

Tilford Life

The Tilford Parish Council Newsletter



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Editorial

Welcome to our special edition of Tilford Life! We've taken a break over this rather extraordinary year, and now we are back with news and updates about how this year has been for our village community. Many things have changed over 2020 and with the East Bridge now open, now more than ever we must support our shop, our pubs and all our local businesses. We look forward to a time when normality returns to our lives but until then the community is still here to support anyone who needs help and assistance. Please share the details of the Tilford Community Response Group. As we approach the festive season, in these most unusual times, I hope we can take time to check on our friends and neighbours in our community and continue to do so into the New Year. Wishing you all health and happiness for 2021.

Your Editors.

**COVID-19 RESPONSE** If you are self-isolating,
TILFORD we can help (for FREE).

We can help you with:

- Posting mail
- A friendly phone call
- Urgent supplies
- Any other requests



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or visit:
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help@covid-tilford.co.uk

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**TARNS**

Coronavirus is contagious. Please take every precaution to ensure you are spreading only kindness. Avoid physical contact (2m distance). Wash your hands regularly. Items should be left on your doorstep.



Tilford's Christmas tree bringing some light for 2020'

Welcome to our
Village newsletter

All Saints Church services at Christmas

All Saints Church is delighted to announce that unless otherwise directed it will be holding live church services in the church on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. These will be:

Christmas Eve Crib Service - 3pm (entrance from 2.30pm)

Christmas Day Holy Communion - 8.30am

Christmas Day Holy Communion - 10.30am (entrance from 10am)

Please note that this year there will be no Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

Regrettably, in light of the restrictions, we are having to limit numbers in church for each service to ensure so far as possible that the church is Covid safe. Following a risk assessment of the space in the church, we believe we can safely include up to 80 people in the congregation for each service.

We have decided that the simplest and fairest way to manage this is by operating in effect a first come first served system rather than requiring people to pre-book tickets. Please be aware therefore that if you do wish to attend either the Crib service or the main service on Christmas Day, there is a small chance we may not be able to admit you if we have reached our Covid safe capacity. We very much hope that this will not be the case, but your understanding of the challenges we face will be very much appreciated.

In the church, we will have sanitisers and spare masks. All attendees will be required to wear a face covering (unless exempt) whilst in the church. People will be seated in family groups or bubbles so will not be able to sit with other families. Other safety measures will be explained at the start of the services. Sadly there will be no live singing but Christmas music will be played and we are hoping to make the services feel as normal as possible. At the Crib service on Christmas Eve we will be re-telling the Nativity story relocated to 2020,

Covid and all!

We very much hope that you will still wish to attend one of the services if you can. If you have any questions about the arrangements, please do not hesitate to contact either of the church wardens or Neil, our priest, as follows:

Andrew Napier 782869
Sandy Reid 07775 897008
Neil Fairlamb 792333

Whether you are able to be with us or not, we wish you and your families a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Thank you

Andrew, Sandy, Neil

Revd Neil Fairlamb, Resident Priest
Mobile 07935 368094
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The Bridge Reopens

I am sure no-one has failed to notice that at last Tilford's East Bridge has reopened after months of closure to undertake its major refurbishment project.



The bridge was constructed from local ironstone by monks from Waverley Abbey, and was one of 14 similar structures between Farnham and Godalming. It has seen changes over the years with the western arch added in the 19th century to improve water flow. The cantilevered footway and timber rails were added in the

1960's and a program of bridge strengthening was undertaken in the 1990's. Now, with its brand new structure the bridge has been strengthened further and is safe to use.

Over time safety remedial works were necessary and to add to this the bridge has suffered several vehicle strikes (including the memorable one in 2017) As the bridge is a Scheduled Ancient Monument, the project was long and complex, requiring partnership working with many agencies with all works needing to be approved by Historic England. There were many threats to its progress and delays including flooding and of course a global pandemic.

The bridge is stronger and has new timber clad steel beams, a reinforced heightened curb to stop vehicles mounting the curbs and a shiny new road surface. Its makeover is complete and it still retains its 7.5 tonne environmental weight restriction to deter heavy vehicles such as lorries and farm vehicles.

The riverbank and riverside areas are undergoing regeneration to restore them to their former appearance; this should be completed by the spring. Until then, there will be no access to these areas, which are closed off by metal heras fencing to allow regrowth. The riverside car park has

been resurfaced with not a pothole in sight, and now the diversions have been lifted the togetherness of the village is restored and open for business.



Rainbow ribbons for the NHS in Rushmoor

Tilford And Rushmoor Neighbours' Scheme - Tarns



SUPPORTING LOCAL RESIDENTS IN NEED

[www. TARNs-Tilford.co.uk](http://www.TARNs-Tilford.co.uk)

Helpline:- 0772 101 3583

Email: tarns.charity@btinternet.com

If you live in either Tilford or Rushmoor, when you receive an appointment for your Coronavirus Vaccine, if you are unable to attend because you don't drive, and you have no one else available to take you, we can transport you to your appointment. We will need a few days' notice.

If you are housebound and would like one of our volunteers to call you for a chat from time to time, just give us a call to make arrangements, or send an email.

How it Works

We have a team of Volunteers who are all local residents, and can provide help for the residents of Rushmoor and Tilford who need assistance, when none other is available.

How much does it cost?

Our Volunteers offer their services free. Where transport is provided,

we ask that a donation be made towards the cost of fuel.

All of our Volunteers have been checked by the Criminal Records Bureau, are fully insured, and carry Identity Cards.

How does it work?

Call Tarns on 07721013583 between 9 - 5pm, weekdays. We will arrange for one of our Volunteers to assist you.

What kind of help is offered?

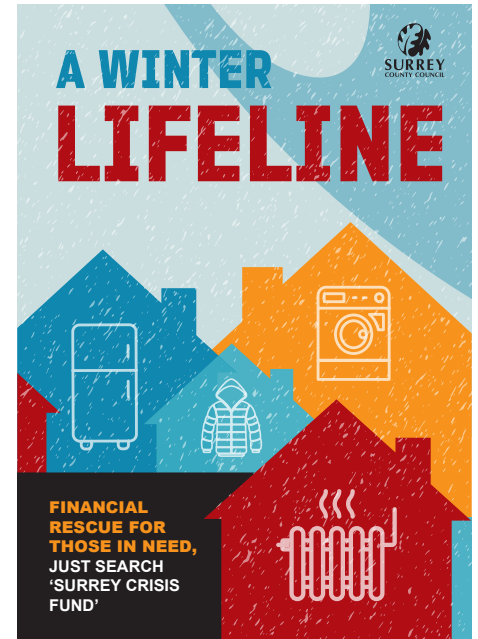
Transport to Hospitals, Doctors, Dentist, Optician, Chiropodist etc., Collecting Prescriptions, Lift to local shops and Post Offices, Collecting shopping, Help with computers and laptops. Befriending.

If you are unsure whether we can help, just ask. We have full PPE in place and follow Government Guidelines with regards to Covid-19 We are available to residents of the villages of Rushmoor and Tilford, who principally because of health, or whatever other reason, may need a helping hand where assistance is not otherwise available.

The scheme plays a key role in village life:

- Creates a social bond between young and old.
- Allows people to retain their independence and remain in their homes for longer.
- Reduces the feelings of isolation and exclusion.
- Improves neighbourly spirit and goodwill.

Are you facing a financial crisis this winter?



Help is available.

This year has had a huge effect on people's lives, with the impact of COVID-19 pushing many to financial breaking point.

At this time of year, with extra pressure on household budgets, it is important to know that help is available.

As part of the government's Winter Support Grant, Surrey County Council has made extra funding available to the Surrey Crisis Fund.

This money is there to act as a winter lifeline for those who have nowhere to turn when unexpected bills appear or an essential household item breaks down, leaving no money for essential living costs.

Please search 'Surrey Crisis Fund' online, or ask at your local library or Citizens Advice Bureau.

Surrey County Council Community Helpline: 0300 200 1008

SMS: 0786 0053 465 for Deaf and hearing impaired residents only (Monday to Friday: 9am to 5pm)

Continuing our activities during the current restrictions has brought us even closer together.

Despite the various social distancing measures we have had to contend with since March 2020, The Tilford W.I. has managed to continue with many of our normal activities, albeit in a different way than usual.

At the end of July, it wasn't possible for us all to meet together for our Garden Party, so we arranged to gather in groups of 6 or less in members' individual gardens. The Committee made 34 individual afternoon teas of sandwiches, cakes, scones and cream. Each box was decorated with a napkin, flower and ribbon. After delivery of the teas, everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon in the sun, meeting up with other members, whilst of course; social distancing. The feedback was that it was a huge success with one member commenting that it was as good as Tea at the Ritz!

As the summer event had proved so popular, in December we continued the theme with a Christmas "hot meal", which was supplied by a local Caterer this time. In addition we had individual pieces of delicious Christmas cake made by our member Jane Mathias. After the Committee delivered a lunch to each member, and their other halves, where requested, everyone enjoyed eating it in their own homes, whilst joining together for a very festive Zoom Meeting.

Our Play Reading Group has also switched to Zoom, and we have continued to meet up for our monthly walks. We've also been visiting each other, especially our older members who live alone, where we have chatted over the garden wall or in the garden from a distance. One positive outcome of the restrictions put upon us at this time is that an

even closer relationship has been formed between our members.

For more information, or to join The Tilford W.I. email: tilfordwomensinstitute@hotmail.com. We would love to hear from you, Ladies of all ages are welcome and it's a great way to make new, local, friends.

Angie Hurdle - WI Committee



Pamela ready to enjoy her tea

Tilford & Rushmoor Riding Club



Tilford & Rushmoor Riding Club has been very quiet with British Riding Clubs shutting us down during the lockdowns. We held a photo competition to keep the members occupied. We were able to reschedule clinics in the summer/ autumn and

are doing so again after lock-down mark 2. Our only open event was a small version of our open show in September, where our revised COVID safe systems were in place and worked well. We also managed to have a socially distanced summer day camp at Angela and Nigel Morland's land which was great fun for all. For 2021, all things being equal, we are aiming for a busy schedule of members events and hopefully a few open competitions, but lots depends on how successful the vaccine roll out is and how guidelines change. Our 'virtual' AGM will be on line via Zoom on 17th December 2020, but we are still welcoming new members and have a shiny new website to help with keeping everyone in touch:

www.trrc.co.uk

Tilford Gardening Club's 'Covid Year'

Tilford's Gardening Club did manage to have a very successful Chairman's Evening last February, and the first of our 2020 talks, but then came lockdown. Instead of the Spring Show, a few members sent photos of their daffodils and other items, but the judge said it wasn't easy to find the best this way.



After that all events had to be postponed as we couldn't have the talks in the Institute as usual because of the numbers involved. However in the Summer, we held a mini-show in the open greenhouse at Redleaf Nursery with a limited number of classes, including photos of the lovely sweet peas members had grown from the plants supplied

by Andrew Coyle. We were pleased with the number of entries and a big box of vegetables and 14 bunches of flowers were delivered to the Phyllis Tuckwell hospice for their nurses and carers.



Encouraged by this, we held our Autumn show, also in the greenhouses at Redleaf Nursery, restricted to members only, and had a total of 135 excellent entries though, sadly, we weren't able to show any cookery because of Covid restrictions. The exhibits again went to the Hospice. The Banksian medal was won by Chairman Brian Arm and the best Novice entry was won by Sue and Howard Best.

Sadly, with the second lockdown this was the last event we were able to hold this year, but all members who fully paid for 2020 are being given a free subscription for 2021. If you would like to join our small friendly club, then our membership is only £6 single or £10 for a whole family. Full details from Secretary Janet Arm at Redleaf Nursery Tel: 01252-783133 or [email info@tilfordgardeningclub.co.uk](mailto:info@tilfordgardeningclub.co.uk) for a provisional events programme.

Please keep safe, keep gardening, and hope we can meet again next year.

The Tilford Institute

What happened (and what didn't happen!) in 2020

As the Christmas lights on our iconic village hall building are switched on again, we look back on an extraordinary year which none of us could have foreseen.

When lockdown plunged us all into uncharted waters at the end of March, the short term future of the Institute looked uncertain, with the longer term trajectory particularly worrying. As you know, we rely on the local community and our regular groups for income so that we are able to maintain this beautiful building and continue to be able to offer it as a wonderful village facility.



We received much support from our regular hirers, some of whom had paid up front for 2020 and showed great generosity in not seeking any refunds for unused hiring of the building.

As it turned out, the Institute was only "shutters down" for part of the first lockdown. At the start of June we were able to support the reopening of Tilford Meadows Nursery School and make great use



of the wonderful outdoor spaces at the Institute. We have been pleased to work closely with the nursery to find a sustainable and positive way of working to adhere to guidelines.

The weekly circuit classes which have proved so popular also were able to

re-start in the late Summer, again testament to the wonderful outdoor areas the Institute has available.

The partial hibernation of the building has given us a unique



opportunity over the Summer and into the Autumn to progress a number of significant maintenance and "sprucing up" projects – some long overdue. These projects include:

- Cleaning the beautiful brick mosaic in the front courtyard directly outside the front door
- Making good and seeding the area at the front of the building where the old toilet block was demolished
- Repainting inside and outside
- Replacing the fencing along the back of the building
- Tidying up and replanting the outside paved garden area

As we look ahead there is continued uncertainty - who knows what 2021 will hold? We are keen to welcome back our regular groups as soon as they are ready and as soon as we are all allowed! When they do come back they will find much improved institute which will provide a truly stunning backdrop for their activities and meetings. And it is a wonderful venue for those postponed parties and celebrations – so please do consider it as a beautiful and unique local option.

Tilford Calendar 2021

Have you got yours yet? The 2021 Tilford calendar (organised by Janie Bennett) is available to buy at £7 each in aid of, and equally divided between Tilford All Saints Church and the locally based Mind Body EDS Charity.

It can be purchased through the Tilford Shop, or directly from Janie Bennett. Please ask at the shop for details.



EXHIBITION OF HOPE

The Exhibition of Hope is a two-day festival to be hosted by All Saints church community for the whole village during the weekend of May 22nd and 23rd 2021. We hope the Exhibition will 'unite us' as we showcase items that have captured our time in lockdown, such as artwork, sculpture, photography, ceramics, knitwear, embroidery, or something that has brought 'Hope' during this time such as a poem, prayer, a song; a weekend to draw the whole body of Tilford residents together and to showcase local people's talents.

Over the weekend there will be exhibits to see inside and outside of the church. There will be workshops to sign-up for; different recitals to enjoy; refreshments to take; outdoor prayer and reflection spaces; stalls of produce and creative products for sale, including a selection of 'Lockdown' walks and recipe booklets. There will also be activities to take part in around the village and further afield, including treasure hunts (on foot/car). There will also be a contingency plan in place for a 'flexible' Exhibition if Covid-19 restrictions are still in place.

So how could you take part?

- Think about how you could contribute, for example, something creative such as: sculpture, textile, artwork, music, photography or literature.
- Something that has touched or spoken to you such as a prayer, song, Bible reading, video clip, news item.
- A way of thanking people who have helped each other.
- Would you like to offer a short workshop, talk or present a new skill you have acquired?
- Could you submit a 'recipe' or 'walk' to be collated into a booklet?
- Would you be interested in helping with Exhibition planning or pre-event preparation?
- Would you be able to help with refreshments and stewarding?

If you have any further ideas on how you yourself, your club or organisation could participate, then please do get in touch. Entry forms to take part in the exhibits, 'Lockdown' walks and recipes can be downloaded from the website: www.exhibitionofhope.co.uk

Becca Makemson, on behalf of All Saints' Church
email: becca_fct@hotmail.com

Tilford Speed Watch is back



Now the East Bridge has finally reopened – sadly the traffic has returned. With that comes more vehicles travelling at high speeds threatening the safety of our residents and children. Despite repeated approaches to attain funding for traffic calming, Surrey Police recommend that Speed Watch is our best shot.

Community Speed Watch is a positive, proactive solution to improve the safety and quality of life for everyone in the community.

To run this initiative effectively we need volunteers.

If you have any concerns about the speed of the vehicles driving through Tilford, and you have approx. 1 hour a week to spare, we'd love to hear from you.

If you would like to take part, or would like any more information on Speed Watch, please do get in touch.

Debra Lee
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07931 281353

2020 was always going to be a year of great change for the Rural Life Living Museum. We had just rebranded from the Rural Life Centre and this transition into the next chapter of the museum's story was a great excitement for us all. But on Sunday 22nd March, the museum needed to close its gates. As a charity that relies on income generated by visitors, we knew this year would be a challenge. After tremendous hard work from staff and the dedicated volunteer group, the museum reopened on Saturday 11th July. We were delighted to see so many of you again and were overwhelmed by the support. The second lockdown was less of a shock and we were ready. It is thanks to the community support and some much needed grant funding, that we have been able to adapt. We now have an online shop, selling fantastic photographic prints of the museum and items handmade by our volunteers. We can offer virtual education sessions that are available for groups and schools. An online donation button, which allows anyone in the world to easily support our mission and work. Next year we will be bringing you new events, new courses and new experiences. The museum will be closed from Thursday 17th December until Wednesday 6th January but please visit our website: www.rural-life.org.uk to keep up-to-date and we can't wait to see you all at the museum.

Rural Life Living Museum Team
The Rural Life Living Museum,
Reeds Road, Tilford,
Farnham, Surrey, GU10 2DL
info@rural-life.org.uk
01252 795571
Registered charity: 289150

Duke of Cambridge

The unexpected immediate shut-down of all pubs and restaurants back in March, meant that the Red Mist team of pubs had to react quickly. Good friend and supplier, Mark Collins of Tilford Brewery, got in touch to suggest we set up a grocery delivery service to our customer database across Surrey and Hampshire, many of whom were too scared to leave their house for food supplies. So, if they could not come to us for delicious food and drink, then we should go to them!

Local produce, delivered by your local pub

Within 48-hours of this conversation, Red Mist Grocery Delivery Service was established, although due to the time constraints, it was a solely manual and admin-heavy job, utilising our superb local, independent suppliers and producers. The overwhelming support and demand received to our diversified offering was simply incredible, although the Directors of the business still have blister scars on their feet from the running around towns and cities delivering day and night.

Knowing this pandemic would take much longer to overcome than originally forecast, the team set to work in late summer to get this grocery service online, ensuring it was a smoother, more enjoyable customer experience and relieving the teams of the heavy administrative requirements. In November, whilst a little earlier than planned, our online grocery service debuted. Upon the announcement of another lockdown, we continue to be busy delivering festive groceries and gifts across Hampshire and Surrey, which will run until Wed 23rd December. A click and collect service is also available from



Red Mist Head Office, located at the Coxbridge Business Estate, Farnham.

To place an order, visit:

<https://redmistleisure.co.uk/groceries/>

Tier 2 Rules

Katie and her team were so excited to be back open for December and, to allow for the new rules, the garden and terrace areas have been covered to provide a dry shelter for those meeting up with friends. Whilst you should still wrap up in lots of layers to stay warm, we have lighting, blankets, log burners and good humour to ensure your days and evenings with us are as merry as always. If you are a family household (including anyone within your bubble), you are welcome to dine inside as usual, adhering to social distance and hygiene recommendations.

Festive Drive-In cinema at The Duke
To bring some festive enjoyment to families, the team are hosting American-style Drive-In Festive Movies here at the pub for five consecutive days in the run up to Christmas. Enjoy the choice of 3 movies each day, starting from Friday 18th December (from 4pm, in time for kids finishing school term) through to Tuesday 22nd December. Tickets are from £29.95 - £34.95 plus a booking fee, which is for one vehicle/ family to enjoy. Plus, we will be serving hot food and drinks directly to your car, ensuring it remains a contactless and safe experience for all. Take a look at our website for more information:

<https://www.dukeofcambridgetilford.co.uk/festive-events/>

[dukeofcambridgetilford.co.uk/festive-events/](https://www.dukeofcambridgetilford.co.uk/festive-events/)

We look forward to seeing you over the festive season and here's to hoping the onset of a New Year and spring on the horizon brings not only sunshine, but also the feel of life returning back to normal.

Tilford Charity names BAFTA Cymru Award winner as its first Ambassador



Mind Body EDS™ (MB-EDS), the charity launched in 2018 by Tilford resident Laura Sylvester, 28, has confirmed the appointment of young award-winning film-maker, musician and fellow EDS sufferer, Ashleigh Harley, to be its first Ambassador. The charity sees this as a key step in its drive to build support and awareness of Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes (EDS), a potentially fatal connective tissue disorder affecting huge numbers of sufferers of all ages.

Ashleigh's family first became aware that she had EDS when she was 12, but her symptoms were not officially diagnosed until several years later. She wrote her first novel, *The Messenger*, when episodically paralysed in hospital and subsequently directed a related fantasy film, *The Wall of Lyon* (www.ashleighharley.com/the-wall-of-lyon), which was showcased at the Cannes Film Festival and won over 40 awards internationally, including a BAFTA Cymru.

A passionate advocate in raising awareness for EDS, Ashleigh "is hugely excited to be able to collaborate with MB-EDS in this ambassadorial capacity. As a patient and a family suffering from this invisible but devastating illness," she says, "we are totally in tune with the goals of this dynamic charity. I believe this collaboration will be invaluable in helping our campaign achieve greater public awareness of the issues around EDS."

Launched in 2018, MB-EDS has undertaken a number of successful fundraising initiatives, which has enabled it to give more than £64,000 in grants to individuals desperate to speed up getting the right diagnosis and treatment for what is still a little-understood condition.

If you would like to find out more about Mind Body EDS, please visit the website at

www.minbodyeds.org.uk

The Barley Mow Christmas Opening Hours

The Barley Mow CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

Christmas Eve Pub: 11.00am – 9.00pm; Kitchen: 12.00pm – 3.00pm; 5.00pm – 7.00pm

Christmas Day Pub: 11.00am – 2.00pm

Boxing Day Pub: 11.00am – 6.00pm; Kitchen: 12.00pm – 4.00pm

Sunday 27th December Pub: 11.00am – 6.00pm; Kitchen: 12.00pm – 4.00pm

Monday 28th December (Bank Holiday) Pub: 11.00am – 6.00pm; Kitchen: 12.00pm – 4.00pm

THE BARLEY MOW WELCOMES OUR CUSTOMERS (within Covid rules and regulations)

FOR EVERYTHING FROM A COFFEE TO A PRE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION (please book your table for the Christmas Menu)

WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY AND SAFE CHRISTMAS

Barley Mow Wine Club Christmas Food and Wine Tasting



The Barley Mow Wine Club meets on the second Thursday of each month, although this has been somewhat curtailed during the lockdowns. However, thanks to the sterling efforts of Debbie and staff, the annual Christmas Food and Wine Tasting took place on Thursday, 10th December. To comply with

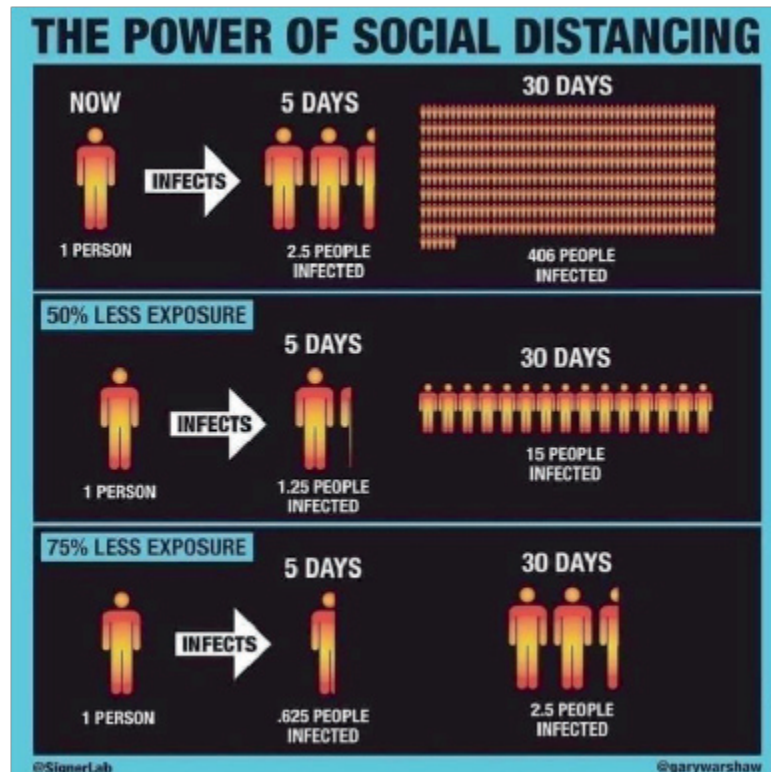
the guidelines for this lockdown, only members and guests from the same household attended and each household group sat at a designated table, all tables separated by at least two metres. Masks were worn at all times while not sitting at a table. The marquee at the back of the Barley Mow provided the perfect setting for the twenty five lucky people to enjoy a memorable evening of delicious Christmas fare accompanied by matching wines chosen by the host, Nina Cerullo. A welcoming glass of a 1994 South African Laboric Blanc de Blancs was followed by a roasted red pepper shot accompanied by a 2019 Villa Wolf Rose. Then came a crab cake with watercress and smoked caviar salad and a glass of 2019

Domaine Mur-Mur-lum Viognier. A perfect roast turkey and trimmings matched with a 2018 New Zealand Palisser Estate Pencarrow Pinot Noir and a 2014 Spanish Paul de Albas Ribiero de Diero followed and then a delicious beef wellington with a 2014 Chateau de Glana St Julien. The meal concluded with Christmas pudding with a Torley St Stephans Crown Tokaji Aszu Five Puuonyos and a cheeseboard with accompanying Vintage Port. The evening was rounded off with a warm “thank you” applause for Debbie and her staff for a beautifully constructed and executed meal and for Nina for her excellent choice of matching wines and insightful comments on their suitability for each course.

Barley Mow Poem

2020
 Oddness a’plenty
 January rumours about
 February Covid 19 strikes
 March oooh Lockdown
 April scared is the word
 May Furlough? What is this word?
 June lounging ‘til brown

July new norm
 August busy
 September brewing up a storm
 October lockdown jigsaws
 November lockdown tizzy
 December tiers of laws
 2020
 Hope a’plenty



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CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS 2020

Your usual collection days will change over the Christmas and New Year period – check the table for revisions.

There will be no garden waste collections from 21 Dec to 3 Jan inclusive.

USUAL COLLECTION DAY

REVISED COLLECTION DAY

Monday 21 December

No change

Tuesday 22 December

No change

Wednesday 23 December

No change

Thursday 24 December

No change

Friday 25 December

Monday 28 December

Monday 28 December

Tuesday 29 December

Tuesday 29 December

Wednesday 30 December

Wednesday 30 December

Thursday 31 December

Thursday 31 December

Saturday 2 January

Friday 1 January

Monday 4 January

Monday 4 January

Tuesday 5 January

Tuesday 5 January

Wednesday 6 January

Wednesday 6 January

Thursday 7 January

Thursday 7 January

Friday 8 January

Friday 8 January

Saturday 9 January

Please note: Wrapping paper and cards cannot be recycled if they include glitter, batteries or are lined with foil or plastic.

Tilford Meadow Nursery School



Tilford Meadow Nursery School returned in June from Lockdown but not in our normal format! We came back as a purely outdoor and forest

school nursery and the children had an absolute ball!!

We had a few days of bad weather, but with us all in full waterproofs this didn't get us down, in fact the children loved it when the gazebo gave impromptu downpours on the teachers heads!

We are now back as normal inside the nursery as well as our forest school. Although we cannot have visitors and parents drop-off at the door, the children are thriving and loving nursery life again.

Children have missed out hugely on social interaction and developing personal and social skills. Our role has been to make the children enjoy friendships again in a safe and nurturing environment.

Luckily we are as busy as ever and have had wonderful feedback and support from all our families. We are looking forward to a very healthy and happy 2021!!



Are you on Facebook? Get village updates by joining Tilford's Facebook Page - search "Tilford Villagers" on Facebook



A touch of Covid-19 humour



Being quarantined with a talkative child is like having an insane parrot super glued to your shoulder.

Until further notice the days of the week are now called, thisday, thatday, theotherday, someday, yesterday, today and thenextday



My face masks have finally arrived!



SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL ARE LOOKING FOR RESIDENTS TO OPEN THEIR DOORS TO FOSTERING



"FOR ME, IT'S BEEN A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE"
Cindy, Foster Carer

There are nearly 1000 children in care in Surrey, of which 50% are aged over 11. Yet there is a shortage of foster carers for teenagers in the county.

Francesca Magnavacca, Recruitment Officer for the Fostering Service says; "To foster teenagers you have to be patient and understanding, it helps to be laid back as well."

Surrey County Council supports foster carers to ensure that vulnerable children are kept safe and well looked after. Foster carers receive full training and support as well as a weekly allowance for each child in their care.

Cindy and her husband have been fostering for nearly 10 years;

"I foster two teenagers which is great; there's a lot of chat and banter. They have their peaks and troughs, but for me, it's been a wonderful experience and my family is now huge as we have kept in touch with teenagers we've fostered in the past as well."

Can you provide a safe and stable home for a teenager in Surrey? To apply, visit surreycc.gov.uk/fostering or call 0800 096 9626

Snow Globe

This is quick and easy and a great way to create your own bit of calm when we have lots going on in our heads. It's fun to make too!

WHAT YOU NEED

- A jam jar, or equivalent sized jar
- Small plastic toys
- Superglue/hot glue
- Food Colouring
- Snow: this can be made up of crushed, eggshell, biodegradable glitter, sequins, or small cut-up pieces of foil.

HOW IT WORKS

1. Take the lid of the clean, empty jar. Choose a small plastic toy or plastic item that can go inside. As the toy will be submerged in water it should ideally be plastic.
2. Stick the toy inside the jar at the bottom. Leave the glue to harden and dry.
3. Meanwhile, prepare your snow-foil works well. Take a piece of foil and cut it into long, thin strips and cut the strips into tiny

pieces in a bowl. You can also crush up eggshell in a zip lock bag with a rolling pin. Or if you have craft items at home, hunt out any sequins, biodegradable glitter or other items that are suitable for immersing in water.

4. Fill your jar with cold water, leaving a centimetre or two at the top. Cool boiled water is ideal (ask an adult!)
5. Drop some food colouring in the jar. Blue is great for this as it's cool and calm.
6. Screw the lid on the top of the snow globe as tightly as you can and slowly turn it around so that the lid is now at the bottom. Give it a vigorous shake and watch the food colouring, water and snow combine.

Well hasn't it been a funny old year? We've had a lot of sunshine, rainbows, zoom calls, clapping for the NHS and not much school (hooray) I hope you and your families have all been staying safe. We know that things are still really different but we look forward to a time we can see our friends and families again. I wonder what it is that you have all missed the most? Now, as we know this thing isn't over yet....

Here are a few activities whilst we are more at home than away. We would always love to see your pictures so, please write to us on the address below. Wishing you all a very happy festive time and enjoy the holidays!



Your Lockdown Pictures

Did you decorate your windows over lockdown? Did you grow tomato plants? Paint your driveway? If you have pictures of your time in lockdown we'd love to see them and include them in the next issue. Send them to debralee@tilford-pc.gov.uk

How good are your colouring skills?

