

TATSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

VILLAGE SIGN COMPETITION

The picture in the Tatsfield Village Sign requires replacing and to foster interest in the replacement, the Parish Council invite the submission, in open competition, of suitable designs, subject to the following rules:

- 1) Entries will be welcomed for any individuals (who need not be residents of the village) or organisations and must consist of a full colour visual on the competitor's choice of material. The design dimensions must be 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide by 19 $\frac{5}{8}$ " high to fit into the wrought iron framework of the existing sign board, which may be inspected by prior appointment with Mr. J. Softley at Tarnhelm, Ricketts Hill, Tatsfield (Tel: Tatsfield 456)
- 2) Designs must reach The Clerk (Miss Ann Dothie) at Junes Close, Goatsfield Road, Tatsfield by noon on Saturday, 28th August, 1971. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Council. The competitor's name and address should be placed in a separate envelope accompanying the design and must not appear on the entry. A competitor may submit more than one entry.
- 3) Designs will be judged by members of the Parish Council, together with such persons as the Council may co-opt to assist. In choosing the winning design, the judges will have close regard to a design which in their opinion most appropriately depicts the village and is most suitable for incorporation in the existing sign. Members of the judging panel and their families are not permitted to enter for the competition.

4) Awards in cash will be made as follows:

1st Prize	£15	(Fifteen Pounds)
2nd Prize	£ 7	(Seven Pounds)
3rd Prize	£ 3	(Three Pounds)

In addition, special awards may be made at the discretion of the Council where entries so warrant.

Results of the competition will be announced at the Parish Council Meeting on Monday, 13th September, 1971.

- 5) All entries shall become the property of the Parish Council, but may be returned to the entrant at the discretion of the Council, who shall not be bound to incorporate the winning or any design in the village sign, although entries are invited in good faith with this in mind.

Responsibility for all aspects of having the design made up for the sign will rest with the Council. The Council shall have the right to exhibit in public the prizewinning or all the entries on any suitable occasion. (At present it is intended to exhibit all entries in the Village Hall during the fete on Monday 30th August, 1971 and the prizewinning entries at the Horticultural Society Autumn Show on Saturday, 18th September, 1971.

- 6) Submission of an entry shall be deemed to amount to acceptance of these Rules (which are intended by way of guidance to competitors, rather than to formalise the competition) Persons with an interest in the Village and artistic ability, however limited, are encouraged to submit an entry.

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EXPLANATION OF THE DESIGN

My idea for the design came from the origin of the name of Tatsfield. The English Place Name Society gives the following origin, "Field is the open land belonging to one TATOL the latter being a personal name, possibly a nickname meaning 'the lively one'"

I have depicted Tatol cutting down the trees and clearing a field. The land became known as Tatol's field later becoming Tatsfield.

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