@edenbridgecab.cabnet.org.uk anytime.

Drop in at our offices: Eden Centre, Four Elms Road, Edenbridge TN8 6BY

Monday to Thursday 10am to 3pm.



HISTORY WEEKEND

Saturday and Sunday

23rd & 24th November

between **12** midday and 5 pm
at **THE AILEEN McHUGO BUILDING**
(behind THE VILLAGE HALL)

**LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR PARISH -
WHETHER YOU ARE A LONG-TERM RESIDENT
OR A RELATIVE NEWCOMER**

**CHECK WHO WAS LIVING WHERE YOU DO
NOW EARLY IN THE LAST CENTURY**

Extracts from the *Inland Revenue 1910 Rate Assessment Books* stored at the National Archives in Kew will be available for you to see. They record how individual properties were assessed for the equivalent of today's Council Tax in the years before the First World War

**COPIES OF "Tatsfield – The First 2000 Years", "Tatsfield School – Past and Present"
and "The Paynesfield Road Gang" will on sale.**

LITTLE ACORNS PRESCHOOL

Little Acorns have been very busy.....



We have spoken lots about emotions this term and read stories relating to this topic. In October our children decorated a Happiness Tree, in addition to supporting **Hello Yellow**- a campaign that supports young people's mental health. The children chose a colour to wear to preschool that made them feel most happy, whilst parents/carers joined us for a coffee morning to further support this great cause. The Happiness Tree was decorated with the children's thoughts of what made them Happy - "Dancing", "Holidays", "Drawing", "My dog"!

This month will be having Nursery Rhyme week! Singing, dancing and moving to familiar rhymes as well as learning some new ones. Rhyming games and songs are important in helping children's understanding of different word sounds and also in mathematical and social skills too. Having a repertoire of nursery rhymes becomes beneficial to their language skills and builds the foundations to being able to read, whilst having lots of fun!



Boom Arts Academy also teach a dance class to our children every Wednesday afternoon which incorporates some nursery rhymes here too.

Our thanks to Tatsfield Horticultural Society for funding our new planter, which now sits in our outside play area.

Little Acorns thoroughly enjoyed helping to plant it out with flowers.

The children have also been busy planting bulbs during gardening club, that they were able to take home and watch as they grow!



The Little Acorns Team

Email: office@littleacornstatsfield.co.uk

EXPLORING AUTUMN AT MONKEY PUZZLE TATSFIELD



We have been embracing autumn and the 'ber' months and all they bring here at Monkey Puzzle Tatsfield.

Observing changes we may see outside and collecting lots of natural resources to use throughout the nursery in a range of activities and play experiences including: potion making, pine cone and conker mark making, blackberry painting, clay hedgehogs, leaf printing and much more!



We encourage the children to explore natural resources in all forms and incorporate this within many activities. Sensory play is a great way to encourage the children to explore using all their senses. This is one of the autumn sensory trays which includes natural resources hidden in the orange jelly, using the tools available to dig, scoop, whisk and mash them out.



Are you looking for childcare?

We offer a high standard of care to children aged 3 months to 5 years old. Providing a range of fun and exciting activities, both indoors and outdoors all year around, exploring our local environment and all it offers on local trips, celebrating all traditions and cultures.

We have spaces available here at Monkey Puzzle Tatsfield, if you are interested and want to book a tour of the nursery, please contact us

Phone – 01959 928427

Email – manager@monkeypuzzletatsfield.co.uk





Year 2 pupils at Tatsfield Primary School have been writing description poems to celebrate autumn and the harvest.



THE FUTURE OF TATSFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY (THS) – UPDATE

The THS Committee met in October to discuss our future. We are faced with a stark choice – bring forward a resolution at our AGM on the 26th November for the dissolution of the society – or hold off that action in the hope that we can attract more volunteers to join the committee. In the discussions that followed we considered what changes we could in the future, these are summarised below:

- Change the name of the society e.g. The Tatsfield Gardening Club to make it more appealing, less exclusive.
- Change the format of our shows, reduce (but not remove) the competitive element and be more diverse, maybe involve other groups, maybe support a return of the village fete/show on Westmore Green.
- Consider seeking sponsorship from a local business to help with costs.
- Instead of having an auction of produce at the end of a show, have produce labelled for sale, offer tables for others to offer their produce for sale.
- Change our rules to make entering some of the show classes easier to enter.
- Increase our visibility by wearing ID tags and maybe clothing like the TIB team.
- Increase our efforts to engage with our local school and pre-schools to encourage more awareness of the natural world and gardening, help with organising projects, maybe bring back our Giant Sunflower competition.
- Promote new initiatives in the community to make gardens more sustainable e.g. establishing meadows and other wildlife habitats, making and positioning bird boxes, insect hotels and refuges for other species.
- Improve and increase our presence on social media.

These are very ambitious aims, it was agreed that we must have more committee members if we are to survive and move forward.

Please contact me if you would like to discuss how you could help us – you don't need to be an experienced gardener, we have plenty of those! Better still, join us for drinks and light snacks after our very short AGM in the WI Hall on 26th November at 7.30pm.

Jon Allbutt, Chairman

Email: jon@jonallbutt.co.uk Tel: 07712 196406

TATSFIELD 100 CLUB

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

1 st Prize	Margaret Burton	£46.50
2 nd Prize	Craig Seamons	£31.00
3 rd Prize	Matthew Perrett	£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. **Les Eames**

TATSFIELD MARTIAL ARTS - MORE MEDAL SUCCESS FOR TMA!

On Saturday 21st September, the English Closed Judo Championship took place in Thetford, Norfolk. This event is the pinnacle event for English Judo – with the gold medallists taking the title of English Champion. Only the British Closed Championship in December is seen as a higher event within the domestic calendar.

TMA had one club member taking part, Kayden Plinston, in the male cadet (U17) U66kg category. Last year Kayden placed 7th in the U60kg category so we were hoping to improve on this. Kayden had been managing his weight closely leading up to the competition, two weeks before he was

weighing 69kg but he managed to get down to 65.5kg through hard training, diet and discipline – however, this is likely to be his last time competing at U66kg and a move into the U73kg category will be round the corner. It turned out that the U66kg group was massive, with 21 competitors entered – almost twice the size of the U73kg group!



The group with split into two pools. Kayden fought his way through to the final of his pool, winning all his contests inside the distance with ippon. In the final he came up against a very negative

player and eventually Kayden got caught in an armlock after trying to force the win. This meant that Kayden would go straight into one of the bronze medal fights against the winner of the repechage (everyone who loses a fight goes into the repechage pool, where they fight each other until there is a pool winner – once you lose two contests you are out of the competition completely). In judo, you must win the bronze medal, it's not a case of losing a fight and being given a bronze medal. If you lose the contest, you get awarded 5th place, which no one wants.

Kayden was up against a very difficult opponent, but someone he had beaten before. Kayden took the lead quite early on with a score that the referee originally gave ippon (a winning score) but the two side judges overruled to a waza ari (half score), so after initially celebrating what he thought was a win he had to switch back on and continue fighting. The contest became very close and both boys were giving it their all. With fifteen seconds left on the clock I was shouting at Kayden to keep away and not to risk getting caught as his opponent was getting more and more frantic knowing time was ticking away, but then with just one second left on the clock Kayden turned in for a throw and dumped him for an ippon score!

So, four wins and only one loss with all the wins coming via ippon and no fight going the distance. Not only did Kayden win the bronze medal in the English Championship, he has also secured his place on the EDS (England Development Squad) which will open the door to bigger events and the possibility of competing on the continent. Next up, he has the Surrey Open in October, which he won last year – however, this will be his first competition in the heavier weight group. Then, we are looking forward to the British Championships in December.

On Sunday 6th October the Surrey Open Championship took place at Donyngs Sport Centre in Redhill. TMA entered three competitors.

In the U57kg pre-cadet (U14) girls, Jane Mullings secured a silver medal with some aggressive, attacking judo and should be very proud of herself.

In the U66kg cadet boys, we had two competitors – Harvey Davy and Kayden Plinston. Harvey lost his first contest due to an armlock. Despite this armlock causing some damage which required medical assistance, Harvey fought on and won his next contest and this time it was Harvey applying the armlock and his opponent submitting as a result. Harvey's next fight was for a bronze medal against a tough opponent, who caught Harvey with a throw which scored ippon. So, a creditable fifth place for Harvey. Kayden, full of confidence after his England selection, had three contests and despatched all his opponents with big throws which all scored ippon. Kayden took a combined mat time of one minute and 57 seconds to win all his contests along with the gold medal. Considering a judo contest time is four minutes, finishing three contests in less than half this time is impressive and highlights the step-up in class between national standard judoka and decent county level players.

Adam Plinston

NOT SO YOUNG CLUB

Not long now and we will all be enjoying some festive goodies, how time flies!

Our October meeting was enjoyed by all! Beef stew followed by Apple puffs and, if members had enough room, delicious cake.

In November, Enid and Suzanne will be attending the remembrance service to lay a wreath on behalf of our club. Also, we will be visiting Polehill Garden Centre followed by afternoon tea. As you know our members take every opportunity to enjoy tea and cake!

Our next meeting is on 12th November 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 Dowe

Email: notsoyoung100@gmail.com Tel: 07816110929

TATSFIELD IN BLOOM

Our new polytunnel has now been erected at the Allotments by Len and Juliet Morris, to whom we are very grateful for doing such a solid job.



We have now been busy laying weed-retardant membrane and wood chippings for the floor and on the path to the side and we are now ready to purchase some racking and make some tables to work on. We are hoping that we can over-winter the summer plants when they are removed from the containers for use again next year or for sale at a plant sale in the Spring.

We have been in discussion with the Parish Council regarding the removal of the vines from the Bakery lawn. These have become very labour intensive over the last few years with the number of volunteers available rapidly decreasing and also some of the posts and wires will need replacing in the near future. Our plan is to grass in the beds and perhaps at a future date plant a few small trees. This will also help with the mowing of the grass in this area, hopefully by Tandridge DC as part of their contract. The vines were planted many years ago as part of one of the TIB annual South-East in Bloom competitions but the vines have deteriorated and the grapes not used. We hope you understand the reasons behind our decision.

We are very excited about our plans for the polytunnel with the opportunity for all members to help with the propagation of plants to be used in the village and looking after others to help with sustainability. Please come and join us on a Saturday morning at 10am when we can guarantee meeting up with a lively group of volunteers and a cup of coffee afterwards and, hopefully, a more interesting agenda!

Thank you to all those who put donations into our yellow pots in Sheree's, The Old Ship and The Village Club. I was delighted to be able to pay in £111 recently from the proceeds of the pots which will help us to continue to keep Tatsfield looking attractive.

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

ST MARY'S MATTERS



Harvest Organ Recital & Lunch Thanks to Graham Dixon for a highly accomplished and appreciated recital of Organ music and for his informative insights into the music and composers, especially those with local links. A delicious, relaxed lunch followed in the Millennium Hall thanks to the considerable efforts of our volunteers in particular, Marjory Broughton, Madie Langford and Mary Smith.

Harvest Sunday Thanks to Jan Maynard and the team for decorating the church so beautifully for Harvest and to Titsey Estate for a wonderful supply of greenery and fresh produce. The church remained open during the day for viewing the harvest decorations and displays of produce, including from Tatsfield Primary School. Harvest food gifts were donated to the local community through Westerham Foodbank. More Harvest photos appear later.



Food Bank Collection and Harvest Food Gifts Thank you to Tatsfield School and all those who donated this year's Harvest food gifts. These were taken to Westerham food bank, which has seen an increase in households needing support in the last year, referred to them from a variety of agencies. Some clients need only short-term support, some intermittently over a longer time and some for extended time periods. Food donations are made throughout the

year every four or five weeks. The next deliveries will be Thursday 7th November and 5th December. **Hilary Vale 01959 577864**

Annual Ecumenical Service Thanks to all who attended our October Annual Ecumenical Service of prayer, scripture and music, gathering together in fellowship and friendship. We enjoyed tea and cake afterwards in the Millenium Hall.

Sunday 10th November - Remembrance Sunday Our 10am Holy Communion will be led by Bishop Chris Goldsmith and will include an Act of Remembrance with a two minute silence and singing of the National Anthem. All are welcome!



All Souls' Service 3.30 pm Sunday 10th 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

Churchyard Team We held what was most likely our penultimate session this year on 28th September. In contrast to the wet weather of previous days it was thankfully a perfect morning for gardening with lots of good work completed. Flower beds, cremation areas and the surrounds of the church and Millennium Hall were weeded and tidied, paths were edged and grass cut, all helping to keep the churchyard looking well cared for. There are now plenty of bags of good compost bagged up and freely available for collection from the compost area, so please help yourselves! Weather permitting our final maintenance session of the year will be on Saturday 2nd November at 10 am.

David Gulley

St Mary's Tatsfield 100 Club Results - October 2024 Draw

16 M Langford £23 38 P & J Pinder £14 96 C Prendergast £9 St Mary's £44

Sunday Services at St Mary's Whilst Curate Debra Elsdon undertakes her training the main Sunday service with music is at 10am led by visiting clergy / lay people and Debra herself as her schedule allows. Further information is in our Notice Sheet which can be accessed via the home page of our website: www.lttm.org.uk/stmarys. **All are welcome to our services and to the church**, which is open for viewing, prayer or personal reflection from 9am - 3.30pm approx. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Holy Communion for the Sick and House-Bound Those unwell and/or house-bound who wish to receive Holy Communion at home or place of residence can contact our Churchwardens via stmoffice.lttm@btinternet.com.

Life Events We welcome enquires for baptisms, weddings, funerals, burial and the interment of ashes. Further information is on our website www.lttm.org.uk/stmarys or email the Parish Office at stmoffice.lttm@btinternet.com.

Hire of the Millennium Hall Our well-equipped Millennium Hall is open for bookings. Enquiries from individuals and groups are very welcome. **Sheila Cook (01959 577443)**

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15th August Interment of Ashes Peter Shea & Francis Shea

Church Office

The Parish Office c/o St Peter's Church, High Street Limpsfield RH8 0DG.
Our Parish Administrator is available there 9.30am to 1.30pm each Thursday, by phone on 01883 712512 and by email at stmoffice.lttm@btinternet.com. Emails are checked during the week for any urgent matters and information is available on St Mary's

Website: www.lttm.org.uk/stmarys

ST MARY'S FLOWER TEAM HARVEST FESTIVAL DISPLAYS

St Mary's was filled with produce and beautiful flower arrangements for Harvest Festival. A special mention to Rory, Head Gardener at the Titsey Estate, and of course Tatsfield School, plus the flower arranging team led by Ann Vatcher and Jan Maynard.



REGULAR TATSFIELD EVENTS AND INFORMATION

Sun	9.30 am	Yoga with Lexy, VH
	10.00 am	Church service – StM
Mon	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
Tue	10.00 am	Chair Yoga with Mel - WIH
	1.00 pm	Not So Young Club (2 nd Tuesday of the month) WIH
	2.30 pm	WI Meeting (1 st Tuesday of the month) WIH
	4.00pm	Paracise VH
	7.00 pm	Scouts and Explorers – SH
	6.15 pm	Barré with Fi - VH
Wed	10.00 am	WI Pop In – WIH
	2-4 pm	Composting Site CLOSED from 1 st 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
Thu	9.30 am	Yoga with Lexy, StM
	9.30 am	Shape and Tone with Gary, WIH
	2.00 pm	Scrabble at AMB (2 nd Thursday of the month)
	1.30 pm	Hear Here Sessions – AMB (1 st 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	
Fri	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
Sat	9.00 am	Under 8s Judo – SH
	10.00 am	Composting Site CLOSED
	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

NOVEMBER

2 nd Sat	10.00am	Churchyard Tidy-up, StM
5 th Tue	2.15pm	WI Felting Workshop, WIH
9 th Sat	10.40am	Remembrance Service, Remembrance Stone, Village Centre
9 th Sat	2.00pm	NDS Concert rehearsal, open to public, VH
9 th Sat	7.30pm	NDS Concert, VH
10 th Sun	10.00am	Remembrance Service and Holy Communion, StM
10 th Sun	3.30pm	All Souls' Service, StM
12 th Tue	12.30pm	Not So Young Club, WIH
12 th Tue	7.45pm	The Addams Family, OMTC, Barn Theatre
13 th Wed	7.45pm	The Addams Family, OMTC, Barn Theatre
14 th Thu	7.45pm	The Addams Family, OMTC, Barn Theatre
15 th Fri	7.45pm	The Addams Family, OMTC, Barn Theatre
16 th Sat	2.30pm	The Addams family, OMTC, Barn Theatre
16 th Sat	7.45pm	The Addams Family, OMTC, Barn Theatre
21 st Thu	7.30pm	La Boheme, New Aquarian Opera Company, Barn Theatre
22 nd Fri	7.30pm	La Boheme, New Aquarian Opera Company, Barn Theatre
23 rd Sat	12.00pm	Tatsfield History Weekend, AMB
23 rd Sat	7.30pm	La Boheme, New Aquarian Opera Company, Barn Theatre
23 rd Sat	7.30pm	OLMS, Alim Beisembayev Piano Recital, Hazelwood School
24 th Sun	12.00pm	Tatsfield History Weekend, AMB
24 th Sun	5.30pm	NDCO, Sounds of the Season Concert, Hazelwood School
26 th Tue	7.30pm	Tatsfield Horticultural Society AGM, WIH
27 th Wed	2.15pm	Behind the Scenes at the National Gallery, Limpsfield Church Hall
29 th Fri	7.45pm	Flash – A Tribute to Queen, Barn Theatre
30 th Sat	7.45pm	Oxted Comedy Night, Barn Theatre

DECEMBER

7 th Sat	5.00pm	OLCS Christmas Concert, URC, Bluehouse Lane, Oxted
14 th Sat	5.00pm	Tatsfield Singers Christmas Concert, VH
15 th Sun	7.45pm	The Upbeat Beatles, Barn Theatre, Oxted

TATSFIELD ONLINE

Village website: www.tatsfield.org.uk

Village facebook page: search for 'Tatsfield Village' on facebook

Tatsfield Talk facebook group: search for 'Tatsfield Talk' on facebook, and ask to join to be able to view and post. **Twitter:** @tatsfieldtweet

PARISH MAGAZINE EVENTS LISTINGS

If you would like your event included in this diary in future, please send details to tatsfieldpm@gmail.com. Please also let us know if any information has changed.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 2024



This year we have been celebrating 30 years of the Fairtrade Mark in the UK. Thank you to everyone who supported the events in Tatsfield. The Church Teas at the Millenium Hall were very busy. As well as enjoying Fairtrade teas and coffees, plus cakes made with Fairtrade sugar, chocolate and bananas, our visitors shopped from our stall. Moyna Bridge is a friend to our group from Oxted and she supplies us with a wide range of goods at our events.

We also held a free Fairtrade Breakfast event in the Village Hall later in the month. We served hot drinks, muesli and a range of Fairtrade jams and spreads to enjoy on toast. Fairtrade roses from the Co-op in Biggin Hill decorated the tables which were adorned with the familiar blues and greens of the Fairtrade Mark.



Tatsfield School learned about the impact of buying Fairtrade Products how farmers try to adjust their techniques to cope with the problems caused by Climate Change – the people we rely on are at the sharp end. Thanks to all the pupils and staff who welcomed me to their wonderful assembly.

We are a Fairtrade Village – do look for Fairtrade products at Sheree's Stores and our local supermarkets.

Tatsfield Fairtrade Group

Website: tatsfieldfairtradevillage.weebly.com

THS - GARDEN CLUB

At our last Garden Club meeting we welcomed Marie Shallcross to give us a talk on planting up and tips on growing daffodils, for our gardens, in pots on the patio and of course up to 12" pots for our Spring Show.

The daffodil bulbs are full of starch which gives the bulb energy. It is the green leaves that put energy back into the bulb for the following season so extra feed is not required- just don't cut off the leaves after flowering too soon! There are 40 species of daffodils and these are sub divided into over 200 varieties. There is a daffodil for everyone, tall and short. Did you know that the bulbs will outlive you? In the spring I went on a daffodil tour at Hever Castle with Johnny Walker, and he showed us daffodils that had been planted in Anne Boleyn's time. They had been buried under the earth for hundreds of years, but when the gardeners dug and cleared a path through the Orchard area they appeared. They are absolutely stunning but sadly unavailable to buy right now.



The Hever Daffodil

Marie spent time on talking about soil mixes. She suggested two parts top soil, two parts peat free multi-purpose compost and one part grit. Give this a good mix and then pot up your bulbs, pointy end up. This mix is free draining so the bulbs don't rot. It is a good idea to wear plastic gloves as daffodil bulbs can give you a skin irritant. You can then top dress your pots with grit if you so wish. This helps to stop squirrels burying their acorns and nuts. The grit also keeps the foliage clean in wet weather.

If you are planting up pots for the patio there is no reason why you can't add a potted Cyclamen or three, or maybe a Heuchera, to add interest. These can be removed when the leaves begin to grow through and planted in the borders.

Marie had bagged up four different varieties of daffodils for us to take home and plant up ready for the Spring Show. Refreshments of teas and coffees were enjoyed by all, together with Sue's Homemade Lemon Drizzle cake.

Marie has a Blog called 'Plews Potting Shed', and is a garden designer and consultant, gardening teacher and writer. We were all lucky to have her.



Sue Warren

THE TATSFIELD GARDENER IN NOVEMBER

I hear stories that an aurora event followed by a frost and then a sunny day being an omen for the weather this winter; nice idea but definitely not supported by science, or even weather records! That said, our weather continues to keep us on our gardening toes. I am very keen to see how the weather is going to influence our autumn colour. By the end of October my Hamamelis was showing some intense red colours (mostly yellow last year) and so is my neighbour's Liquidambar tree. Colour at this time of the year is precious and is the grand finale to a summer of colour. Make sure to look around your local gardens and identify which plants give a good autumn display on our clay soil before you buy.

It may be the end of our summer flowering season, but for veggie gardeners this is the beginning of preparation for next year's crops. Tatsfield's clay soil needs attention now to be at its best for cultivation next spring. As soon as your plot is cleared dig it over roughly and leave it for frost action – that is if we get any frost this winter! Sort out your cropping plan and cover the area reserved for peas, beans, salads, potatoes with well-rotted manure (avoid fresh stable manure as it is full of grass seed) or compost like our excellent Tatsfield black gold (composting site is now closed for the winter). Root crops and brassicas prefer to grow in soil that was manured the previous year. If you are new to growing your own produce and need help, the best guides are available at the Wisley Gardens bookshop or online at www.rhs.org.uk

If you are going to make changes in the garden, and are planning to plant trees and shrubs, now is the best time to do it while there is still some warmth, and plenty of moisture, in the soil. In these conditions plants will make new roots and be better able to grow with less watering next year. When planting make sure to dig a hole larger than you need to make room for a generous amount of compost underneath and around the root ball. The compost acts as a sponge to hold water during dry periods; when you have completed the planting add a generous layer of compost as a mulch over the surface of the soil.

November is also the time to plant spring flowering bulbs in the garden. Buy and plant groups of at least ten bulbs for the best display. As a guide, bulbs should be planted to twice their depth, the packaging should give more specific instructions; remember that bulbs planted too near the surface will not be able to support the leaves and flower heads. A lovely feature in a garden meadow is to plant the beautiful native Daffodil (*Narcissus pseudonarcissus*). Planting into grass is very easy, take a spade and cut into the grass at an angle, lever up the grass and place a couple of bulbs underneath, withdraw the spade and stand firmly on the grass to push it back into place. Repeat this in a random pattern about six inches apart using at least 20 bulbs, the more you use the better the display. As the bulbs mature, they will produce more bulbs until you have a dense group (or drift) and a spectacular display.

Jon Allbutt

WILDLIFE GARDENING TIPS FOR NOVEMBER

What a beautiful though chilly time of year! The evenings are drawing in, although that's not a problem for most of our wildlife because more than two thirds of animal species are nocturnal and they need the dark to live, thrive and survive. This leads me to the subject of light pollution now that the clocks have gone back and dusk is so much earlier. Unlike most animals, humans have pretty awful night vision, and we need plenty of artificial light to help us see in the dark, and quite often we leave the light on even after we've wandered off and don't need it anymore. The trouble is that when the light is outdoors, it scares off all those lovely nocturnal creatures that are doing their best to scratch a living out there when we're all tucked up indoors. And many of those animals would have been doing us a good turn my disposing of garden pests such as slugs and harmful insect larvae. I guess what I'm trying to say is please turn off your outdoor lights when you don't need them – it is so good for wildlife and your garden to leave nature to do its thing. I'd also add that light pollution can equally upset neighbours that might be trying to enjoy the night sky – my yoga buddy Elaine wanted to catch a rare glimpse of the Northern Lights recently, but there was so much unwanted light haze around the village that she had to go out to Approach Road to enjoy the sight.

On a slightly related note, I'd like to reiterate Jon's wise words from last month about leaving seed heads on plants because they are such an essential food source for our birds and other small wildlife. I'll be following this advice although my sunflowers are a bit too tall to leave standing so I'll be hanging the seed heads in the shelter of a tree where the birds can munch away at their leisure.

Interesting fact of the month. We have an amazing 9,000+ wild animal species in the UK. And the only creatures that hibernate are hedgehogs, bats and dormice. Which means that there's a lot of hungry mouths to feed outdoors over winter, but light pollution badly disrupts their ability to forage. So, if you turn an outdoor light off, you might just help make something's life a whole lot easier.

Jim Kenney

NORTH DOWNS SINFONIA

We are very excited about the forthcoming concert on Saturday, November 9th at 7.30 pm. Mariatu Kanneh-Mason is playing the Saint-Saens Cello Concerto No 1, and the orchestra is also playing the Hummel 'Premier' Overture and Beethoven's majestic Symphony No 7. Tickets have sold out, but tickets are still available for the afternoon rehearsal, which starts at 2pm and finishes at 5pm. Tickets cost £5 each – but are free for those aged 16 or under. Phone 01959 577659 to book.

We are also excited about the next Young Soloist concert on January 5th. Daniel Pengelly, who played at a previous YS concert, has written a flute concerto which he will play. Also playing will be Emma Jones, who will play the Saint-Saens Cello Allegro Appassionato. Can't wait!

Our concert on May 10th will feature Haru Ushigusa playing the Bruch Violin Concerto No 1. Haru has played with us several times before, to great acclaim, and we are really looking forwards to seeing her play again. The programme will also include Mendelssohn's delightful 'Italian' Symphony, and Schubert's 'Overture in the Italian Style'. It should be a VERY special concert!

Peter Maynard





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THE NIGHT SKY IN TATSFIELD – NOVEMBER 2024

Venus has been an evening object for some time but has been bumping along the horizon without gaining the height needed to make it instantly recognisable as the “Evening Star”. Of course, it’s worth remembering that by May next it will have moved to the other side of the Sun ready to be hailed as the “Morning Star”.

At the beginning of November, 5pm is a good time to look low down and close to the south west to catch Venus when it will be just 7° high. The Sun will be 5° below the horizon then. As the month progresses, Venus gains very gradually in altitude and moves more towards the SSW. By mid- month it is 9° high (around 4:40pm) and by month’s end it is nearly 13° in altitude in the SSW at 4:25pm. It will remain a brilliant evening object for us into March 2025 when it will return to the morning sky.

That favourite of telescopic observers, Saturn, is visible as soon as the sky is dark lying due south at 8pm early in the month and around 6:30pm by the end. The issue for Saturn is that it looks very much like a run-of-the-mill star without the brilliance of Venus or the other “gas giant”, Jupiter. If you do have the chance to look at Saturn through a telescope you may recall what I said back in July when talking about its ring system. If you look now, the rings will appear to be quite narrow which is the precursor to the “ring plane crossing” that we will experience next March as the Earth passes through the plane of the rings and for a while they will seem to disappear.

Jupiter is also making its presence felt, rising in the early evening as it brightens towards early December when it and the Earth will be at their closest for the year. This is called “opposition” when Jupiter, the Earth and the Sun are all in a line with the Earth in the middle. Jupiter will be at its brightest and largest so this is an ideal time to look for it at a sociable time of night.

Mars is also getting in on the act although it rises a little later than Jupiter, around 9:15pm on the first of November. The red planet is approaching opposition so it is also brightening considerably.



This time of the year sees the welcome return of the striking winter constellations whose brilliance is in sharp contrast to the somewhat muted spring groups. We see the hunter, Orion, and his retinue of two dogs, some twins, a bull and a charioteer. Actually, there's also a hare and a unicorn but they're not nearly so bright. The diagram indicates the constellations in capitals and the brightest stars in italics.

Brian Mills FRAS

TATSFIELD WI



October is Harvest time and we all enjoyed a hearty meal of vegetable pie followed by fruit crumble. All homemade and quickly consumed. An autumn themed quiz and lots of laughter and conversation completed the afternoon's agenda for sixteen members and guests.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

This month, on **5th November**, there will be a **Felting Craft workshop** led by the talented Jane O'Keefe.

Can you believe it, the following monthly meeting, on **3rd December** we will be enjoying our **Christmas celebrations!**

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.

Looking further ahead to 2025, Tatsfield WI will be 100 years old. We were founded in 1925 and plan centennial events to celebrate this. Watch this space.

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

NIGEL'S NATURE NOTES



We have a (welcome) backlog of news! Consequently, this is 'catch-up month', and we begin with this email from Sandy (Philibert), received way back in June:

(25.06.24) *'We know they are not rare but we have a **Wren's** nest with four eggs, three of which have hatched, in our pot stack probably only about a metre above ground.'*

Excellent news, Sandy - lucky you!

Let's hope you managed to keep the cats away. Like yourself, I find all garden birds to be of equal interest and value, regardless of where they may be placed on the scarcity scale. I've got a sideways pile up with pots but sadly, no Wrens. Perhaps if I leave them there long enough I'll get a friendly nester. A Robin, perhaps? Or maybe a passing toad will take up residence? Whatever the outcome, you have provided further evidence that a little 'untidiness' in the garden can be beneficial to visiting wildlife. Good job!

Two of our regular contributors submitted reports in early July regarding a rather bold bird of prey. First up was Sarah (Andrews):



(03.07.24) *'Spotted this sitting upon a neighbour's fence. Can you please identify it? We thought Sparrow Hawk or Peregrine Falcon, or perhaps a Kestrel?'*

WOW - Great photo, Sarah! This is a **Sparrowhawk**. Most birds of prey have the streaks on their chest running vertically, but the Sparrowhawk has them running horizontally. I'm guessing either you or your neighbour have a bird feeder nearby. These birds aren't as nice as they look. If you find a pile of feathers on the ground you know the Sparrowhawk's been busy feeding on something other than nuts and seeds!

Soon afterwards, as if to confirm my somewhat damning observation, John (Rosenbaum) sent two emails regarding garden visits on the other side of the village:

(06.07.24) *'You may be interested in an incident on our lawn today: A Sparrowhawk liked the look of a Stock Dove for its dinner, and spent the afternoon devouring it.'*

(09.07.24) *'Our local Sparrowhawk must like the Cuisine at the 'Pineview Bird Table' as it was back to dine on Rock Dove/Ferrell Pigeon today.'*

I think you'd better start putting up warning signs, John!

Next was Peter (Kerry) who sent this exciting butterfly news:

(02.09.24): *'Just to let you know, I saw a **Brown Hairstreak** on a hazel leaf in my hedge the week before last. I have never seen one before and was amazed at how beautiful it was. It sat there with its wings closed, but when I reached for my camera it flew off. I'm on holiday for the next two weeks, but feel free to look in my hedge if you wish.'*



Thanks for your message, Peter. I did have a nose around when the sun next appeared but, alas, found nothing. I passed your message on to Jim (Yeeles) who, as expected, was delighted to hear of a hairstreak being spotted in this part of the village (Greenway). This was his reply:

(03.09.24) *'Very welcome news, Nigel, and suggests that this is one species that seems to be bucking the trend. Thanks for letting me know. We've also started seeing a few over on the reserve in various locations - that Hemp Agrimony bush is proving fairly reliable again this year but it is has almost gone to seed and won't be so attractive soon.'*

In my mind's eye I see a bright November day and our intrepid 'Nature Notes' reporter, armed with his trusty hand lens, diligently searching the Greenway Blackthorn bushes for his first Brown Hairstreak egg - Bon chance!'

'Bon chance' indeed, Jim. When I have a spare day and a half I'll give it a try!

And finally, moving on to October, we had a caterpillar message from Amber (Tamcken):

(03.10.24) *'While looking out in the garden we found a spectacular little beastie which I believe is an **Elephant hawk-moth** caterpillar. I'm hoping he will continue to call our garden home so we can watch him grow!'*

There seem to be quite a lot of these around this year, Amber. Yours seems a little late so it may not grow any larger but it will, hopefully, transform into something wonderful!

Any news or views? Contact: nigelshaw2000@hotmail.com
Alternatively, drop a note in to 'Primrose Ridge', Greenway.



TATSFIELD ART GROUP

Our workshops with Adie Parker were loads of fun. She uses a variety of techniques to create her amazing art.



Project 5 4th and 11th 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 until 3rd 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'S HISTORY



Last month I reported that 100 years ago there was talk of a search for land for more housing in Tatsfield. As a result, in November 1924, Godstone Rural District Council announced plans in the local press to build 200 houses in the district over the next two years. Of these, ten would be in Tatsfield. The council had been considering the idea of tenants having the option of becoming the owners of the properties, an idea pioneered by a neighbouring council – Caterham. It was reckoned that the cost of each house would be roughly £525. The tenant would put down £10 and then pay up to 15 shillings (75p) a week *'and after 20 years the house would be his'*. Over half a century later came the watershed *'Right to Buy'* scheme of the Housing Act 1980.

In October's magazine I also referred to concerns about traffic speeds in Tatsfield. In November 1924, the parish council was told that speed traps had been seen in Godstone and Oxted recently and there was a call for checks to take place in Tatsfield too. Life was *"just as valuable at Tatsfield as at other places"*, said one councillor, who claimed hefty fines had recently been imposed in Oxted.



Finally, a reminder: the next **History Weekend** is due to take place at the Aileen McHugo Building on **November 23rd and 24th**. The main theme of the weekend will be the **history of your house**. Extracts from the *Inland Revenue 1910 Rate Assessment Books* from the National Archives in Kew will be available. They record how each individual property was assessed for the equivalent of today's Council Tax in the years before the First World War.

The 1911 census recorded 826 people living in 187 dwellings and Tatsfield was therefore nowhere near as built-up as it is now. Nevertheless, many of you live where properties had already been built. Many of the entries in the assessment books also contain notes commenting on the condition of properties or their suitability for renting. If you do live where you know there was a house all those years ago, just email me at the address below and I will try to ensure that the relevant entry will be available over that weekend **between midday and 5 pm on each day**.

Ian Mitchell, Tatsfield History Project - Tatsfield.history@talk21.com Tel: 577376
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THE ARTS SOCIETY LIMPSFIELD



Behind the Scenes at the National Gallery
by Sian Walters.

Date: Wednesday 27 November. Lecture starts at 2.15pm at Limpsfield Church Hall, hot mince pie and glass of wine BEFORE

the lecture. Note: there will not be an evening lecture. Guests: £10.

In 2024 the National Gallery celebrates its 200th birthday. In the run up to this special anniversary, join Sian as she explores some of the nation's best-loved paintings in a new light, revealing details which cannot be seen with the naked eye and discussing what goes on behind the scenes in the conservation, framing and scientific departments. The lecture will result in a greater understanding of not only the art itself, but also of the work the National Gallery does to care for it, present it and interpret it.

Few of the gallery's works retain their original frames but an expert team will often source and adapt examples which complement the paintings historically, or indeed hand-carve new ones from scratch. We will also look at the technical challenges involved in hanging, displaying, moving and framing the collection and the various solutions devised by the Art Handling Team. Many of the paintings in the gallery were designed for a very specific function, an altarpiece such as Piero's *Baptism of Christ* for example, so how do the curators allow us to interpret and view these within a museum context? Finally, we will talk about restoration and conservation, exploring extraordinary details from works such as the Wilton Diptych, which have only been discovered recently thanks to scientific analysis.



Henry VII's State Bed by Jonathan Foyle.

Date: Wednesday 29 January 2025. Lecture starts at 2.15pm at Limpsfield Church Hall and refreshments will be served before the lecture. Note: there will not be an evening lecture. Guests: £10.

In 2010, the elaborately carved, incomplete oak bed frame was removed from the honeymoon suite of a hotel in Chester, to be auctioned as a Victorian relic. The speaker has spent six years studying and attributing it, now featured in press around the world. Featuring five royal arms, six single roses, and deeply esoteric symbols of fertility, it turns out to be covered in medieval paintwork, and its proportions respect the mural of the lost Painted Chamber of royal Westminster Palace abandoned in 1512. Scientific analyses, documentation and art history agree to demonstrate it is an astonishing national treasure: the marriage bed of Henry VII and Elizabeth of York, made by 18 January 1486.



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