

Tilford Life

The Tilford Parish Council Newsletter



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A Great Success!

October saw the re-institution of the traditional Tilford Village Harvest Supper which had not occurred in Tilford for over 15 years.

Borne out of the gem of an idea from an All Saints Church Council meeting in the summer, Jayne Sylvester, Yvonne Fairlamb, Sue Small, Mary Carter and Charlotte Turner, from



All Saints Church, set about reviving the concept of a Harvest Supper involving the whole village.

In a 'light bulb' moment, and with the village and shop being faced with the Tilford East bridge closing for some months, it was suggested that Para and Mercy, at the village shop, should be asked to provide a Sri Lankan-themed Harvest Supper. Para and Mercy heartedly agreed and

this all came to fruition at the Tilford Institute on the evening of Saturday October 19. Proceeds from a raffle on the night with many local prizes and vouchers would go directly to Tilford Institute funds.

Originally 80 tickets went on sale for the event, however these rapidly sold out and another 40 more tickets were added. In the end, a total of 120 villagers attended the event which was in aid of the Village Shop



and Tilford Institute.

On the night, the Main Hall and the Centenary Room of the Institute were beautifully decorated with bright table cloths in the orange and gold colours of the Sri Lankan flag and gorgeous aromas wafted from the kitchen as the villagers arrived. Para and Mercy (immaculately dressed

in their chefs uniforms) cooked and served an incredibly delicious main



meal of three different curries and accompaniments, supplemented by over 20 varieties of puddings gratefully donated by the men and women folk of Tilford.

Guitar and song/music by "Peter" filled the institute with party and festive atmosphere.

Ticket takings of £1200 and round-robin of £136 on the night went directly to the shop; raffle takings amounted to £310 went directly to the Institute.

It is hoped that the "Harvest Supper" baton will be passed on to Tilford Village organisations such as the WI, or Garden Club and will continue to exist as an annual social event for the village.

All in all a great success!

Welcome to our
Village newsletter

Tilford East Bridge Refurbishment

Tilford East Bridge is an early 12th century example of a packhorse bridge – these were built as a series of arches with low parapets to allow passage of horse with loaded panniers. The bridge was constructed from local ironstone by monks from the nearby Waverley Abbey, one of a series of 14 similar structures between Farnham and Godalming. The western arch is of brick construction and was added in the 19th century, probably in an effort to improve water flow under the bridge and to reduce flooding to neighbouring properties. The cantilevered footway and timber rails were added in the 1960's. Surrey County Council undertook a program of bridge strengthening in the late '90's and Tilford Bridge received a reinforced concrete slab structure, new timber beams and footway as part of these works. The structural timbers have rotted quite quickly and the County deemed it necessary to undertake remedial works to ensure public safety, the alternative being to close the footway. The bridge has also suffered a number of vehicle strikes and some form of containment was also required – but as the bridge is a Scheduled Ancient Monument options were somewhat limited. The current works are to remove the timber beams supporting the footway and timber railing and replace these with steel beam with timber coverings – maintaining the look of the structure. Modifications to the concrete slab will provide insitu cast concrete kerbing as the vehicle constraint. Since the last rebuild in 1997 views on heritage have changed with Historic England having a much greater say in what may be done. The granted Scheduled Monument Consent specified that the removal of the stone needed to be carried out with hand tools and any use of power tools needed justification and Historic England approval. Similarly the rebuild of the stone work must be undertaken using traditional lime mortar. This is a very slow

setting mortar and is much more a temperature dependent material than modern mortars. Historic England have also needed to approve the type and colour of the mortar, as well as the type and source of the oak timbers.

Environmentally, there are periods when no work in the river may take place due to fish spawning seasons. The Wey supports both coarse and salmonid fish – trout and grayling – and they have differing spawning seasons. Salmonid from November to January and coarse from March to June. Work within the river has been permitted by the Environment Agency explicitly outside of these periods. The Environment Agency have also granted permits for both the temporary footbridge and the working scaffolding.

Early in the project, services crossing both the bridge and the river had been identified and the requisite bodies informed of our intended works. Consultation was necessary with these bodies to establish exclusion zones in advance, so that the design and positioning of the temporary footbridge and working scaffolding could be considered. As BT's service currently ran through the structure they have temporarily diverted their service across the footbridge, which on completion of work will be re positioned outside the structure on the new footway. During the early stages of construction an unknown cable was discovered in the river and this was eventually found to be in the remit of Scottish and Southern Energy, but until this was made safe all works had to cease. The cable was not only a hazard to the work force: it was not known whether it powered half of Tilford and the surrounding area.

Works are now back on schedule and an end date of August 2020 is being worked to. The County Council are working closely with the Parish Council as we realise the works are having an effect on local life and we will update and provide information where we can in an effort to minimise disruption. We are also committed to providing a monthly newsletter to the Parish informing of works progress updates.

Should you wish to receive regular updates about the project please visit surreycc.gov.uk/tilford and register your email address.

For any comments, queries or feedback on the Bridge works, please contact the Works Communication team via the contact details below. Alternatively you can submit your comments following the link below; Call 0300 2001003

Email works.communication@surreycc.gov.uk

Stone work damage 2018



Rotted damaged timber



Temporary footbridge and access scaffold



Carriageway Removal and Stone Removal



Have a Green Christmas

Christmas is nearly upon us. It's a time when many of us celebrate and consume rather too much. Some may worry about the expanding waistline or the recycling bin full of empty wine bottles. Others will want to minimise their impact on the environment and here are a few tips and suggestions to do just that.

It seems every Christmas, the decorations and present wrapping gets more glitzy. The problem is that



a lot of it is plastic and completely unrecyclable. Avoid plastic coated wrapping paper or, better still, use a decorated bag that can be used again. There are plenty for sale on eBay and Amazon and they cost less than flat wrapping paper. Glitter is also lovely but really bad for the environment as it just ends up in the ground or the sea – as well as on your face several weeks after Christmas, much to the delight of your work colleagues!

Toy companies can make just about anything from red/yellow/blue/white plastic but with children, certainly young ones, they get bored of them quickly. Consider buying second hand plastic toys and donate them to charity or sell them online when you are done with them rather than throwing them away. Better still, choose wooden toys that will last longer and don't use so much plastic. Just check they have the European CE mark and/or the British Lion mark.

If you plan to have a real Christmas tree, find out where you can "cut

your own" locally. Conservation groups would be delighted if you cut down a small pine as it helps them keep heathland clear. You need to check where and when this is taking place as it changes each year.

Crackers are fun at Christmas dinner but the jokes in them are dreadful and the plastic toy usually goes in the bin after the meal. If you are feeling creative, you can buy kits to make your own and even personalise them to your family and guests.

If you are stuck for an idea of what to give someone for a present, rather than buying something they don't need or want, why not get them something that will make them feel good or that will be useful throughout the year or even longer. You could give someone membership to the RSPB, the Rural Life Centre, another charity or buy them a tree (just the right time to plant it as well



or buy it from a rewilding group that will plant it for you).

If you can avoid travelling during the break, so much the better. But if you do need to, consider offsetting the carbon from your journey. A return economy flight to Australia produces about 6 tonnes of CO₂! That's about 80% of a UK person's entire annual production. But even if you are just visiting auntie Nellie in Margate, there are many companies offering carbon offsetting for travel. www.carbonfootprint.com is one and you can choose the programme to support.

So, you've done what you can to reduce your consumption but there is still a big pile of waste that could end up in the rubbish bin. Check what can be collected in household recycling but also have a look at

www.Terracycle.com. It's a specialist company that collects and processes a wide range of things that aren't collected by household recycling e.g. crisp packets, pet food pouches and many more. There are several drop-off locations not too far away.

And finally, while enjoying Christmas and the New Year, do remember that for some it can be a difficult time of year. A random act of generosity can make you feel really good and could make a huge difference to someone you don't know.

By Colin Shearn

The Duke of Cambridge

Nothing screams autumn more than a long walk enjoying nature at its best, followed by a perfectly cooked pie and mash or Sunday roast washed down with your favourite tipple.

So, wrap up warm and come and support your local Tilford pub, The Duke of Cambridge. We remain open throughout the bridge closures and look forward to warming you from the inside out with delicious food, drink, a roaring log-burning fire and our friendly service.

The boys at Tilford Brewery have been hard at work with their brewing and have a great selection of beers and ales for you to try, including the return of its popular 'Twelve Days of Christmas', a hoppy ale, which features hints of ginger, orange and cinnamon. Should you be looking for unique stocking fillers or gifts, why not purchase a Tilford Brewery gift box featuring three bottled beers (you get to choose from 5 options) for just £10, just ask at the bar or pop into the brewery when you're next passing.

If you're looking to celebrate the festive season with your colleagues or friends, but looking for something slightly different, why not sign up to one of our festive workshops – choose from a gin, beer and cheese tasting or wreath-making experience. For more information, visit our website on: www.dukeofcambridgetilford.co.uk/offers/

Please join FOAS for our annual
**ALL SAINTS C of E INFANT SCHOOL
 CHRISTMAS FAIR**

Sunday 1st December, 12.00pm - 2.30pm



FOR THE CHILDREN

GAMES ROOM * BISCUIT DECORATING * SANTA'S GROTTTO *
 TEACHER'S STORY TIME * PRESENT ROOM * CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA

FOR THE ADULTS

GOURMET BBQ * MULLED WINE & MINCE PIES * RAFFLE *
 SILENT AUCTION * BOTTLE TOMBOLA

Tilford Gardening Club.

The gardening club has had a busy autumn, first with our Autumn Show, then two talks, the first being 'Growing Orchids in your house' when Maren Talbot showed some lovely photos, followed by a practical demonstration of how to care for your own orchids. The second talk was a return visit by local wildlife expert Geoff Lunn, who had some superb photos of birds and animals, all set to birdsong and music.

It is our AGM on Tuesday November 12th, followed by a Powerpoint presentation on 'Trees for the small Garden'. We will be also be entering a team or two in the Surrey Federation Quiz on Sunday 17th November - visitors welcome who can take part in the audience at Normandy Hall - free entry.

To finish up the year, a hands-on event on Sashiko (Japanese Embroidery) on 26th November - please book your place. Our own events will be in the Centenary room of Tilford Institute.

If you would like to join us, please contact Chairman Brian Arm on 01252-783133 (Redleaf Nursery).

Subscriptions are still £6 single or £10 for a whole family - the New Year starts with the Chairman's Evening on Wednesday, 5th February. For further details, phone above number or please email: info@tilfordgardeningclub.co.uk



Garden Hints for November/December.

- Plant spring bulbs and bedding plants, trees, shrubs, roses, and hedges.
- Dig up and divide herbaceous plants and re-plant in a new situation.
- Prune roses and fruit trees, tidy up deciduous shrubs, and take hardwood cuttings.
- Harvest and store apples and pears. After leaves have dropped apply a "winter wash" to stems.
- Cut out fruited stems of blackberries and autumn raspberries.
- Protect tender plants by bringing inside, or insulate with straw, bracken, or fleece.
- Rake up leaves from beds, borders and out of the pond, and put them on the compost heap.
- Clear out old vegetable crops, dig over vacant ground and work in well rotted manure or compost.
- Sow broad bean Aquadulce for an early summer crop, and plant garlic bulbs.
- Clean the greenhouse, ventilate when possible, and make sure the heating system is working.
- Spike lawns to improve drainage, scarify and apply an autumn lawn food and mosskiller.

Sit back with a stack of seed catalogues and plan your next year's garden!



Fostering

With over 900 children in our care, Surrey County Council is recruiting more foster carers. Our foster carers provide children with a warm and loving family environment where their emotional needs will be supported.

When someone chooses to foster with us they're joining Surrey's biggest family and part of a growing support network intent on making the lives

of children and young people better. Foster carers receive a weekly allowance payment for each child in their care as well as an extensive support package.

Could you open your heart and home to a foster child? For more information please visit www.surreycc.gov.uk/fostering or call our friendly team on 0800 096 9626

Rural Life Centre

Coming up in November, the Rural Life Centre will be hosting its annual Christmas Craft Fair on Saturday 16th followed by A Vintage Christmas on Sunday 17th with entertainment from Becki Short. If you are looking for something unique for your loved

ones this Christmas why not pop in. December sees our popular Santa Specials events which happen over the weekends of 7th, 8th, 14th and 15th. Entry is by pre-booked ticket



only. We do have some tickets left that are available through our website, www.rural-life.org.uk.

Brownies

The 1st Tilford Brownies have had a great start to the autumn term! We celebrated world animal day by bringing in our pets and talking about them. We took part in Roald Dahl's Day by dressing as a character from one of his marvellous books! We had brownies dress up as witches, a chocolate bar, naughty Matilda, an Oompa Loompa...We celebrated World Peace Day by making hanging doves, writing peace poems and taking part in a World peace quiz. We will be celebrating Halloween with spooky fun and games at the Institute and the brownies are encouraged to come dressed in their favourite spooky costume! We will be taking the brownies to see The Aldershot



Shots play at home in November for a Daddy & Brownie day! We hope to take the brownies camping early next year to Herons Wey. We have recently written to an American brownie unit based in North Carolina as part of our international brownie badge. The brownies hope to gain some American brownie penpals. If you are age 7-10 years old and would like to become a member of our exciting pack please email: Tilfordbrownieunit@gmail.com Michelle, Olga, Lisa, Di :-)

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

Tilford WI

Somehow the deadline for the last Tilford News came and went, so this time it's a bumper edition to catch up with all the WI activities! A brief resume of the Summer saw our Garden Meeting held at the beautiful garden of the famous C G J Mathias & Son Nurseries, the home



of our Treasurer Jane Mathias. It was a perfect afternoon, not too hot, no rain, lots of chatting and a gorgeous tea. Diet begins later. Two of our members had taken part in a charity bike ride earlier in the month and arrived on their bikes with bells ringing and dressed in pink tutus and crash helmets, a very glamorous combination and well done them. We had a stall at the Tilford Fete and sold lots of cakes, jams and some savouries too, along with fresh vegetables and fruits. Rustic Sunday at the Rural Life Centre was a great success, partly because it didn't rain as it had last year. Again we had lovely cakes and home produce which was all a complete sell out. In August there was a trip to Uppark in West Sussex, the sun shone and we had a lovely time wandering around the beautiful grounds and house. There was an extremely interesting film on the disastrous fire of 1989 and how the conservation work has been carried out on the house.

We met up again at Tilford Institute in September and had a talk by Bryony Allen from Leightons on The

Eyes Have It, an extremely pertinent talk that was both informative and amusing. At the close of the meeting our President Jane Fox presented Andrew Napier with a cheque which was the result of our fund raising over the past year and will now enable Tilford Church to purchase the Priests Board which will hang in All Saints in memory of Rev Heather Humphrey who was a member of Tilford WI. In September we had an open evening at the Barley Mow in the garden room with wine and nibbles to chat to locals about the Tilford Women's Institute,

Our walking group had had several walks over the past months around Tilford, Frensham Common and the Moat on Thursley Common, followed by coffee at various places, the Barley Mow, Orchard Barn in Churt which has sadly now closed and Little Barn Cafe in Elstead. Our play reading group which had a break over the summer months resumed in September.

A lovely sunny afternoon at Watts Gallery, Guildford was enjoyed including visits to the Artists' Village and the Chapel which is an Arts and Crafts Grade I listed building. A very interesting outing which was followed by a tasty tea at the Gallery. The October meeting had a talk entitled, Dem Dry Bones on osteoporosis by Lyn Chalcraft who had the members participating in some weight bearing exercises and added that it is never too late to increase bone density.

Our next meeting is the AGM on November 14th. That afternoon we shall also lay a poppy wreath at the Memorial of All Saints and have a small service.

If you would like to come along to our meetings please message Tilfordwomensinstitute@hotmail.com, you will receive a very warm welcome from us all.

Dinner Winner Competition

And here is your chance to be the winner of the competition that receives none other than a free dinner up to £50 for two at one of our lovely generous Tilford Pubs.

All you need to do is answer the question below and email clerk@tilfordpc.org.uk to be entered into a free prize draw.

Which film had scenes filmed in the Bourne woods?

- 1) The Holiday
- 2) Hot Fuzz
- 3) Robin Hood

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 competition.

Please note, if successful your email may be shared with the relevant pub

Competition Winner Issue 29

Congratulations to Sylvia McQuire, winner of a lunch / dinner for two up to the value of £50 at one of our lovely generous Tilford Pubs.

Please contact the TPC Clerk (Rachel Audsley on 07731 886690 or clerk@tilfordpc.org.uk) to claim your prize.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Tilford & Rushmoor Tennis Club News

We hope all our members have been making the most of our fantastic courts over the summer months. You will have noticed that the courts are now looking particularly smart having been pressure washed and repainted.



Reasons to Become a Member of Tilford & Rushmoor Tennis Club

We are a 'community club' with a special emphasis on providing local people of all ages and tennis abilities access to a great sporting outlet and social meeting place with the added bonus of being in such a beautiful rural setting with plenty of off road parking.

We welcome all abilities, whether you're a junior or an adult, a beginner on the court for the first time, or returning to tennis to those wanting more competitive play in teams and competitions.

Once you are a member there are lots of opportunities to come and play, socially, within a team, with your own family and friends or indeed the opportunity to take up any individual or group lessons through our extensive junior and adult coaching programme.

The Club is an accredited tennis club by the LTA we are therefore able to offer our members the chance to win Wimbledon tickets by entering the ballot.

The cost of the yearly membership is reasonably priced to encourage all to play.

Adult Membership: £30
Junior Membership (5-18 years): £10
Under 5s: Free
Family Membership: £60

AGM

We are having our Autumn Social and AGM 8.00pm Wednesday 27th November. Join us for a drink and nibbles in the Coach House at the Barley Mow, Tilford.

We would love to hear feed back from members and any ideas you have for the club. The AGM will follow but it is quite painless and quick, especially slightly anaesthetised by the odd drink.

Agenda

- Chairmans report
- Treasurers report
- Prime Coaching year review
- Ideas for future amenities
- Election of trustees



The Tilford & Rushmoor Tennis Club Committee Needs Your Help

The Club would not work without the Committee who give up valuable spare time to make all the great things happen at the club.

The Committee are looking for new recruits especially those with children who are interested in tennis. There are only approximately 4 meeting each year (more if there is a special fundraising event) to discuss and make decisions in the best interest of the club.

If you would like to find out more information on what being on the committee entails please do contact us by email info@trtennis.org.uk

Tilford and Rushmoor Calendar 2020



Tilford and Rushmoor Calendar is now available from Tilford Village Shop and All Saint's Church. The price is again £7.00 with all profits equally shared between Laura Sylvester's EDS Charity and All Saint's Church. Last year a lovely £700.00 was raised and we could beat that this year. We did a reprint last year which was not cost effective so this year I ordered 170. But they all need to be sold! We have certainly shifted 70 to date and thanks must go to Tilford Village Shop and the usual star Dorthe Quelch!

All Saints Church, Tilford

Services during December.

Sun 1 Dec Advent Sunday Services at 8am and 10am with ASJ

Sat 7 Dec TBS Carols by Candlelight 6pm

Sun 8 Dec 10am Eucharist with ASJ
Christmas Services

Sun 15 Dec 8am Holy Communion
10am Christmas Family Service

Sun 22 Dec 10am Carol Service followed by

mulled wine and mince pies

Tues 24 Dec 3pm Crib Service
11pm Christmas Communion

Christmas Day

8.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Christmas Family Service

Sun 29 Dec 8am Holy Communion at All Saints

10am Service at St Thomas-on-the-Bourne

Dear Young Tilford-ians, here is another edition written just for you! We enjoyed the last edition of tree craft so much we thought we would carry on the creative ideas and do some more village type crafty stuff. Just in case you haven't noticed our lovely old bridge is still closed for its makeover, so we thought we would get you designing a new bridge! Why not make your own and take a photo and send it in to us? 😊

Don't forget Christmas is coming

It's not far away, and we are sure that you want your letter to Father Christmas gets to him so don't forget these tips

- 1) It's really important you write his address carefully on the envelope
 - 2) Make sure you put a stamp on the envelope so that it gets there.
 - 3) Be sure that you include your full name and address in your letter.
- Post your letter by Friday 6 December and send it here!

**Santa/Father Christmas,
Santa's Grotto,
Reindeerland,
XM4 5HQ**



HAVE A GREAT CHRISTMAS

Make your own bridge collage

You will need:

- One large sheets of card (you can use an old cereal box), pencil & paints
- Some cardboard (an old box will do!)
- Scissors & glue
- Shiny string or ribbon

1. On one sheet of card, draw the valley of a river (This is the bit between the riverbank where the river runs)
2. Choose any design you like for your own road bridge to cross the River Wey. You could choose stone like our bridge, or a big suspension bridge or make one up
3. Draw the design on the card then cut it out. Paint the parts of your bridge to make them look like stone or whatever you want to make.
4. Glue your bridge on your 'Valley' Well done!



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