

Tilford Life

The Tilford Parish Council Newsletter



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Welcome to our
Village newsletter

Shhhhh....Tiny grass dreaming! Regeneration of the Village Green

Tilford Parish Council, as custodians of Tilford Village Green, are delighted to be working alongside Tilford Cricket Club in jointly funding improvements to the outfield of the Village Green. Residents will be very aware that the village Green has been badly damaged by extreme weather conditions over the past three years and in many places the surface was looking quite sparse. TPC and TCC met with a number of contractors before engaging Grasstex to undertake the remedial work over the course of two days.

TPC and TCC hope that local residents will enjoy a grassier and rather less bumpy Green in the future and will bear with us whilst allowing the recent re-seeding to properly germinate! The Village Green is temporarily more of a 'Brown', having been scarified, verti-drained, re-seeded and covered with a sand/loam mix to promote growth.

We have been assured that the loam cover will fairly quickly dissolve into the soil and the grass push through, which should help to restore the Village Green to much better health. Whilst this is happening, we would be grateful if footfall could be minimised where possible. A small section (which was the worst affected area) has been cordoned off – the cordon will be removed at the end of the third week of April.



What to do with Stonehills - A Call for help!

Did you know that the piece of land called Stonehills, opposite the Stockbridge car park, was given as a gift to the Parish Council in 1950 by a gentleman named William Price of Shottisham Lodge, Frensham. The land, thought previously to have been used in wartime for training British and Canadian soldiers, was given with the specific purpose of exercise and recreation. The Parish Council was granted corporate trusteeship, as a body corporate, and, as such, is responsible for looking after it. In 2007 the Parish Council conducted a study into possible uses. Following this, Tilford and Rushmoor Tennis Club was created and opened in 2013.

Over the years there have been various suggestions for the use of the remaining land, and how they could contribute to village life.

We are now looking for residents who may wish to join a Working Party to identify and consider how this land could be used.

If you think you can help, have ideas or would like to contribute to an exciting new Village project and can attend a small number of meetings- please do get in touch by Monday 19th April

Debralee@tilford-pc.gov.uk

Tilford Fete Update

Usually by now the preparations for the Tilford Fete in July are well underway. Sadly the Coronavirus pandemic has now put paid to that being possible for the second year running. We hope to be able to arrange an informal village gathering in lieu of the fete later in the summer if the restrictions allow.

Tilford Parish Council Meetings



For the last year the Parish Council has been meeting on Zoom navigating our way through the challenges of virtual meetings (we spend an awful lot of time on mute...!). Unless the guidance is extended, the temporary legislation that permits formal meetings via technology ends on May 6th 2021, after which we must legally meet face to face.

If you would like to attend a meeting after this time, please contact the clerk who can advise how you may join and via which method clerk@tilford-pc.gov.uk. Notification of all meetings with joining details can be found on the Parish Council noticeboard during the week prior to the meeting and on our website. <http://www.tilfordpc.org.uk/> All meetings begin at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated.

Do join us!

Meeting dates until the summer are as follows;

May 5th (via Zoom)
June 3rd (Method TBC)
July 1st (Method TBC)

ART, PHOTOGRAPHY, MUSIC, LITERATURE & MORE

EXHIBITION OF HOPE



Exhibits to inspire and bring hope and reflect on the Lockdown Covid pandemic; hosted and organised by All Saints Church, Tilford

Saturday 17th - Sunday 18th July 2021

Participation forms and further information can be found at www.exhibitionofhope.co.uk

EXHIBITION OF HOPE (17 – 18 July)* Tilford Village Exhibition

The Exhibition of Hope (EOH) is an opportunity for all of us as a village to reflect together on Covid-19 Lockdown 2020 and 2021. The exhibition will encompass the village centre and displays will be in All Saints Church, on the Village Green and in the Tilford Institute.

Contributions are asked for from local adults and children, which then will be on public display throughout the weekend (including some items for sale). The aim of the exhibition is to focus on what has been created throughout Lockdown: be it a work of art, painting, sculpture, quilt-making, needlework, pottery, woodworking; essentially, a craft or talent – that has given Hope to an individual, their family, or

to the community throughout Lockdown. Exhibits that connect us to our spiritual side are particularly welcome – it is not about perfection, but will include items that record our struggles through Lockdown; how a poem, prayer, song, diary extract etc. has given you Hope.

Throughout both days, there will be “performance” events and workshops, both inside and outside. Planned “inside” events are short musical and poetry interludes. Inside workshops include flag/ribbon dancing workshops; creating a simple video’ and a play reading session. Childrens’ activities and other “outside” events are planned (maypole and Scottish country dancing) as well as family self-exploratory activities throughout the church grounds.

An opening procession of the Hiroshima “peace” flame through Tilford is planned and on Sunday morning, a short, outdoor Service of Celebration.

Booklets of “Lockdown Recipes” and “Lockdown Walks” are being prepared, along with a fun

paper “Lockdown Quiz”. Light refreshments and lunches will be served on both days. All proceeds from the sales of booklets, exhibits and refreshments will go to All Saints Church, helping to ensure a village church presence in Tilford for future generations.

It is intended that the Exhibition of Hope will enable us to reflect upon Lockdown-creations, be they tangible or intangible. Creations that have helped us to “see our way through” and have given us all HOPE.

More information is available on the All Saints Parish website at: www.exhibitionofhope.co.uk

To register your interest in participating, by exhibit, performance, or workshop, please contact us on EOH email: exhibitionofhope@gmail.com

EOH Committee: Becca, Nick Makemson, Yvonne, Neil Fairlamb, Jayne Sylvester and Geoff Quick.

*(Dates are subject to the Government Covid-19 guidelines in place at that time)

Champions Tilford Cricket Club looking forward to a full and successful 2021 season.



The reigning I'Anson champions are deep into preparations for the coming season, which promises to be the most active in the Clubs 135 year history.

The award-winning Junior Section is heading for record numbers of local children to be signed up to a full 10 week programme of ECB-approved coaching. Six teams of boys and girls have also been entered into the newly-formed Surrey Junior League, giving them a chance to demonstrate their newly-acquired skills on the field of play. The club's existing excellent reputation for coaching is also being further strengthened by the recruitment of experienced South African coach, Rob Sholto-Douglas, who has been appointed Head of Coaching. Rob has extensive experience including working with the Bangladeshi National team and the Hobart Hurricanes and is also available for personalised 121 coaching sessions for juniors and seniors alike via 11robertsholto@gmail.com.

The Club will again be fielding 3 senior sides in the I'Anson League including the 1st XI, which last year won every game to bring the coveted I'Anson Trophy back to Tilford. The 2nds will be in Division 2 and the 3rds

in Division 6. There will also be a full set of friendly home Sunday fixtures, ensuring that there is cricket to suit all tastes and standards.

The Club is delighted to have attracted the generous sponsorship of a number of local businesses. Tilford Village Shop & Cafe and Harvest Wood Products will be joined by CGJ Mathias & Son Nurseries and www.hedgesonline.com in providing smart new boundary boards and some financial support for the club to allow it to continue to invest in improving its facilities for all local people interested in cricket.

We would love to see local residents supporting their local Senior and Junior cricket teams during the season to come. Full fixture and other information can be found on our new website: www.tilfordcc.org

Tilford Institute Update



Painting by James Eade age 13

Join us in helping Tilford wake up after Winter lockdown!

As lockdown eases in April and May, we are looking forward to welcoming back our regular hire groups and clubs, who can also benefit from using the beautiful outdoor areas for their meetings.

We are excited to offer a unique and beautiful venue for hosting family reunion events and wedding parties in our newly revamped pretty garden area. There is plenty of space for bbqs and even setting up your own bar and live music.

With the good weather heralded by the arrival of Spring, and long sunny mellow Summer evenings just round the corner, we would be delighted to hear your ideas for new events that the village hall can host to bring us all back together in our strong village community.

We can start to welcome hirers back from 17th May in line with government guidance - however a limited number of (mainly outdoor) activities can go ahead from 12th April.

For all enquiries please email: tilford.institute@gmail.com

Tilford Gardening Club

As we are unable to meet up and have our usual Spring Show, we have decided to have a Virtual Show instead. A reduced schedule of flower classes, plus one flower arrangement and two photos has been organised, so TGC members can select and photograph their exhibits between now and Sunday 4th April (the original show date) and the photos sent to:

janet@tilfordgardeningclub.co.uk or a hard copy to Redleaf Nursery, Tilford. These will be sorted and judged and should be available on a special website to view approximately one week after that date.

Lets hope that later in the season we can all meet up again!





Rural Life Living Museum

As lockdown slowly eases and with the hopes of it continuing to do so, we are looking forward to reopening under our new branding as the Rural Life Living Museum and welcoming visitors, both old and new, back into the site.

It has been a tough year for everyone and, unfortunately, we have had to cancel or postpone some of the events we had planned for the early part of the year. We hope to be back with some old favourites such as Rustic Sunday that will see the addition of a Local Producers' Market. The Rural Life Vintage Revival will also return. We have some new events planned such as theatre performances and storytelling sessions, which we hope will take place as restrictions loosen towards summer.

As spring takes hold of the museum, we are also excited to be able to offer new online learning sessions, brought to life by our wonderful volunteers, and twilight sessions for youth groups will soon be up and running once it is safe to do so. If you would like to keep up to date with all our events, craft courses and learning sessions and how coronavirus may affect them, please keep an eye on our website rural-life.org.uk or our Facebook page facebook.com/rurallifelm.

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



Tilford Meadow Nursery

Tilford Meadow Nursery has remained opened at the Institute since last June and the children have flourished.

We are so lucky to be able to offer forest school and so much learning outside, which has been invaluable during the current school year.

We are super busy, with many new families moving into Tilford and the local area, which is fantastic and also a great testament to how our families are feeling about the care we are offering. We now have only limited places for the next academic year so please enquire if you are interested. via www.csnurseryschools.co.uk.

We are looking forward to a lot more outdoor and forest adventures this coming summer!



TILFORD PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

WEDNESDAY 5TH MAY at 7pm

VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM

The Parish Council are holding their Annual Assembly whereby this gives you, our Residents the opportunity to ask questions informally of Parish Councillors, our Surrey County Councillor and Waverley Borough Councillor.

You will be able to raise any topical local issues by way of an open discussion forum.

This is **YOUR** opportunity to put your views across to the Parish Council.

SPEAKER - We have also invited a speaker from The Farnham Community Farm to share with us the ways that Tilford could also benefit from setting up our own community farm or garden and address sustainability, create fresh local produce and encourage community integration.

If you would like to join this meeting and have any questions to raise, please let the Parish Clerk, Jules Williams know so we can make preparations.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact the clerk on 07884 490581 or clerk@tilford-pc.gov.uk

We are, by law, required to hold an Annual Assembly. It is not an AGM or meeting of the Parish Council, but is for local electors to meet and discuss matters of common interest with local councillors.

Anyone Looking for a Part-Time Summer Job?

Tilford Parish Council is recruiting for Village Wardens from April until early September. The aim of the role is to help protect our pretty rural village and its riverside fronting on to the River Wey. Tilford attracts many visitors over the Summer months and as a Parish Council, we are keen to maintain its beauty. Responsibilities include patrolling the village green area and ensuring that visitors adhere to the bylaws, take their litter home and maintain social distancing when necessary. The hours of work are issued on a rota basis – usually afternoons. Full briefing and support will be given, you must be 18 years and over we pay £8.50 per hour.

Please contact the Clerk, Juliet Williams on 07731 886690 or clerk@tilford-pc.gov.uk

Geocaching for Treasure Hunters

Well, is it me or does it feel like you have only been back at school for 5 minutes?and now it's time for more holidays! Another two weeks of staying in PJ's, baking cakes. Playing games and watching films!

We hope you have enjoyed being back to school and seeing your friends and now that things are getting easier hopefully you can catch up with friends and family over the Easter Break. If you find any time for activities (!) why not make a bumblebee nest and help the bees!

Once you have finished that....fancy a spot of geocaching? Prizes for finding all the Tilford ones!

Have a great Easter break and stay safe 😊



Geocaching is a fun way to explore the outside world. It is really fun as you can explore places that you walk often and you never knew were there. You can explore churchyards, go to Frensham ponds and even find them where you usually go and you had no idea they were hiding there. Geocaching is all over Britain and you can them anywhere. I went into the Church in Tilford to find a geocache and found that the founder of Vodafone was buried in the graveyard. You can use the ap

and navigate to the 'caches'. Inside you will find either just a logbook where you write your name and a date to show you have found it, and maybe if it is big enough a small piece of treasure or thing that you might be able to swap if you have another thing in your backpack. I recommend bringing stuff so that you can swap the stuff you want. Some people will hide old bullets or sometimes little notebooks inside. When you click on the icon on the map you will be able to navigate to it, log it, find the hint, and see the description. It will also say how big it is, the difficulty and also the terrain. For adventurous people this is a really good app to help you get outdoors and explore places where you have always been and never actually seen a geocache! I found my first one somewhere I'd never think to look but past it hundreds of times it is amazing if you just open up an app you can explore the places you've always been but never thought to look at a place where a secret treasure of a geocache could be. Watch out though, some of them are really hard to find!

By Jasper Lee Aged 10


How to build a bumblebee nest



You will need:

- terracotta flower pot  20cm
hole in bottom
- trowel 
- dry grass or moss 
- sheltered spot that gets some sun 
(preferably under a bush)

- 1 Dig a small, shallow hole under a bush. Your chosen site should not get too hot or too cold, and be in sun for about half of the day.

- 2 Fill the flowerpot with dry grass and/or moss. 

- 3 Half-bury the flowerpot upside down in the hole. Position it at an angle so that the hole in the bottom points out.

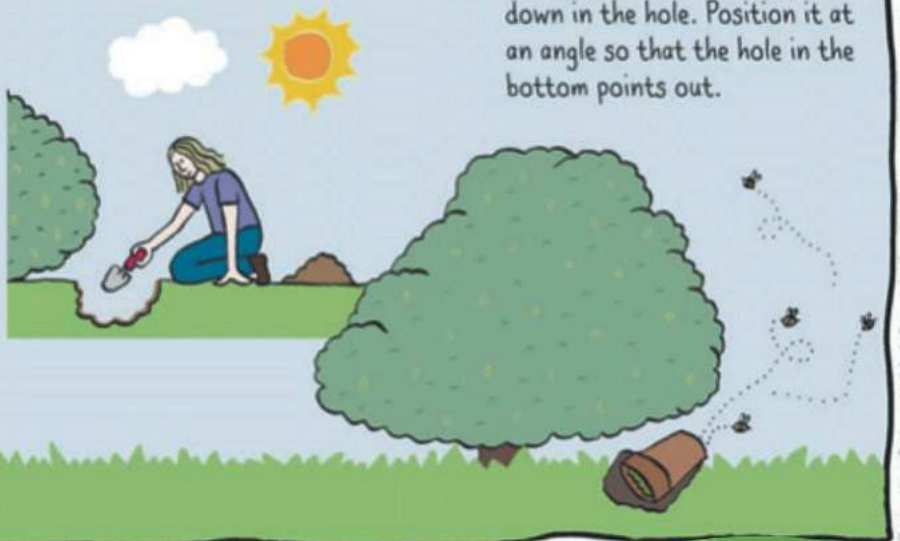


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