

Tilford Life

The Tilford Parish Council Newsletter



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East Bridge Renovation

It's gone all a bit quiet on the East Bridge renovation conversation of late but not to disappointment, Shaan Ali, Senior Infrastructure Engineer, Surrey Highways has shared an update with us so we can in turn share it with you. The dates are not confirmed and are subject to Environment Agency consent. However the provisional start date for renovations is February 4th 2019.

This will include the installation of the temporary footbridge and scaffold access to the main structure.

It is proposed to have this all installed by mid-March. Once the start date is confirmed, advanced warning signs will be put up. The road will not be closed for the erection of the temporary footbridge but the road will be closed for traffic at the end of February 2019, beginning of March 2019. The proposed time scale for the bridge works and road closure will be from end of February/beginning of March until the end of October 2019 (approximately 8 months). Discussions are ongoing with the contractor to try and improve on this time line.

The work will be carried out by the term maintenance contractor, Kier, and subcontracted to R&W (Civil Engineering Division) <https://www.rwcivilengineering.co.uk> and Putney

& Wood Stone specialist <https://www.putneyandwood.co.uk>. During the works, the riverside carpark will be required for storage use from 4th February 2019 till the end of the whole scheme so will be partially closed off. The storage may be in the form of stacked cabins to minimise the footprint.

Parking spaces around the Green will be severely depleted with the closure of the riverside car park. Tilford Parish Council asks all residents to be considerate to other motorists and the environment when parking around the Green, especially during school runs. Parking on the Green is prohibited, even two wheels.

However, parking on the other side of the bridge will be much easier. So, come and use the village shop and park at your leisure!

Welcome to our
Village newsletter



Heather Humphrey's Bench

Canon Heather Humphrey's love of gardening has been fondly remembered with the dedication of a beautiful wooden bench given by the garden centre she frequently used to visit. David Wheelhouse, former owner of Frensham Garden Centre (now Squires), presented the RHS Chelsea acacia-wood bench to All Saints Church, Tilford, in memory of Heather, its parish priest.

The Revd John Morris, Vicar of the The Bourne and Tilford, dedicated the bench following a United Service at All Saints on All Saints Day Sunday (4 November), bringing together the congregations of all the churches in the United Benefice of The Bourne and Tilford. He expressed warm appreciation of the generous gift from Frensham Garden Centre which Heather had visited so many times. Blessing the memorial bench, he said: "We give thanks for Heather as we remember her smile, her love, her joy and her faith".

Following the dedication Heather's son and daughter-in-law, Stuart and Nigora Humphrey, who were married at All Saints in June, each laid bunches of flowers on the seat in his mother's memory.

The handsome bench, bearing a memorial plaque, stands at the top of the churchyard over-looking the church where Heather served as priest from 2014 until her death in February this year, aged 71. Beloved by the whole community, including the personnel of the Frensham Garden Centre, Heather continues to be greatly mourned and sadly missed.

The plaque on the bench reads:

**In loving memory of
Canon Heather Humphrey
Priest-in-charge
at All Saints Church
2014 – 2018**

All Saints School Grand Opening

A very special guest visited All Saints School this December when the Foreign Secretary, Jeremy Hunt, met his match taking on a Question Time-style panel of children to officially open the school's new outdoor classroom.

The children put their visitor through his paces asking him lots of questions about his work whilst asking him to answer some tough questions of their own.

All Saints were celebrating the opening of their brand new outdoor learning space which was funded by the fundraising events and contributions from the parents. The lovely new structure reflects the schools belief in outdoor learning. All Saints believes it is vital schools embrace the power of imaginative education outside the classroom walls.

Headteacher Sara Bedford said: "Children love being outside and there is substantial evidence that playing and working outdoors has fantastic benefits for the health, wellbeing and learning of children and their teachers.

"Outdoor learning is engaging, collaborative and highly creative. At All Saints, we plan carefully to ensure all our children are immersed in creative challenges every day. The opening of our new, all-weather outdoor classroom enables us to do this in beautiful natural surroundings. It's exciting and a real affirmation of our commitment to developing happy, well-balanced children. We were delighted to have the opportunity to showcase our vision and school with Mr Hunt. Our children thoroughly enjoyed meeting

and interviewing a government leader."

After Mr Hunt cut the ribbon to open the new classroom, the Tory MP for South West Surrey said: "All Saints School is a great place with staff doing a first-class job of teaching and developing young pupils.



"The creation of this outside classroom will enable the teachers to do even more to inspire and nurture these children – what a fantastic start to school life."

All Saints' development head and teacher Louise Walters, added the new outdoor classroom offered children a 'huge variety of opportunities' – from blasting rockets across the field to painting bluebells in the woods, challenging pupils to run for seven minutes before they're seven years old, to identifying British trees and birds.

"Our children's time outdoors makes for impressive results, cheerful children and all-round achievers at All Saints," she said. "Outdoor learning harnesses children's natural curiosity. It keeps them enthused – excited to learn, keen to solve problems, thinking critically, communicating with each other, building relationships and mastering persistence.

All are the building blocks for success in education and, as the World Economic Fund has stated, all will be essential skills for careers in the future."

Broadband Improvements beckon

The long promised 'gainshare' (reinvestment of the rebate that Surrey County Council had from BT after a higher than expected take up of the first rollout of 'VDSL' services) improvements to the existing infrastructure in the village appear to be coming closer to completion.



We now have confirmation that everyone who is connected to the Runfold exchange (that's everyone on Tilford Street from around Woodhill up) should be able to order a 'Fibre To The Home' product from your existing supplier in the next few weeks. BT have now installed fibres to the tops of the poles, and soon the connection between that fibre and your home will be possible.

That will offer householders a 330mbps connection by changing products but without changing supplier.

The other half of the village (everyone on Tilford Road and across the bridge slightly up Tilford Street) should be seeing improvements to their existing

service soon when the new green cabinet that's been installed near Hythe Cottage is brought online. By bringing the connection point closer to the village those already on a 'VDSL' service will see an improved speed. We are also assured that those in the centre of the village who are still stuck on 'ADSL' services should be able to order an improved 'VDSL' service soon.

Unfortunately, all of these improvements have slightly derailed us looking at installing a 'Fibre To The Home' ('FTTH') solution for the village as a whole from a 3rd party internet company. Because half of the village will soon have 'FTTH' available, installing fibres to every house in the village is no longer commercially viable without us incurring a cost. So we now need to wait and see what position we are all in next year before looking at alternative solutions. Thank you for your patience so far, and sorry it's going to take a little longer to find a solution for everyone. But we will get there.

Armistice Celebration Dinner



November's Barley Mow Wine Club coincided with the Armistice celebrations so it was decided to host a semi-regimented Black Tie Dinner to commemorate 100 years since Armistice with a theme of wines and foods that might have been served at a mess dinner 100 years ago.

30 local wine lovers and a few special guests enjoyed delights such as rolled plaice with salmon mousseline with a dry Hungarian Tokaji, Beouf en crouete with perfectly aged Claret, dessert and cheese with Sauternes and Port.

Everyone dressed up for the occasion which was chaired by Richard Quirk, the Royal Marines original Corps Regimental Sergeant Major. He is



also the Divisional Sergeant Major responsible for a division of the Queen's Bodyguard of the Yeoman of the Guard. We were entertained by a few short vignettes of local people from the great War along with, of course, a few embarrassing stories of some of the military men in attendance. The evening was finished off with the passing of the Port...to the left of course... and 100 years ago only by the gents! Funnily enough that rule was ignored! Thank you to The Barley Mow and to Mark Scoular, a local ex Royal Marine, for organising such a successful evening.

Photographs: Richard Quirk



Changes at the Parish Council.



At the December Parish Council meeting, the Chairman, Nigel Relf, tendered his resignation. Nigel has been in the role for around five years, being elected Chairman in September 2014 having been elected to the Council in 2011. Over the recent past he has found it more and more difficult to combine his Chairmanship with his considerable outside business interests. He leaves with the best wishes of his fellow Councillors and thanks for all the leadership and input he has made to the Council, in particular regarding planning applications. During his term in office, the Council have had several significant successes including being influential in the reinstatement of Post Office facilities in the Village Shop, replacing the old playground, campaigning for faster broadband, working with Surrey County Council to reduce speeding and other traffic calming measures.

At an extraordinary Council Meeting on December 19th, Councillor Debra Lee was nominated for, and accepted, the Chairmanship. Debra was co-opted onto the Council in May, 2016, and has been enthusiastically involved in several aspects of village life including: setting up Speed Watch, driving the installation of a new playground, co-editor of Tilford Life and the project addressing parking around the Village Green. In addition, Mickey Benson was co-opted onto the Council.

News from The Duke of Cambridge



Happy New Year from all of us at The Duke! We have an exciting 2019 planned with some great events scheduled, kicking off with a Quiz Night later this month to raise money for our chosen pub charity of the year, Farnham Hedgehogs. Workshops are planned for those who love a bit of Gin Tasting or are looking for a creative workshop with local Nibbs Gin founders and floral extraordinaire Stella Doble. For more information, check our website at: <https://www.dukeofcambridgetilford.co.uk/offers/>

Catching up with friends during the week? Make a date at ours as, due to popular demand, we are bringing back our Midweek Set Menu. Enjoy 2 courses for £11.95 or 3 courses for £14.95. Even better, we are offering £15 off your bill when you spend £50 or more every day... just take a look online at <https://www.dukeofcambridgetilford.co.uk/offers/> to retrieve your voucher.

If you are a fan of Red Mist Leisure, did you know about our newest sister to the collection? Our 9th pub, The Wellington Arms in Stratfield Turgis, which is located on the Wellington Estate, opened in November to wonderful acclaim. It's the largest pub in the collection and this month sees the opening of its 25 boutique bedrooms. If you haven't been over, make sure you do! For more information, check the website: <https://www.wellingtonarmshampshire.co.uk/>

Dinner Winner

Now the old saying goes 'You've got to be in it to win it'. This year we will be running a 'Tilford Big Question' competition. The winner of the competition receives no other than a free dinner for two at one of our lovely generous Tilford Pubs.

What more could you ask for?

All you need to do is answer the question below and email clerk@tilfordpc.org.uk to be entered into a free prize draw. We'll be setting you a question every edition and you can enter as many times as you like!

Sounds exciting doesn't it? Yes we thought so. Well here goes....

Q. How many pubs are situated within the Village?

Good luck villagers!!

And a big "Thank you" to the Barley Mow and the Duke of Cambridge for their past, and continuing, support in hosting the Meal for Two contest.



Tilford Gardening Club

Just a brief note from the Tilford Gardening Club to say that the first event of the New Year will be the Chairman's evening on Wednesday 6th February (please note changed date!) This is a chance to have a meal and quizzes with fellow members and pay subscriptions, which remain at £6 per year for single members, or only £10 for a family, including children up to 18 at one address! The new schedule will also be available, giving details of all events for 2019, including talks, three shows, garden and nursery visits and other hands-on evenings. Full details can be obtained by phoning Secretary, Janet Arm, on 01252-783133, or emailing janet@tilfordgardeningclub.co.uk

Garden Hints for January and February.

- Recycle your Christmas tree by shredding for mulch.
- Plant trees, shrubs, roses, and hedges as long as the ground isn't frozen or waterlogged.
- On mild days prune back fruit trees, hedges, and wisteria.
- Ventilate greenhouses when possible and check regularly for wind-damaged panes.
- Dig over vacant ground and work in well rotted manure or compost, leaving it roughly dug so that the frost will break up the soil for you.
- Inspect stored fruit, vegetables and dahlia tubers, removing any rotting items.
- After snowdrops have flowered, divide up clumps and replant while plants are still green.
- Keep putting out food and water for hungry birds.
- Stay by the fire, look through the catalogues and get your seed order in!

Tilford Women's Institute

2018 positively whizzed by and Christmas and New Year long done and dusted. In November we had our AGM and the members proposed and seconded the existing President and Committee for the next year. We had no speaker at the AGM but we still had our very enjoyable tea and lots of chat. We also walked to the Memorial at All Saints and laid a wreath for Remembrance Sunday, where the names of the fallen from the village



from both the World Wars were read, along with Ode of Remembrance. At our meeting in December and after the "business" part of our meeting, we had our Christmas Party which was a very happy afternoon with a delicious tea, bingo, Secret Santa, a gorgeous Christmas cake made by Diana Prain and our first rendition of Jerusalem which is to become a part of our Easter and Christmas meetings. 2019 has a very interesting and varied selection of speakers commencing in January with Norman Evans educating us on the "Minoan Culture". We also have a walking club and at the end of January, weather permitting, we shall walk on the area of Frensham Common called the Flashes with coffee after. February we have John Negus talking to us on "Gardening with Flair" and on March 13th Dr Bob France will talk to us on "Uppark and Its People" which should be fascinating. Our meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month in Tilford Institute at 2:30pm and if you would like to come along, you will receive a warm welcome, please contact Jo Mack at jommack1@hotmail.com.

1st Tilford Brownies

Happy New Year from The Tilford Brownies! We had a busy fun December! Our activities included decorating gingerbread men and making 3D stars. We also visited Charterhouse School to watch their Christmas Pantomime, "Sleeping Beauty". We spent time at Waverley Grange singing Christmas carols and participating in arts and crafts activities with the residents. Then we finished our term with a fun Christmas party at the Institute! There were lots of games, activities and party food!

We have a lot of fun activities planned for this coming term! We hope to take the brownies to see a football game watching The Shots play at home at Aldershot! With the nicer weather on the horizon (being forever optimistic) we have several outdoor activities planned, including cycling and climbing at Alice Holt. There is an indoor swimming session planned at a local pool to tie in with our swimmers badge. We will also be celebrating the love for our families in our Valentines Day activities and also celebrating St Patrick's Day at the Institute. We would also like to say a big "Thank You" to Juliet Taylor who will be leaving us this term. She has been a great help, helping us at brownies!

If you have a 7 year old daughter who would like to join our Brownie unit, please email: uppercoachhouse@gmail.com. Or, if aged 6 or under, please go into the GO website Brownie waiting list.



Did you know!



The bright red iconic telephone kiosk opposite the village shop is a Grade 11 listed structure. In December 1987 it was listed under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 for its special or historic interest. The majority of sites are buildings, but the kiosk joins other structures such as bridges, monuments, sculptures, war memorials, and even milestones and mileposts and The Beatles' Abbey Road pedestrian crossing!

It is a cast iron, square kiosk, Type K5, designed by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott in 1935 with a domed roof, George VI crowns in the top panels and marginal glazing to windows and door.

About six years ago, a notice appeared inside from British Telecom saying that the telephone service had been disconnected and the kiosk could be purchased for £1 and

the service could be reconnected at the purchaser's expense. The Parish Council decided not to purchase the kiosk so British Telecom still remains the owner.

A listed structure may not be demolished, extended, or altered without special permission from the local planning authority. Owners must repair and maintain them and can face criminal prosecution if they fail to do so or if they perform unauthorised alterations. As a result, British Telecom maintain the kiosk and periodically clean and paint it.

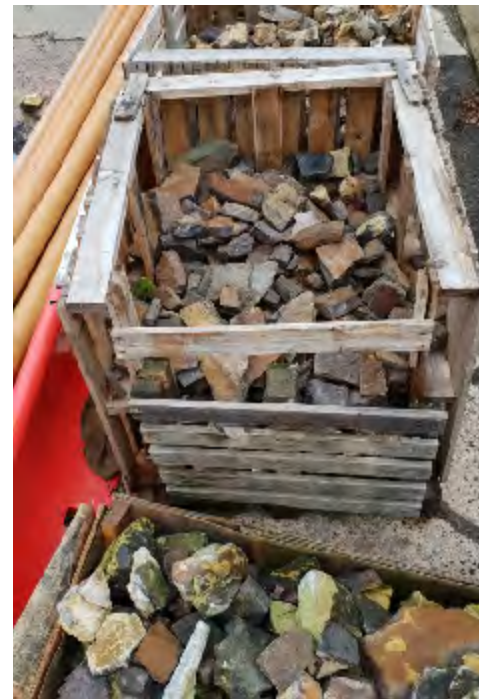
For more information, refer to Historic England, English Heritage Legacy ID 436292

Ironstone Plea

Do you have any spare ironstone to help our old, damaged bridge?

The contractors of the bridge renovation project are looking to obtain extra stocks of local, Tilford matching stone. Do you have any spare? Email us...

clerk@tilfordpc.org.uk



Competition

Winner Issue 24

Congratulations go to Angela Morland. Winner of a lunch/dinner for two up to the value of £50 at The Duke of Cambridge.

BADMINTON

Club Night

Every Friday

Venue: Ash Manor Sports Center

Time: 7:00pm-8:00pm



Tilford Badminton Club

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Tilford Badminton Club Night

Sports and healthy activities are integral part of a healthy and active life style. Especially in this season when we have long nights and shorter days and outdoor activities are limited.

Therefore, to bring some sporting activity to our lovely village, we have arranged a badminton club night. Where everyone is welcome from children to elderly. It is also a lovely way of meeting our neighbours, where four people from the village participated but the motive is to bring more people and create a wonderful environment.

Certainly, sport is a great way to bring people closer in this age and time, where you spend healthy and active enjoyable time together. Come on join us for fun!!!

Venue: Ash Manor Sports Center
Time: Friday 7:00pm - 8:00pm

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



Tilford and Rushmoor Calendar 2019

This has been a huge success with the initial 150 calendars running out at the beginning of December. Another 20 were ordered (not much profit on a small order!) and they also sold out. A profit of £685.00 has been realised which I have rounded up to £700.00. All Saint's Church received their share - almost before any calendars were sold - and this amount went towards the new boiler.

Laura Sylvester's charity, Mind Body EDS, is about to be donated.

Chair Job

Tilford Women's Institute are looking for a willing person to set out the tables and chairs before and after their monthly meetings which are held at the Tilford Institute on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. (Set out 30 chairs and 5 tables at 2pm and put them away at 4.30pm). There would be a small remuneration for your services.

If you are able to help please email: angiehurdle@btinternet.com



Thanks must go to Para and the team at Tilford Village Shop who shifted a staggering 107!! Also Sue Small, Dorthe Quelche and the Barely Mow who did their bit, too.

Imprint Colour in Aldershot did a fabulous job in producing a lovely quality item at a very reasonable price and the final 20 calendars in a record time scale.

And lastly, thank you to all of you who bought them and made this possible.

Happy New Year Tilford!



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Curry Takeaway on Friday

Tilford Village Shop
01252 792258
077 4085 8386
tilfordvillageshop@gmail.com

Order a meal for £15

Welcome to the first edition of young Tilford in 2019! We hope you had a lovely Christmas break and are all set for the new term. As you've had so much time off (!), this edition is all about activities and getting your minds active. We've got a brand new competition too invented by our new guest reporter Grace Benson. Closing date is February 8th- don't miss it! We hope you enjoy this edition and if you want to see anything included.... just write in! debra@debralee.co.uk

Where??



Now did you know that somewhere in Tilford is a very special fox- have you seen it? It sits on top of a weather vane. Have you seen it....As you walk around the village have a look!

Young Tilford's feathered friends drawing competition!

I'm sure we're all aware of the Egyptian Geese that have made the Village Green their home and have become well-loved members of the community. In fact, "Antony" and "Cleopatra" have even become something of local celebrities! The species was first introduced to the UK in the late 17th Century as pets. However, in the last 20 years, the birds have made their mark in the wild across England, with nearly 100,000 of them settling here! So, to celebrate them making Tilford their long-term home, we have a competition!

Calling all young, local artists to send in their best drawings of the two extra special geese! The winner of the competition will have their artwork displayed in the Barley Mow and shown in our next edition of Young Tilford. All entrants will receive a small (edible) prize when dropping off their drawings, so everyone's a winner! Entries for the competition must be submitted in the Village Shop "Geese Drawing Competition" box by the 8th of February. Good Luck!

Jigsaw Sudoku Puzzles

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Got anything you would like to see in the next edition of Young Tilford? Email me, Debra debra@debralee.co.uk and we'll try and include it.

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