

**NOTES ON ITEMS ABOUT
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TATSFIELD

HISTORY PROJECT

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- 1 Jul 1882** Church restoration £320 with list of contributors.
- 1 Dec 1882** Report on re-opening of church 19/11/82 Preacher Rev FH Annesley rector of Clifford Chambers, Gloucs (formerly of Tatsfield) Rev E Rhys Jones Rector of Limpsfield, Very Rev Dr Geddes Dean of Niagara - present rector of Tatsfield. Architect Edward Streatfield "called away in prime of life shortly after his marriage and six weeks before work completed". Stove donated by ladies of Hamilton, Alberta.
- 1 Feb 1883** London & Eastbourne Railway meeting.
- 1 Feb 1884** "Theatre" at Titsey Place. Oxted & Limpsfield Gas Company - good idea now that railway was coming.
- 1 Mar 1884** Sgt Bishop (Chelsham) beaten by poachers and burglars on main road - now B269 at Ledgers Road.
- 1 Apr 1884** Case above in court with details.
- 1 Aug 1884** Body of 40-year-old man found in Lusted Wood yesterday.
- 1 Oct 1884** Ronald William Gresham Leveson Gower came of age on 22nd Sept. with a ball at Titsey Place.
- 1 Nov 1884** New organ for Tatsfield Church. Fire at Close Farm (Skinner).
- 19 Dec 1884** Sevenoaks Chronicle – Meeting in Westerham to promote PRINTED
- 1 Jan 1885** Meeting to discuss extending railway from Westerham to Oxted. Mention made of "Westerham Valley Railway" and rival ideas.
- 1 Jun 1885** 80-year-old nearly blind man fell into water tank at a building in the grounds of Goddards - Mrs Roffey witnessed. Man taken to the Ship and thence to police.
- 1 Jul 1885** Oxted rail timetable published in each edition from this month.
- 1 Jan 1886** Entertainment at school - Miss Bayes' pupils at National School".
- 1 Feb 1886** John Gilbert guilty of assault on William Saunders; George West, fishmonger, guilty of assault on John Webster - both over Christmas period. Philip Berry guilty of trespassing for game on Skinner land.
- 1 Apr 1886** Edward Beagley - boy - damaged beech tree belonging to Leveson Gower. Long report of proceedings. Damage to the value of 1/=; seen carrying saw etc. Fined 1/= plus costs etc.
- 1 Dec 1886** page 8: advertisement for land for sale in Tatsfield from £10 - apply Broughton.
- 1 Mar 1887** Miss Bayes' pupils in a play performed by Miss Alice Broughton and Misses GA & N Skinner page 8 - advertisement for Freehold Plots 20 x 180 ft from £10 - well-timbered c/o Mr Broughton.
- 1 Jul 1887** WTJ Broughton - non-payment of rates - 3/7/2/1 Jubilee celebrations - 3/7/2/2 **Richard Gomm and Mark Stringer** convicted at Godstone Petty Sessions of assaulting Frederick Risby at Tatsfield

1 Jul 1887—**Jubilee in Titsey** and Tatsfield – held in the grounds of Titsey Place on 22 June, attended by the Edenbridge band – after dark the garden was lit by Chinese lanterns. 3/7/2/24/6

1 Sep 1887 Fire at the White House - gutted - then occupied by Mr J Francis, but no-one in the house at the time. House – owned by G Leveson Gower – gutted and furniture destroyed – no water. 3/7/2/3 3/7/2/3

1 Oct 1887 Arson at Botley Hill - £40 of straw belonging to Mr Moore. Lionel Puttick surrendered to the police.
William Saunders in court for allegedly beating his daughter, Rose

1 Nov 1887 Extraordinary Recovery of Leveson-Gower Stolen Horse found pulling a cab in London after a year. R Leveson Gower found 'Red Rover' pulling a cab at Victoria Station when he returned from America. Ordered cabby to drive to Scotland Yard. Cabby had paid a dealer £18 about a week after it was stolen. Mr Gower paid for the horse which was re-instated at Titsey Place. 3/7/2/4 3/7/2/4

1 Dec 1887 New gospel hall - 3/7/2/5 with vestry attached erected capable of seating 160 people – Mr Fagan (Fegan) financing. No indication of precise location. Opening took place on 30 October – free teas for parishioners during following week. See also 3/8/6/11 3/7/2/5

1 Jan 1888 Mr Fegan denies financing gospel hall 3/7/2/6

1 Feb 1888 Letter from James Francis of Ash View thanking people for collecting £9/5/6d (£5/5/6d from Tatsfield) to replace his horse.

1 Mar 1888 Death at Ash View on 1 Feb 1888 of Major Henry Piercey

1 Apr 1888 More land added to graveyard.

1 Jun 1888 Mr Broughton's trap overturned in Church Hill.

1 Nov 1888 Extra churchyard consecrated on 19/10/88.

1 Dec 1888 Charles Field, grocer, fined for selling adulterated lard - again. James Nye (Ship Hill), fined for selling Irish whiskey under proof. Granville Leveson Gower's address on formation of Surrey County Council

1 Jan 1889 Poor Relief and Coal Fund c/o Mr Squirrel, The Beeches.

1 Feb 1889 Godstone Court hears case of **theft of jewellery** by labourer at John Lavercombe's house – 1 month imprisonment. Gospel Hall Sunday School Anniversary – recalls that Mr Fagan (Fegan), who financed hall (Ref. 3/7/WH/1887DEC 3/7/2/5) lived at Woldingham. 100 people attended 1st anniversary teas. Senior pupil Thomas Standing awarded first prize. See also 3/8/6/11 3/7/2/6.

1 Apr 1889 Temperance Society "Nigger" entertainment.

1 May 1889 James Hall alleged to have stolen a whip from Edward Teal - case dismissed Henry Smith no dog licence.

1 Sep 1889 Thomas & Mary Parker, William Standing, James Hall, Henry Mitchell - drunk.

- 1 Oct 1889** Infant death while on holiday in Tatsfield.
- 1 Jan 1890** FJ Gorham builder of Mount Cottage Black Boy Minstrels.
- 1 Nov 1890** New east window dedicated in church (12.10.90)
Chrysanthemum display at Colegates Charles Stephens (9) stole bottles and iron to value of 3/= from William Hackett Father bound over in sum of £5.
- 1 Dec 1890** Concert at National School.
- 1 Feb 1891** George Beagley, labourer, drunk on highway at Limpsfield 2/6d fine 10/= costs. (Appeared at Godstone Magistrates Court).
- 1 Mar 1891** Cottagers' Gardeners', Bee Poultry and Stockkeepers' Mutual Improvement Society met at Ship under WTJ Broughton as chairman.
- 1 Apr 1891** Big wedding at Titsey; Daring robbery in Tatsfield 4 Men robbed delivery man of cheese etc. (Wed 1.3.91)
- 1 Aug 1891** George Moore overseer omitted to pay over money; John Highgate drunk in Tatsfield (PC Stevens dealt with incident). Westerham Hill Estate sold - 415 plots. (Probably the Aperiafield Estate).
- 1 Jan 1892** Tatsfield plots still advertised monthly till at least end 1894.
- 1 Feb 1892** ditto £10 freehold land. "Plots 20ft by 180ft from £10 per plot, well timbered. Payments by easy instalments. Possession on payment of small deposit. Plans and full particulars of Mr Broughton, Tatsfield."
John Highgate not fined for school non-attendance - notice not OK. Inquest at Neville House Ann Hillyer, pleurisy, widow of Alfred, retired marine.
- 1 May 1892** Funeral of Annie; 3rd daughter of Mr A Finch; coachman to Rev Parsons.
- 1 Jun 1892** James Nye Ship in court for permitting drunkenness. Son, Thomas Nye, testified that drunk customer had not been served in the Ship. Nye had been landlord since 1880. Nalder & Collyer had given Nye notice as a result of this case. 40/= fine and 15/= costs. Local inhabitants brought a petition about the conduct of the house. 3/7/27
- 1 Jul 1892** John Lavercombe summoned by WTH Broughton for stealing fence poles. Took them to keep Broughton's cattle out. Case dismissed.
- 1 Sep 1892** George Barton and Edward Bicknell - stealing a lamb. PC Stevens at Approach Rd 0015 Sunday night. Botley Hill Fm - committed for trial.
- 1 Mar 1893** Sudden death Charles Brooks, carpenter 44.
- 1 Apr 1893** James Begg - cruelty to sheep Brockwell Park Godstone Petty Sessions - Mr C Edgley on behalf of Nalder & Colyer - licence for new house to be erected in close proximity to the old one; plans show old house to be entirely done away with. Licence granted.
- 1 Aug 1893** Cricket cutting 3/7/2/8; Fanny Francis-Smith - non-payment of poor rate 19s 2d increase in population meant there was now a cricket club. Team was C Jackson,

Charrington, Cheffins, Honey, Potter, Killick, Russell, Grantham, FW Jackson, Batchelor, Drumbell. 3/7/2/8

1 Sep 1893 tea for marriage of Duke of York organised by Miss Carter, Mrs Bayes Mr Hall for old people. Thomas Rushett, 13, uprooted tree belonging to William Davis.

1 Nov 1893 Fanny Freeman Smith given 7 days unless 19s 3d paid.

1 Dec 1893 missing.

1 Aug 1894 horses shot - RSCPA case against John Lavercombe dismissed. Three ponies belonging to Mr Duddy and one belonging to Mr Berry alleged to have been ill-used, abused and tortured. 3/7/2/9

Westerham Herald is weekly from now on.

19 Jan 1895 Charles Tullet and James Toohig - poaching in Titsey PC Goaden stationed at Tatsfield

16 Feb 1895 Mr E Howard Wilkins, who recently purchased the Cold Courts Estate, and who has been suffering from a severe attack of typhoid at his town house, has so far recovered that hopes are now entertained of his complete restoration to health.

Humphries, Squirrel & Standing are stewards of the Gospel Hall and organised poor relief with Miss Crane.

Correspondent complains that there are other more needy areas.

23 Feb 1895 Letter from Samuel Squirrel, the Beeches, complaining about complainer.

2 Mar 1895 Response from complainant

9 Mar 1895 Frank Mitchell and Charles Russell - PC Gosling and unlicensed dogs.

16 Mar 1895 Band of Hope at the school - Mrs Bayes

20 Apr 1895 Description of Tatsfield as a place. Its people are 'here today and gone tomorrow'. One house had changed hands three times in nine months; land was cheap; disputes over ownership predicted; inhabitants "lapsed into a state of apathy as to the welfare of their locality"; six people out of 500 ratepayers at annual parish meeting. Predictions of disputes over ill-defined boundaries. 'It is prophesised that the time will come when Tatsfield will boast of its network of railways and trams; its magnificent public buildings and rows of modern houses. At any rate, the last few years have taken effect, and the place is yearly increasing. Time and patience will prove all things.' 3/7/2/10

4 May 1895 William Davis - cruelty to a horse.

18 May 1895 Concert to raise funds for school re-building

1 Jun 1895 Mr Howard Wilkins of Ken Court breeding fox terriers - prize at Exeter

15 Jun 1895 13 yr. old in bike accident Rag Hill

29 Jun 1895 Gang of Ruffians Harry Streets, Edwd Streets, Thos Biggs, Jas Field and Daniel Lakey pleaded guilty to breaking windows and a rum jar belonging to Robt Henry Willmer (licensee). 3/7/2/11

3 Aug 1895 Mr Winniffrith's horse impales itself on shaft.

2 Nov 1895 New school opened

William Rushen fined for overcrowding - 4 room cottage, parents and seven children.

14 Dec 1895 Fatal accident at Titsey accidentally at Beddlestead – acting as beater. Aged 34 had moved from Brighton 2 years before. 3/7/2/12 also in national press.

18 Jan 1896 William Hunt and Eliza Fenner drunk on 5 Jan 1896 - PC Goaden

15 Feb 1896 School rebuilding fund entertainment - Names of performers and participants. 3/7/2/24/1

29 Feb 1896 Ad by Howard Wilkins - Ken Court for wire haired fox terrier at stud

21 Mar 1896 Broughton to be opposed by Rev Parsons at District Council election on 4/4/96. Result: Parsons 35 Broughton 12 Turnout 50%.

18 Apr 1896 Fund-raising entertainment for school building.

23 May 1896 Affiliation case - Geo Drew, soldier from Titsey, and Isobel Mary Geary - 2/6d a week for 13 years.

13 Jun 1896 Telephone coming.

20 Jun 1896 WTJ Broughton letter complaining about telephone - suggesting improved postal service rather than providing telephone or telegraph connection 3/7/2/24/2

18 Jul 1896 The tithe question – proposal to redeem the tithe rent charges on Colegates, the Redhouse and Goddards Farm 3/7/2/24/3

29 Aug 1896 William Akhurst - obscene language;

3 Oct 1896 `Disorderly crew' on Tatsfield Green - on Tatsfield Gn and elsewhere. Alfred Packett, Samuel Walker, Robert Packett, Thos Potter and Wm Russell convicted. 3/7/2/24/4

17 Oct 1896 Birthday present to Rev Parsons organised.

1897 missing from Sevenoaks Library

8 Jan 1898 Telegraph office to be opened 12 January.

Southwood, proprietor of the Old Ship, held supper on 31/12/97 to mark the second annual tenure of the pub “built only about 4 years” ago and already not big enough.

22 Jan 1898 James Offer, Paynesfield Road, summoned over a cesspool. David Gwellham – summons dismissed re damaging fence of Edwin Francis Hirst

12 Mar 1898 Charles Neville Russell – non-payment of rates. Closing order on timber-built cottage – Henry Morrell

16 Apr 1898 Poll: Lock 45; Parsons 45; Denton 43; Davis 35; Berry 30 (Taylor 27; Hirst 16; Winson 10; Milliner 7)

21 May 1898 Mrs Gorham v Broughton at Croydon CC re agent's fee

- 25 Jun 1898** Ad for E Southwood Old Ship (appears till end 98).
Mary Hirst and David Gwellham guilty of letting cow loose - £1
- 13 Aug 1898** Mary Ann Squirrell – widow of Samuel, the Beeches, Paynesfield Road, died aged 75.
- 10 Sep 1898** New head – Adams – good report. Government grant not withdrawn – many signs of improvement but much remains to be done.
- 1 Oct 1898** David Gwellham – cruelty to wife – separation order – she’s 60, married 20 years.
- 5 Nov 1898** Mr Offer provides room for an “institute”.
- 25 Nov 1898** Ken Court Kennels – E. Howard Wilkins exhibiting whippets and fox terriers
PRINTED.
- 26 Nov 1898** Gwellham back in court – weekly payments reduced.
- 3 Dec 1898** Bazaar held in aid of the New Tatsfield Institute– Mr Broughton provided flowers from the Manor House conservatory. Also report of opening of the Institute. Substantial number of names.
- 9 Dec 1898** Sevenoaks Chronicle - Sundridge Postmaster acquitted of assaulting Edith Sarah Meyers of Tatsfield. **PRINTED**
- 31 Mar 1899** Sophia Russell, mother of 9-month-old twins, cautioned for being drunk in Westerham. PRINTED
- 12 Aug 1899** Advert for drapery shop 3/7/2/13
- ?? Aug 1899** Herald Assault on Isabel Skinner (20) daughter of Alfred Skinner assaulted on the highway close to home by man demanding money – Tatsfield Court Farm.
- 30 Sep 1899** Straying horses on highway in Cudham Road; advert for Drapery and Clothing Stores, Emily Road – the place to spend you hop picking money. **3/7/2/14**
- 7 Oct 1899** Tatsfield Band of Hope accounts – AR Coleby, treasurer, Beulah Mount, Kemsley Road **3/7/2/15**
- 25 Dec 1899** report on **Protection Against Fire** approved at November meeting of the parish council – proposal for expenditure of £200 to set up **fire brigade**. Mains water supplied by Metropolitan Water Board said to be of high enough pressure for hydrants. Westmore Green pond only other source. Notice signed by Sam Joyce Thomas and Thomas Vincent.
- 10 Feb 1900** - Mrs FW Parsons writes a hymn
- 24 Feb 1900** - Clearance sale at New Oxted Supply Stores 6 Station Approach and Emily Road Tatsfield.

17 Mar 1900 - Francis Keeble gives first lecture in series on 'Domestic Life in the Middle Ages'. Assistance requested.

7 Apr 1900 - GRDC £1160 for water supply to Tatsfield.

14 Apr 1900 - Francis Keeble lecture on explosives in village institute.

28 Apr 1900 – Concert **benefit concert at the school**

2 Jun 1900 - Herbert Owen writes to WH on attempted formation of Tatsfield Institute cricket club.

9 Jun 1900 - *Tatsfield Carnival, school treat and drapery stores (every customer spending £1 entitled to picture of Lord Roberts or General Buller)– celebrating the victories in South Africa with procession through the streets where houses were decorated. Effigy of Kruger burned on bonfire.*

23 June 1900 - Oakdene Cottage to let at 7s weekly

23 Jun 1900 - letters about **Tatsfield carnival** Keeble of the Manor House had complained of a drunken orgy, denied in a letter from Neville Russell of the Firs. H. Elliott suggests another carnival when peace is declared.

30 Jun 1900 - Plots for sale via H. Elliott, Estate Office; Bungalow for sale at £300 or £20 pa rent – Davis; Drapes and on **bazaar** to raise funds for the Sunday School.

7 Jul 1900 - More letters on letters on **Tatsfield carnival**– H. Elliott, The Red House, denying there was disorder there; Neville Russell re-iterating his position; suggestion that FH Keeble was against the war.

14 Jul 1900 - Cricket club's first garden party.

21 Jul 1900 - letter on **Tatsfield carnival**– Keeble assertion that his grounds were wrecked and valuable property destroyed.

28 Jul 1900 - William Kingman in court for non-payment of rates; End of drunken orgy coverage; George Wells, labourer, found dead. Suffered fits and lived in cottage with wife and children. Inquest held at the Ship Hotel.

4 Aug 1900 - Attempt to form football club to match cricket club; Subscription for Mrs Wells and two children.

25 Aug 1900 - Ernest Smith in court for assaulting James Stainer.

27 Oct 1900 - Keeble's evening classes at school abandoned – now at Manor House.

10 Nov 1900 - More on Keeble's talks.

24 Nov 1900 - Tatsfield roads – letters on **Tatsfield roads**– Cllr E Howard Wilkins' response to 'Macadam's' letter complaining about the state of the roads.

1 Dec 1900 - 3-day bazaar at Tatsfield Institute.

15 Dec 1900 - Service of 'Billy Bray' at Gospel Hall.

22 Dec 1900 - Tatsfield bazaar– lists participants but does not indicate recipients of money raised.

29 Dec 1900 - Old Ship slate club share-out.

2 Feb 1901 inquest into Mrs Sarah Taylor Rutley, patient of Dr– ‘A lady’s strange death at Oxted’ – 54-yr old Mrs Rutley had been staying at Dr Sherrard’s house for some months suffering from nervous depression. Part of the time her daughter was also there. Mrs Sherrard a reluctant witness

9 Feb 1901 inquest into Mrs Sarah Taylor Rutley– unsound mind – Dr Sherrard declines to answer questions – connection with Mrs & Mrs Cob, Oakdene Cottage, Tatsfield, rented by the Sherrards.

9 Feb 1901 large congregation at **memorial service for Queen Victoria** – people crowded into the church more than an hour before the service.

16 Feb 1901 – **George Beagle** and others convicted of failing to cut hedges – his hedge on Rystead Lane (in the direction of Westmore Green) was of an average height of 12 feet and the road was prejudiced by the same

9 Mar 1901 60 people at noisy **Annual Parish Meeting**– Hayward, Batt, Parsons, Lock and Dr Sherrard elected – 9 nominations for 5 seats – West, Hirst and Taylor not re-elected – committee set up to co-operate with Cudham Parish Council to urge forward the railway scheme.

27 Apr 1901 John Alfred Stevens convicted of failing to give five horses proper and sufficient food – RSPCA prosecution.

18 May 1901 –Emily Shepherd– former resident – succeeds as singer at Royal College of Music.

25 May 1901 Thomas Jackson and Francis Sawtell **fined over dog licences PRINTED;** **RDC** notice of **closure of Ship Hill** for widening and altering the gradient. **PRINTED**

6 Jul 1901 –Theft of scissors from Benjamin Crawley – also 30 Jun.

20 Jul 1901 John Lavercombe testifies against Alfred Stevens over damage to fences.

27 Jul 1901 Parish Council has wrongly given permission for **footpath changes** involving John Scott between Johns Road and the Glebe and also Mr West’s property; other pieces about Sunday School outing, school treat and wedding of J. Buchan, Tatsfield builder and timber merchant and Constance Foster of Hazeldene – names other.

17 Aug 1901 Arthur Stevens sent to prison for 14 days over damage to Mr Lock’s property – had been sent to prison previously. Accused of driving horses onto the property at night to feed. John Alfred and George Stevens accused of cruelty to a horse – working in an unfit state – lame in all four legs.

31 Aug 1901 – **Letter about footpath diversion** Howard Wilkins lived at Richmond Lodge, Sydenham Road, Croydon.

14 Sep 1901 Sidney Rushen and Henry Hayes **stole padlock** from a gate in Ricketts Hill Road.

19 Oct 1901 Thomas Wingrove in court over theft of painting equipment from **John Wilson** then trying to sell it in the village – two months' hard labour – first prisoner to be held at the new police station in Horley; Ship Hill widened and would be 'open soon' – representatives of landowners asking for compensation for land taken, but surveyor stated land had been given willingly and some owners said they were indebted to the Council for carrying out the improvement.

2 Nov 1901 **Stephen Crane** fined for cruelty to a horse – working it lame together with William Sherwood – RSPCA said it suffered from ringbone – Sherwood fined 10s, case against Crane dismissed. Percy Douglas Smith summoned for damaging a hedge belonging to Thomas Ryder of Peckham on land used for cultivating mushrooms.

28 Dec 1901 new schoolroom opened – **transcript** recounting overcrowding problems.

18 Jan 1902 - PC Knight died of cancer aged between 40 and 50 – had been transferred to Horley.

25 Jan 1902 –**Walter Henry Bridger** – village baker – accused of forging cheque. Miss Cox said she drew a cheque for £1 and asked Bridger to cash it. She later discovered a cheque for £41 had been presented at her bank by millers in Maidstone who had supplied Bridger.

1 Feb 1902 –**Walter Henry Bridger** – village baker, committed for trial accused of forging cheque – was unwell in court.

15 Feb 1902 - C Field Emily Road running a light conveyance from Emily Road to Park Lane Croydon on Thursdays, leaving at 0830 and returning at 1500 – fare 1/= each way – wagonette to let or hire. – **Mrs Jackson**, daughter of T Berry, died in South Africa. She and her husband had emigrated but had to leave their home hurriedly when Boer war broke out. She returned to Tatsfield but went back to South Africa in 1900, where they were awarded £200 compensation for Boer War losses. She died from an unknown disease, leaving two children.

22 Feb 1902 Poem casting doubt on viability of the Orpington Cudham and Tatsfield **Light Railway project**– satirical 16-liner by 'T.W.' some months before the order giving the scheme the go-ahead. The scheme failed – see **4/4/4** for a full account.

1 Mar 1902 - Ping pong tournament at Rose Bank.

8 Mar 1902 – **Walter Henry Bridger** (29) – village baker – bound over (£50) at Guildford Assizes on cheque forgery charge – had been married seven years, established as a baker since 1898. He had purchased the goodwill of the bakery for £90 and had worked up the value of the business to £500. He had been trying to get time to pay the miller and had not expected the cheque to be presented. – **Edmund (18) and Alfred (11) Hayes** bound over for stealing purse from Cecilia Wheatley of Tatsfield Cottage.

24 Mar 1902 - Ship licence transferred from Edward Southwood to Frederick Griffin.

12 Apr 1902 death of **Alexander D Taylor** (76) – parish councillor – moved to Tatsfield in 1880s; became church warden, school manager, overseer and then Parish Councillor – account lists mourners etc.

19 Apr 1902– **Drunks from club** attack police on Westmore Green – John Farmer charged with assault etc. and was sentenced to three months with hard labour; 40-50 people had attacked the police; protest meeting on water supply.

26 Apr 1902 – **Working Men's Club** selling beer without a licence – police in plain clothes bought tickets for a concert in the Club and were then offered beer by a Mr Jupp at 2d a glass; Dr Sherrard, Club President, had apparently claims Jupp had been drunk. £2 fine and 18/6d costs.

3 May 1902 in memoriam poem for **Alexander D Taylor** – see 3/7/WH/1902/APR 12.

7 Jun 1902 - Daily Mail reported that Peace Jupp had been the first girl born on Peace Sunday – father was gardener – ex King's Royal Rifles.

5 Jul 1902 advert for **Hill Park Estate** plots – Mssrs Cole & Hicks, Helena Chambers, Ealing.

12 Jul 1902 Mike Peters, Lillie Whighton (/) and Emma Edwards drunk and disorderly = **Edmund Hayes**, dairyman of Maesmaur Road – prosecuted for living with wife and children in a cowshed.

30 Aug 1902 – **Lt Jack Broughton**– youngest son of WTJ Broughton, returns from the front – Boer War – biographical details.

13 Sep 1902 – **Emma Edwards** charged with drunkenness – PC Taverner – her appearance in six months – 10/- fine; transfer of Old Ship licence from Frederick Griffin to Thomas Vincent – Mr & Mrs Offer held party at Tangland Castle – list of attendees.

4 Oct 1902 - William Cheffins and Alfred Buchan in court for alleged non-payment of rates. Emma Edwards – drunkenness.

1 Nov 1902 - Emma Edwards sent for trial.

1 Nov 1902 - Cheffins and Coleby involved in stone throwing in neighbour dispute.

6 Dec 1902 – **C. Field advert for transport to Croydon**– light conveyance every Thursday, 1/- each way; advert for Clothing, Drapery and Boot Store, proprietor William Sutton.

13 Dec 1902 - George Harris West, Oneida, publishes footpath diversion notice.
– **Death of Alfred Skinner**ian accident – Tatsfield Court Farm – had a fit - aged 67.

20 Dec 1902 – **Funeral of Alfred Skinner**, Tatsfield Court with full list of mourners; account of entertainment by Pierrot group formed in the village.

7 Feb 1903 - Thomas Perry, Home Cottage, died on 31 Jan aged 71 – Metropolitan Police pensioner – had been a detective sergeant before 1883.

14 Feb 1903 - Henry Thomas Arnold, carpenter, 58, committed suicide.

21 Feb 1903 – **Henry Thomas Arnold**58, committed suicide outside butcher's shop in Emily Road.

7 Mar 1903 - E Howard Wilkins reports that no longer need to guarantee telegraph costs five years after 1898 start of service.

28 Mar 1903 - Fighting at Ship Meadow football field.

4 Apr 1903 - Report on Annual Parish Meeting – water supply.

25 Apr 1903 - T Potter, H Potter and J Farmer in court accused of bad behaviour.

2 May 1903 – **Letters from Ernest Duddy and S.S. Nicholson** (Normandale) about water supply controversy.

20 Jun 1903– **William and Sophie Rushen, Elizabeth and Ellen Potter** charged with neglecting children.

27 Jun 1903– **Public meeting on water supply** controversy.

11 Jul 1903 - Liberal meeting held in the Working Men's Club.

18 Jul 1903 - John Lavercombe accused of ill-treating a pig.

25 Jul 1903 - George Tipping – bankrupt builder.

15 Aug 1903 - George Rowley and swine fever order; Ben Crawley and George Stevens – straying horses.

31 Oct 1903 **John Stevens (9) and Reginald Sales (11)** accused of vandalism of property of W.B.Davis, ex police inspector.

28 Nov 1903 - E Howard Wilkins (Pres) and Hanson (Sec) resign from Working Men's Club.

23 Jan 1904 – **Working Men's Club 1904 AGM** and discussion of appointments Tatsfield crime – 'Birmingham Touch' used against potman at the Old Ship James Rages, Sidney Sales, Reginald Sales, Christopher Higgs in court.

6 Feb 1904 Deaths of **Leander A.V. Gay and Mrs Sadler** (mother-in-law); letter from E Duddy on danger to children from furniture left outside after the school had been used for a dance.

16 Apr 1904 Conservative candidate for Reigate – **Capt R.H. Rawson**– speaks in Tatsfield

30 Apr 1904 – **petty thefts at Tatsfield**– Benjamin Crawley, William Hayes, James Crawley in court.

7 May 1904 – **Gardening and Beekeeping Society** meeting – barbed wire fences should be replaced by hedges, says Chairman Keeble, who suggests building cottages at the village green.

14 May 1904 - Gardening and Beekeeping Society – Mr White (Sec) – meeting to frame rules – meetings to be on the first Wednesday of each month.

21 May 1904 C.D Sherrard summoned for breach of **Swine fever Order** and other items about Tatsfield.

11 Jun 1904 **Miscellany**: state of the roads, **Clarion Home** might move, buses to connect to railways, possible orchestral class and beekeeping lecture.

2 July 1904 - Volunteers considering street lighting.

9 July 1904 - Hazeldene and various shops and houses for sale via Buchan, Tokenhouse Yard E.C.

16 Jul 1904 – PC meeting on commons, standing orders, lighting and Boer War making it hard to raise money for a railway. David Gwillam in court over alleged breach of building byelaws near Kemsley Road. Evidence given by George Crowter, sanitary inspector.

30 July 1904 - Call for a bus service from the Ship to Upper Warlingham Station.

6 Aug 1904 - Dance at Lusted recreation room – Dr Sherrard. SCC planning spending on school extension.

13 Aug 1904 - Complaints about the state of the entrance to Ninehams Road after alterations to Ship Hill.

17 Sep 1904 Complaint about the condition of Ninehams Road.

24 Sep 1904 - advertisement for C.Field, Emily Road – 70 loads of old hay; pair horse van; two good carthorses.

1 Oct 1904 – ‘Tatsfield Terrors’ – William Hayes, Frank Wrench and Claude Wrench accused of vandalism; Lily Wilkins drinking and using obscene language.

22 Oct 1904 - Lecture on consumption at the Working Men’s Club.

22 Oct 1904 - Call for allotments

29 Oct 1904 John Ashbourne, James Stammers accused of cruelty to horses. --- Richard John Atkins and Alexander Gray (with William Brown, greengrocer); lecture at Working Men’s Club about allotments and the benefits of the 1894 Parish Councils Act.

24 Dec 1904 –Elizabeth Beagley accused of assaulting Louisa Wells.

31 Dec 1904 advertisement for Offer & Co Ship Hill– ironmongers, stationers, drapers etc. – letter from E Howard Wilkins, Ken Court about Tatsfield’s footpaths and highways – first annual dinner in connection with the Tatsfield Working Men’s Club.

7 Jan 1905 Disagreement with the Leveson-Gowers over greens regulation scheme.

28 Jan 1905 - Parish Council report – Court appearance of Edmund Hayes in connection with housebreaking in August 1904.

4 Feb 1905 Meeting at the Manor House to discuss the condition of Emily and Paynesfield Roads. Detailed discussions of powers available and costs of work.

11 Feb 1905 Board of Education and Surrey CC say accommodation needed for 50 extra children at school.

25 Feb 1905 - Report of Parish Meeting on school expansion

23 Mar 1905 – PC meeting discusses Westmore Green footpath, water supply, allotments, control of the greens and the need for a polling station.

1 April 1905 - Annual Parish Meeting report.

8 Apr 1905 – District Council election with 117 out of 130 electorate casting a vote.

15 Apr 1905 – **Editorial** recalling foundation of Working Men's Club in 1901 by Dr Sherrard, formation of Beekeeping Society in 1903, re-opening of The Institute as a centre for young people, agreement on allotments and the Greens. Refers to the spirit of progress: Ship Hill improved; telegraph service; school expansion; need for mains water. Also gives brief mention to a 'Farm Colony' aiming not merely at the cure of diseases but to touch the deeper issues of life.

6 May 1905 - Reports on play, Gardening Society and deaths.

13 May 1905 - Accident on Titsey Hill – 'another'.

20 May 1905 – **William Bodington summoned** for impersonating a voter at the District election – committed for trial.

27 May 1905 Procedural row at the AGM of the **Tatsfield Gardening and Beekeeping Society**.

1 Jul 1905 – Buchan holds auction at Tatsfield.

8 Jul 1905 – Henry Streets, William Standing and Arthur Tapsell disorderly at the Ship. Streets challenged Standing to a fight Tapsell intervened. Streets fined 10/= - others costs.

15 Jul 1905 – Arthur Goode, the Firs, convicted of cruelty to a horse.

22 Jul 1905 – **William Bodington** pleaded guilty at trial for impersonating a voter but was 'let off' by the judge who said the offence was committed through ignorance.

5 Aug 1905 – Advert for Walter Ringer's Stores and Tatsfield Apiary.

23 Sep 1905 – **Tatsfield Gardening and Beekeeping Society showing** the Institute with evening concert. Detailed account of society's two-year history

30 Sep 1905 – Arthur Rudkin fined for not vaccinating child; proposal for drum and fife band; James Offer failed to keep record of sale of air pistol to Alfred Newman.

21 Oct 1905 – Letter complaining about the rates: man earning 18-20/= a week cannot get a cottage for under 7/= a week.

18 Nov 1905 Inquest into the **death from burns of Marjory Sophia Priscilla Higgs** – mother delayed calling doctor.

9 Dec 1905 Details of plans for **regulation of the Greens**.

16 Dec 1905 – '**Tatsfield Trade Dinner**' – patriotic dinner attended by Capt Rawson MP at the Ship – wide-ranging assessment of life in 1905.

23 Dec 1905 – Greens meeting; Charles Field fined for selling meths w/o licence. Henry Elliott summoned over the state of **Red House Cottages** – six dwellings on Westmore Green – originally farm buildings converted since 1880 into dwellings. Now dilapidated and unfit for habitation – Closing Order made.

30 Dec 1905 Detailed analysis of the arguments over **control of the Greens**.

6 Jan 1906 Letter from John Cooper continuing **argument over the Greens**.

27 Jan 1906 – John Stevens (11) stole chocolate cream from William Potter's shop – case dismissed – always pilfering. Walter Yeoll guilty of allowing cart to be used w/o name – claimed it was on way to be painted – case dismissed.

10 Feb 1906 – Tatsfield Choral Society set up.

17 Feb 1906 – Funeral of William Bonnick Davis (66) retired as police inspector ca 1886 – was PC member and secretary to the Gospel Hall.

7 Apr 1906 – C Field, Emily Road, ad for cement; APM in detail.

14 Apr 1906 – Call for a district nurse.

9 May 1906 – William Standing dislocates shoulder – employed by butcher Neale – hit water main works.

16 May 1906 – Alfred Newman (13) birched – indecent assault of Cecilia Marshall (7) and his sister Frances (8).

2 Jun 1906 Meeting at the King's Arms on a bus service between Tatsfield and Westerham.

9 Jun 1906 Counter argument on a bus connection with Westerham noting that W.Lugton has run a regular service of wagonettes etc to Westerham on Wednesdays for eighteen months including connection with Westerham Station but it had not been popular.

16 Jun 1906 – Jack and Elizabeth Gilbert drunk.

30 Jun 1906 – Annual Flower and Egg service at church.

11 Aug 1906 – Tatsfield Flower Show in the grounds of the ship on 15 Aug with Westerham Town Band, dancing and athletics.

18 Aug 1906 Geo Anslin and Jane Anslin refused to quit Ship – quarrelling and breaking mugs – came from Club - £1 each.

25 Aug 1906 Gardening and Beekeeping Society's third annual show at the Ship with the Westerham Town Band in attendance. – Major Worsop dies on the cricket field from a brain haemorrhage after a successful spell of bowling.

8 Sep 1906 Gardening and Beekeeping Soc AGM

15 Sep 1906 General election campaign comes to Tatsfield Report on football club and Stevens family hawking without licence

22 Sep 1906 Villiers Grantham letter says he hasn't resigned as secretary of the Football Club - 2 meetings called without his knowledge – club founded 1902.

Subsidence in Emily Road during water work – mail horse hurt.

29 Sep 1906 Daniel White Broke grocer Gray's window on leaving the Ship – 5/= (rails round pond) – meeting on greens 2 Oct – evening schools reopen – Ringer succeeds at bee show at Crystal Palace.

6 Oct 1906 Report of arguments over the future management of the greens.

13 Oct 1906 Charles Gray, grocer, move pig from Surrey to Kent – Swine Fever Regulations – within Lusted Hall Farm of Dr Sherrard - £1/5/= - Choral Society practice

27 Oct 1906– Mrs Jeanette Amy Bonsal killed at Bromley South Station – Thomas Bonsal – estate agent Hillside Road.

29 Dec 1906 JW Adams daughter diphtheria – taken to Bletchingley Fever Hospital

19 Jan 1907 Allotment plots being taken up – dilapidated notice says: “Proposed site for the new railway station”.

23 Feb 1907 The week in Tatsfield - George Yeoll re straying horse; George Newell re dilapidated house.

16 Mar 1907 –The week in Tatsfield – socials, dancing classes, evening classes and suffragettes.

20 Apr 1907 long report on Choral society

27 Apr 1907 Landlord and tenant go to court – John Austen v John Scott

11 May 1907 ditto –Sequel to Apr 27

18 May 1907 Scott letter

1 Jun 1907 Beulah Mount auction

15 Jun 1907 Harry Hayes, 19, William Crawley 15 – burglary Cudham chez Elbourne

29 Jun 1907 Hayes gets 3 months hard labour; Crawley bound over

13 Jul 1907 Thomas Wickenden & Viliers Grantham disorderly behaviour – 10/= each

27 Jul 1907 Garden fete – Tory – Ken Court; Temperance meeting

17 Aug 1907 2yr old son of William Potter died; Pumping station at the well House nearly finished; Call for a public hall.

24 Aug 1907 – Brass band to be formed; Choral Society to meet again; complaints about water quality.

31 Aug 1907 Call for a Ratepayer’s Association

14 Sep 1907 John Stevens in court accused of damaging underwood belonging to John Lavercombe.–Tatsfield Band playing on the green; stranger spotted suspected of wanting to emulate the Wyrley outrages (maiming of animals in Staffordshire in 1903 – miscarriage of justice righted by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle); conflict between motors and horse-drawn vehicle in Croydon Road.

12 Oct 1907 Lily & Florence Preston cautioned – disorderly behaviour Emily Road.

19 Oct 1907 Meetings re Ratepayer’s Assn and Rifle Club; Halloween tradition lapsed.

2 Nov 1907 – Rifle Club for Tatsfield– site found for a rifle range “leading from the bottom of the church to Mr Robinson’s field” – part of a national movement for “the defence of the Homeland”.

9 Nov 1907 Gardening Club lecture on Small Holders Act; Lavercombe’s golden wedding – Mr born Fronghill 5/7/1836 – Mrs born Thrushelton, Devon 17/2/1835 – married 3/11/1857; William Rushen and Charles Cutbush fined for not sending children to school; White horse/Guy Fawkes apparition story **PRINTED**.

23 Nov 1907 Funeral of Arthur Dent, Gorse Down.

30 Nov 1907 Rifle Club started – entertained by Murray Carson of Ken Court.

14 Dec 1907 Rifle Club report.

28 Dec 1907 –Stewart Gray, leader of the unemployed movement in Manchester, interrupted a service at Manchester Cathedral. He had lived in Tatsfield until 1905 where he had instituted a brake service between Tatsfield and Oxted and Westerham stations but was said to have often gone several miles off-route to give himself time to harangue passengers. Daily Mirror 27 Dec 1907.

1 Feb 1908 Stewart Gray sends impudent telegram to the Queen on unemployment. Suggestion that 200 acres should be set aside for smallholdings, freeing up land for those working on it.

22 Feb 1908 Robert Bert Spinks summoned on paternity by Bessie Cook.

29 Feb 1908 Rev Parsons to move to Tandridge.

7 Mar 1908 PC cannot complain about the greens because the Lord of the Manor had transferred them. Water main works had left chalk loose.

14 Mar 1908 Boarding and Day School – Beaufort – Misses Campbell and Harman – terms for weekly boarders.

21 Mar 1908 Charlotte Elizabeth Price drunk; Mary Ann Smith, Louisa Smith stray horse.

28 Mar 1908 APM on greens.
Wedding of Sarah Lockwood – Scott to John Goodall.

4 Apr 1908 William Hayes (14) committed for attempted carnal knowledge of Emily Preston (7) – father agrees to imprisonment on remand.

11 Apr 1908 Tatsfield Choral Society gives its second concert; controversy of the “road across the green”; Farewell to Rev Parsons leaving after 25 years in the parish. (Original print is very poor quality – microfilm in Sevenoaks Library).

18 Apr 1908 Alfred Gee – non-payment of fees.

2 May 1908 William Wrench – no rent on Mount Cottage for 12 weeks.
William Hayes – NSPCC has him moved to workhouse on remand.

23 May 1908 Talk at a Conservative meeting on ‘Poverty and Unemployment’; reference to 200,000 aliens entering Britain a year after the passing of the Aliens Act but of the number now being 487,000 under the Liberal government; “respectable British workmen leaving our

country to seek work with the disreputable aliens pouring in to take their place"; continuing effort to get a railway service in Tatsfield with the prospect of doubling land values; advert for Ringers Stores.

13 June 1908 Rev Marten inducted.

20 June 1908 Joseph Crawley remanded – violence – insane – ex army.

1 & 2 Mara Villas for auction - £42 – 18/= rental. Ad for Walter Ringer – 3lbs jam for 6 1/2d finest margarine 6d lb

27 June 1908 various ads for Mara Villas auction.

4 July 1908 PC meeting dominated by the state of the roads.

Case between James Walker and William Wrench over rent arrears for **Mount Cottage** at Redhill County Court.

1 Aug 1908 Thomas Bigley and Sidney Grist drunk and disorderly.

Iris Baker gains Grade IV Incorporated Society of Musicians; Ruby Baker and Marjory Brown also successful.

Conservative fete at Ken Court courtesy of Mr & Mrs Murray Carson (newcomers);

Conservative Associated had been formed two years earlier.

8 Aug 1908 Westerham Herald obtainable at W.Neale's newsagent.

Gardening Society show in the grounds of the Ship.

22 Aug 1908 Call for a village hall to accommodate enlarged activities of the village; need for enlargement of the parish church.

29 Aug 1908 Meeting on the 'proposed institute'.

5 Sep 1908 Liberal meeting on the green outside the Ship – F.H. Keeble in the chair.

19 Sep 1908 Report of meeting to discuss and 'Institute for Tatsfield' (**PRINTED**).

31 Oct 1908 Concert held in aid of the institute fund.

7 Nov 1908 *"The annual vigil at the Croydon Cross Roads was observed on Thursday night to witness the passing of the ghost, whom legend says was one of the conspirators in the vile plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament. Exactly at the mystic hour of twelve, the soft patterings of the horse's hoofs on which the ghost rides was heard, and the group of eager watchers saw flash by in the beautiful clear moonlight the attenuated form of the conspirator, ghastly in his deathlike whiteness made the stronger by the moon's reflection! It was a thrilling moment to the awe-stricken spectators".*

14 Nov 1908 Benjamin Bateman (20) of Cudham charged with stealing a watch from Benjamin Crawley of Kemsley Road.

Joyce Thomas offer on greens in exchange for road accepted at public meeting (**PRINTED**).

21 Nov 1908 Letter on Joyce Thomas and the greens from Wilmot Kaye, St Martins Lane (**PRINTED**).

Horse commandeered by police to take a prisoner in a cart slaughtered after overturning cart – Mr C.Field asked by the police for a horse; he told them to go to one of his men – Tapsell.

12 Dec 1908 C Field fined £5 plus costs for selling butter with 84% fat other than butter.

- 19 Dec 1908** Letter from W.J. Lanham of Kylemore explaining that the C.Field butter case was the result of mis-labelling. Public meeting at the schools on Territorial Army with Tatsfield Brass Band parading.
- 26 Dec 1908** Full report of Territorial Army meeting in Tatsfield. Arthur Tapsell and Harry Shrubbs sent for trial accused of poaching at Titsey. (**PRINTED**).
- 9 Jan 1909** Assault case against Benjamin Crawley dismissed.
- 30 Jan 1909** Reports of Gardening Society and Rifle Club meetings and supper and social at the Ship.
- 20 Feb 1909** Fund raising for hall has been successful; operations likely to start.
- 27 Feb 1909** Alfred Abbott fined for non-payment of rates. Tennis Club annual dance.
- 24 Apr 1909** Henry Pugh fined 10/= for driving across Westmore Green. RDC asked about tarring roads – thought enough just to steam roll.
- 8 May 1909** Charles Spencer paintings exhibition at Walden in Paynesfield Road.
- 22 May 1909** Foundation stone of Village Hall laid **PRINTED**. Head teacher, Mr Adams, accused of **assault on pupil**. head teacher in court alleged to have unlawfully assaulted pupil – Bertram Rushen. Case dismissed; mother to pay 11/= costs.
- 29 May 1909** Meeting of Tatsfield Small Holding Cooperative Society.
- 12 Jun 1909** Mr Dent presides over Liberal meeting at the schools. George Stevens and George Creasey on disorderly conduct charges – police claim Stevens has a long record. Walter Yeoell, dealer, accused of not sending three of his children to school – had ten children – case dismissed.
- 19 Jun 1909** Small Holding Society decides against taking Cheveralls Farm.
- 26 Jun 1909** Window smashing – George and Caroline Stevens **PRINTED** Inquest on Ernest Medhurst (3) son of Charles and Ada of Goatsfield Road – said to have been kept short of food, but verdict was TB. They had been in Sevenoaks Union. Father threatened with imprisonment if before the coroner again.
- 3 Jul 1909** Ads for plots in Emily Road opposite Springfield Cottage and for Hill Park Estate.
- 10 Jul 1909** Window smashing story again.
- 24 Jul 1909** Edward Geary – horses on Westmore Green – 10/= Walter Yeoell accused of assaulting Henry Moore – adjourned.
- 7 Aug 1909** Railway committee formed.
- 14 Aug 1909** Yeoell fined.
- 11 Sep 1909** Village Hall inaugurated Full account of the **opening of the church (Village) hall** by the Bishop of Southwark .
- 9 Oct 1909** Tatsfield Institute' successful opening night – set up as a gymnasium.

- 16 Oct 1909** Roads and provision against fire on the PC agenda.
- 23 Oct 1909** Marriage of Dr Hoffman and Miss Middleton.
- 4 Dec 1909** George Mullens died aged 85 – lifelong resident.
- 11 Dec 1909** Proposed railway – social evening at the Ship (**PRINTED**).
- 25 Dec 1909** Fire appliance arrangements.
- 22 Jan 1910** **First annual meeting of the Parish Institute**, 100 members; gymnastic classes on Saturday evenings; cricket club to be run in connection with the Institute using land leased from the squire; rifle club merger with Institute had not gone well.
- 19 Feb 1910** Herald – **Perjury charge** against local builder, Luke Speed; disputed right of way involving Edward Geary, the Redhouse and Harry Newman over fencing damaged by Mr Newman.
- 26 Feb 1910** Tatsfield & Croydon Railway Association **advertisement published** between 26 Feb and 5 Mar 1910; also mentions Tatsfield Advancement Association and Tatsfield Golf Club, all promoted by the squire, MP. Parish Council and others. Clerk was James Scott, Paynesfield Road.
- 12 Mar 1910** **Luke Speed acquitted of perjury**– complicated case arising from rent arrears
- 19 Mar 1910** **Report of Annual Parish Meeting**– sharp exchanges over fencing of common land, allotments, polling station, making up roads, widening Furze Corner.
- 26 Mar 1910** **Roads – Questions in Parliament 1910**– Col. Rawson, MP asked the President of the Local Government Board whether he will state how many rural parish and rural district councils have applied under Section 19 of the Public Health Amendment Act 1907 for compulsory powers to order the making up of roads which have become dangerous or are a nuisance. He was told parish councils did not have the power. Further question asked whether the minister's attention had been called to the repeated applications and complaints ... in respect of certain of the principal roads in ... Tatsfield ... unpassable at certain seasons of the year for passenger traffic.
- 26 Mar 1910** **Inquest into the death of Richard Staley**, Sunnybank, Cudham Road after trap accident Lockjaw had apparently been cured.
- 2 Apr 1910** **Adjourned Annual Parish Meeting**– only four allotments unlet; dressmaking class established; teacher's salary paid by Surrey; long explanation of issue of the state of Tatsfield's roads; Furze Corner had been improved; local people had shown little interest in fire brigade; increased interest in railway scheme; junction of Louisa and Union Roads 'one of the worst places in the parish on a dark night.
- 11 Jun 1910** Seven **summonses against builder Edward Geary** of the Red House over alleged breaches of bye-laws by starting to build six houses in Rag Hill without permission. After refusal he apparently submitted plans for 20 earth closets for use by a gipsy encampment and caravan dwellers. Geary fined with costs.
- 2 Jul 1910** Fund for **Tatsfield's memorial to the late King** launched. Sir Samuel Joyce Thomas called for a permanent memorial to a great and powerful ruler, the equivalent of the

memorial to Sissi (Elisabeth of Bavaria) in Geneva. The alternative would be houses on a plot being sold by the Postmaster General. Land available for £160.

23 Jul 1910 Oxted court hears of **fracas** involving Benjamin Crawley of Goatsfield and Kemsley Roads and Charles Newell and his daughter Emma of Goatsfield Road. The Newells alleged to have attacked Crawley over animals damaging the green. One witness was Mrs Selina Johnson of Union Road. 19-year-old Emma said she found her 70-year-old father being attacked by Crawley. All three bound over.

30 Jul 1910 **Special sermons** in support of South London Church Fund; appeals going out for King Edward VII memorial; Conservative fete at the Ship; inquiry held into local government powers to make up Louisa, Emily and Paynesfield Roads – roads had been set out under a scheme of development of the Colegates Estate for building purposes but there had been no repairs; concern about absence of sewerage scheme; problem of rubbish thrown onto the green and into the pond as well as overflowing cesspools; complaints of contents of cesspools being emptied onto streets; Charles Leveson-Gower not in favour of widening White Lane.

15 Oct 1910 Westerham Herald – advertisement for the **London Alps Estate Agency** – telephone, road with sidewalks, doctor, solicitor, bank branch, property increasing in value.

7 Jan 1911 Thomas Brown of Paynesfield Road summonsed John Busbridge of Red House Yard over straying horses.

21 Jan 1911 PC congratulated on tree planting on Tatsfield and Westmore Greens. Dissatisfaction at failure to start making up Paynesfield, Emily and Louisa Roads. 28 of the 70 newly planted trees had been vandalised – intention was to plant 200. Mrs Morris of Robins Lodge in charge of Tuesday and Friday successful soup kitchen. John Busbridge and John Stevens fined over straying horses.

28 Jan 1911 Bus purchased – meeting to discuss twice daily to Warlingham. £5 reward over vandalised trees.

4 Feb 1911 Committee set up to establish motor rather than horse bus service.

18 Feb 1911 Amiee Prichard attempted suicide – **Amiee Prichard attempted suicide – jumped under a train at Oxted Station. Despite sureties – including one by Dr Sherrard – she was committed to prison under the Criminal Lunacy Act.**

4 Mar 1911 Report of bus meeting **PRINTED.** £200 to buy a motor bus for a service to Bromley. Mrs Rushen accused of assaulting headmaster Adams and Ada Harvey, a teacher, over flogging of her son at school. She refused to pay fine and was kept in custody. Sent to prison over assault on headmaster Adams – see also 22 May 1909 **PRINTED.**

18 Mar 1911 William Ives fined for selling bread without proper scales.

25 Mar 1911 on **fire at Mr Lock's stables**, Rickett's Hill – delay in getting horses for the brigade.

8 Apr 1911 Emily Johnson (3) drowned in water tank at Flint Cottage.

20 May 1911 Bazaar to raise funds for school extension **PRINTED.**

27 May 1911 Coronation meeting agrees to a bonfire.

- 17 Jun 1911** Bus company to be formed **PRINTED.**
- 24 Jun 1911** Coronation celebrations – Holy Communion, sports, tea, concert, bonfire, fireworks.
- 1 Jul 1911** Edward Cross and John Jupp in court over none-attendance by their children.
- 15 Jul 1911** Alfred Stevens fined over straying horse.
- 29 Jul 1911** William Hayes remanded over unnatural offence. Evidence from John Jupp, bricklayer and Thomas H. Brown of Kylemore – employer.
- 5 Aug 1911** Hayes committed for trial and also charged with housebreaking.
- 12 Aug 1911** Annual flower show revived.
- 19 Aug 1911** Ad from Mr G. Stevens, The Breeches, Rag Hill for caravans.
- 2 Sep 1911** Building works at the school not completed in time – summer holiday extended by one week.
- 16 Sep 1911** Arthur Hitchcock in court over straying horse.
- 7 Oct 1911** Parish Meeting to complain about rate levels – **PRINTED.**
- 14 Oct 1911** Col Rawson M.P. addresses meeting in wide-ranging speech covering the Canadian election, imperial preference and the National Insurance Bill. – **PRINTED.**
- 28 Oct 1911** School extension to be opened on 4 Nov.
John Hayes (12) in court over theft of chocolate from Lugton's Stores.
- 4 Nov 1911** Report of meeting into bus service where Dr Sherrard said his own initiative was profitable. Discussion about Westerham Hill to Bromley service with smaller vehicle linking with it via Rag Hill Road.
- 18 Nov 1911** John Stevens and Harry Hayes – labourers – remanded in custody over theft of crockery belonging to John George Dethridge and found buried in Ninehams Road.
- 25 Nov 1911** George Stevens, hawker, of Parkwood Road, in court over failure to have a dog licence.
Further remand hearing for John Stevens and Harry Hayes.
- 2 Dec 1911** Stevens and Hayes sentenced to six months' hard labour. **PRINTED.**
- 6 Jan 1912** Alfred Stevens in court over assault on Susan Newman, wife of Harry Newman, greengrocer over horse grazing.
- 13 Jan 1912** Parish Council to ask for permission to visit the Workhouse at any time. Parish Council to recommend to the District that there should be no more than eight houses to the acre in the area bounded by the county boundary and Ricketts Hill road to the full extent and from Ricketts Hill road to the bottom, extending from Ham Hill to the foot of Paynesfield Road.

- 12 Feb 1912** Inquest into the death of Ronald Allan, illegitimate child of Emily Smith of the Briars.
- 30 Mar 1912** George Kemp, 63, charged with burglary at Larkin's stores.
- 4 May 1912** Edmund Hayes in court for non-payment of rates.
- 18 May 1912** John Jupp in court for non-payment of rates.
- 8 Jun 1912** George Stevens in court for assaulting Susan Newman and her daughter Louisa Walls over horse incident.
- 20 Jul 1912** James Bonwick fined for obstructing police at Limpsfield.
- 17 Aug 1912** Thomas Samuel Rawlinson fined for stealing fowl house belonging to William Essen of Beaufort.
Holly Lodge – between Ricketts Hill and Westerham Hill – for sale.
- 31 Aug 1912** Edmund Hayes – eccentric resident – imprisoned over assaults on John and Catherine Lavercombe. **PRINTED**
- 14 Sep 1912** Major fire at Botley Hill Farm.
- 5 Oct 1912** Alice Judd – matron of Tangland Castle convalescent home – fined for suspending a chicken upside down from a door handle. Chicken had strayed from Mrs Agnes Clark's house – Alexandra Cottage.
- 12 Oct 1912** Tatsfield Dramatic Club opens its season at the Parish Hall.
- 19 Oct 1912** George Stevens fails to appear in court charged with refusing to leave the Old Ship – nine previous convictions of a 'most violent, foul-mouthed man'.
- 2 Nov 1912** Choral Society weekly practice.
- 9 Nov 1912** Meeting to form a local branch of the Tunbridge Wells Equitable Friendly Society. Mr Faiers (sic) chairman.
- 16 Nov 1912** Sevenoaks and District Electricity Company applying for order allowing supply etc to area, including:
- "In the Parish of Tatsfield:- On the late Mr W.T.J.Broughton's estate: Emily Road, Redhouse Road, Grove Road, Goatsfield Lane, Union Road, Kemsley Road, Beech Road, Cross Road, Paynesfield Road, Johns Road, Ninehams Road, Maesmawr Road, George Road, Edgar Road, Borough Road, Barnfield Road, Park Wood Road. Manor House Estate: Avenue Road, Manor Road, Ferndale Road, Cudham Road, Crown Road, Hillside Road, road from Hillside to the Tatsfield and Bromley road, Oak Road, Woodbury Road, Tatsfield Green roads, Westmore Green roads, Old Lane".*
- Fanny Brown drunk at Warlingham – fined; Harry Hayes and Joseph Rushen – damage to stile – case dismissed; George Stevens fined over straying horses.
- 30 Nov 1912** John Bonwick fined for obscenities.
- 14 Dec 1912** George Stevens fined for damage to plot belonging to Susan Newman of Temperance Cottage. Edward Geery (sic) of 26 Oxford Road Norwood testified he was

tenant of Mr Barnes who had bought frontage of Rags Hill and long side on Parkwood Road from Mr Broughton.

John Hedges fined over breach of Swine Fever Regulations - moved pigs across border but left them at Mr Duddy's property.

28 Dec 1912 Special court to hear objections over making up Tatsfield's roads.

PRINTED

11 Jan 1913 Edward Geary in court over fence cutting in Parkwood Road **PRINTED**

25 Jan 1913 William Bonwick, Red House Yard – fined for obscene language while drunk. Claimed he had said: "These 'ere stones want bilin' to make 'em softer".

22 Mar 1913 Assault outside the Ship on Walter John Wallis, chauffeur to W.Utley.

31 May 1913 Farewell at the Ship to W Vincent on his way to Canada. He was the son of Tommy Vincent, landlord of the Ship and had been captain of the football club for seven years, of the cricket club for five years and of the rifle club for two years. Presided over by Walter Longley, the gathering made a presentation of a travelling trunk. Report also mentioned presence of Mr W.Jupp, who was also going abroad. **PRINTED**

28 Jun 1913 Making up of Emily and Louisa Roads – foundation metal laid. Paynesfield yet to start.

5 Jul 1913 Thomas Vincent accused of assault on Sophia Rushen. He accused her of being drunk and refusing to leave the Old Ship. Vincent fined £1. Next item was a separation order against Sophia applied for by her husband William – withdrawn.

4 Oct 1913 Inquest on death of William Dock (6wks) – malnutrition and enteritis attended by Dr Hoffman.

22 Nov 1913 PC Kent walks into man stealing four chickens from Mrs Szekacs on the Croydon Road.

Parish Council appeal to Home Office over cesspool in Emily Road.

13 Dec 1913 Misc court cases **PRINTED**, Charles (14) and Alfred (13) Mayne sent to workhouse pending decision on theft charges. George Stevens accused of assault on Susan Newman; Susan Newman accused of assaulting Caroline Stevens. Cases over animals on land were dismissed but both families bound over.

14 Feb 1914 Wedding of W Lugton and Miss A M Harvey. **PRINTED** Groom was churchwarden and bride worked at the school. Reception at Rosebank.

21 Feb 1914 Equitable Society present for Brother Lugton.

11 Apr 1914 Edward Henshaw, Beaufort, - on payment of rates – distress warrant.

9 May 1914 Mary Burbage summoned by Mary King for assault. History of stone throwing and animosity between couples and families. Summons also granted to complainant's husband.

23 May 1914 Alfred Stevens warrant for 14 days imprisonment over non-payment of rates.

30 May 1914 Empire Day parade – school holiday – march from Parish Hall to Kylemore, chez T.H.Brown, Chairman of Managers, raising of flag then back for tea at hall. Friendly Society church parade on Sunday.

20 Jun 1914 Inquest at the Ship on George Brailsford, 78, found in water tank at home.

11 Jul 1914 Elizabeth Puddifoot, Red House Yard, accused of assaulting Celia Marshall with a poker. Fined £1.

1 Aug 1914 Air crash at Tatsfield **PRINTED**. Royal Naval Flying School pilot – one of six – developed engine trouble and came down close to the Approach Road. Plane was tail-up. James Beagley ran to help uninjured pilot.

19 Sep 1914 Botley Hill Farm auction: 25 heifers and steers, shorthorn cow, 3 heifers in calf, 18 mth shorthorn bull, 8 powerful cart horses, farm implements household furniture and effects.

24 Oct 1914 Les Nouvelles du Jour column – wounded Belgian soldiers at Limpsfield – continued occasionally.

7 Nov 1914 List of Tatsfield people providing ‘comforts for the troops at the front’.

6 Mar 1915 Walter Henshall and Stanley Dock – non-payment of rates.

17 April 1915 Military funeral for Pte Arthur Martin, 128 Fld Coy RE, aged 32 with two children – scarlet fever shortly after enlistment. **PRINTED**

1 May 1915 John Stevens dies in Brixton prison while serving 21 days for non-payments of rates. **PRINTED**

15 May 1915 George Burbage of Goatsfield Road acquitted of stealing three chickens at Beddlestead Farm.

(**29 May 1915** Temples Stores fire)

5 June 1915 Pte A Honey 4534 2nd West Surreys, of Westmore Green, killed in action.

12 June 1915 Fire destroys Forge Cottage, Paynesfield Road – Mr & Mrs James Foster.

10 July 1915 Paternity case dismissed: Florence Wheeler of Maesmaur Road vs Alfred Hayes. **PRINTED**

17 July 1915 Fete at Walden – Mr & Mrs C.N. Spencer – in aid of British Red Cross. Inquest on 19-month-old **Thomas Welland – drowned** in well at Stonehurst Cottage, Maesmaur Road

14 Aug 1915 Flower Show on Ship meadow in aid **of Red Cross hospitals** in Limpsfield and Oxted.

28 Aug 1915 Closing orders on 4 and 6 Redhouse Yard – John Elliott & John Henry Bonwick.

18 Sep 1915 Fund raising for Red Cross and 150 soldiers arrive – general reservists. **PRINTED**

- 25 Sep 1915** Ptes John Standing and Harry Streets wounded. **PRINTED**
- 2 Oct 1915** Death of Sgt M.Howard Wilkins etc **PRINTED**
- 9 Oct 1915** William Neale marries Mabel Standing
Arthur Rushen and Joseph Bruce wounded.
- 30 Oct 1915** Six months hard labour for lead thieves. **PRINTED**
- 4 Dec 1915** Harry Payne wounded: A Beagley message from the front.
- 11 Dec 1915** Campaign to renovate village hall.
Robert Neal emigrated 3yrs ago – back with 52nd Regt of Canada.
- 1 Jan 1916** Gunner A I Forbes, 1st, Pte W Vincent, 2nd, Bugler Robert Neale 3rd, Canadian Regiments at home on leave.
- 8 Jan 1916** Sgt Walter Forbes visits his parents and brother Pte A Forbes. W K Ridgeway back from New Zealand to volunteer. Bdr E A Lugton on leave after being wounded. T Brown gives account of time with the Grand Fleet. **PRINTED**
- 15 Jan 1916** Social gathering – entertainment and in honour of Tatsfield's volunteers. Rev Popham suggests no other village in Surrey had had a bigger proportion of men who had gone to the front, or who were ready to go. Reference to Pte Harry Middleton who had lost his right arm in the Dardanelles with the Australians.
Gunner A Beagle and Leading Signaller G C Scott RN, send messages home.
L/Cpl Harry Streets wounded and sent home. **PRINTED**
- 22 Jan 1916** South London Volunteer Training Corps prevented from using Village Hall after having caused damage.
- 29 Jan 1916** Louisa Rushen (22) killed near Lewisham Town Hall – bus conductress hit by passing motorist.
100 ft of fencing torn down at property of T Evans, Parkwood Road.
- 5 Feb 1916** Frank Streatfeild (1843-1916) funeral at Crockham Hill.
Funeral of Louisa Rushen. **PRINTED**
- 12 Feb 1916** Dvr Archibald Lock and Pte A Rushen on leave. **PRINTED**
- 19 Feb 1916** Cpl Jack Brown, Kylemore, wounded; Pte William Honey seriously wounded. **PRINTED**
- 8 Apr 1916** Report of APM. Need to improve Maesmaur and Park Roads; need to grow more food; RDC loan for new roads paid off; RDC trying to widen Lusted Lane from White Lane to give 'good entrance to the village'; presentation made to Mr Crowter – District Surveyor. **PRINTED**
- 15 Apr 1916** Pte E R Clemente message from India.
- 29 Apr 1916** Call for abolition of PC; query about control of the greens. **PRINTED**
- 6 May 1916** Report of amateur dramatics in Village Hall. Major barn fire at Church Farm.
- 17 Jun 1916** Pte Arthur Rushen marries. **PRINTED**

24 Jun 1916 Cpl R Winson back from Canada. Death of Pte Joseph Rushen **PRINTED**

1 Jul 1916 Sgt James Honey gassed.

15 Jul 1916 George Stevens summoned by Susan Newman, Rose Cottage, Parkwood Road for damage to grass and threats. She was complaining about his horse on her field. The Newmans claimed they had been in possession of the land for 14 years; its owner lived abroad. Stevens had claimed the land. Stevens made a counter claim which was dismissed; £1 fine on first summons. **PRINTED**

22 Jul 1916 Mr S Joyce Thomas published his novel – Red Roses, a love tale.

12 Aug 1916 L/Cpl Cooper wounded.

16 Sep 1916 Spr T Arnold at the front.

4 Nov 1916 Selina Streatfeild dead.

18 Nov 1916 Lt Smiles on leave.

?? Dec 1916 Westerham Herald on thefts of lead and various items including news of Pte Sidney Rushen and L/Cpl Smart at the front. **PRINTED**

13 Jan 1917 101 on roll of honour **PRINTED**

Girl charged with stealing gold watch and chain from May Modridge of Paynesfield House - Modridge housekeeper to her sister Mrs Jones. PC Kent cycled to Westerham and found accused.

20 Jan 1917 misc. items

Manchester Daily News had reported plenty of uncultivated land in Tatsfield and Cudham

7 Jan 1917 2 items

3 Feb 1917 1 item

10 Feb 1917 item + Richard Batchelor fined 2/6d each for not sending children to school girls aged 8 & 10; mother said boots not good enough for the weather. John Elliott fined 7/6d for one boy + other offences.

17 Feb 1917 PC report

24 Feb 1917 Reuben Baker of Lusted Hall Lane died aged 96. He had lived in Tatsfield for 12 years and had been landlord of the Grasshopper at Moorhouse. Reigate to 1 Sevenoaks bus timetable begins to appear on a regular basis.

3 Mar 1917 List of mourners at Baker funeral.

31 Mar 1917 PC report.

7 Apr 1917 PM report.

14 April 1917 Revue at Tatsfield - full report - proceeds to charity.

21 April 1917 Mr Adams - school head - sworn in as special PC. Death of Robert Kately.

28 Apr 1917 3 items' report

5 May 1917 Sydney Wright - the stores cannot afford substitute for him to go on war service - 35 married.

16 Jun 1917 PC report. "unsatisfactory seed potatoes", "rats and sparrows", "coal supplies" and resignation of FH Keeble over chairmanship issue. He had stood to support members who opposed Mr Thomas as chairman. They had 'rendered him their courteous homage' so he was standing down as he 'should be ashamed to waste time in the discussions knowing I can do more good for the parish outside'. Cllr Brown was on active service – place needed to be filled to maintain a quorum.

23 Jun 1917 L/Cpl Esau Beagley, RFA, home after two years at the front; Charles Cutbush fined for not sending Ernest to school; Pte Robert Neale of the Canadians his brother George and Tom and Esau Beagley, all in khaki, on leave.

30 Jun 1917 Police raid on gypsy camp at Westwood Farm; James Charles Hildren charged with absenteeism.

14 July 1917 Sgt Llewelyn Larkin ASC wounded; Alec Forbes, Canadians, trench fever.

18 Aug 1917 Pte Richard Trendall, Australians, visits sister – Mrs Beagley of Clarks Farm; Pte Frank Singleton, Australians, visits his mother.

1 Sep 1917 Bakers fined for selling fresh bread less than 12 hours old. **PRINTED**

15 Sep 1917 Augustus Hitchcock applied to get Charles Cutbush, 1 Kimberley Cottages evicted.

13 Oct 1917 Alfred Lorton in court for failure to pay rates.

3 Nov 1917 Wedding of CSM Jack Oliver Brown, 1st Cdn Eng, only son of the Browns of Kylemore and Annie Forbes, dtr of Forbes of Grove Road.

10 Nov 1917 Charles Cutbush and Ellen Louisa Hanly in court over their children's non-attendance at school.

17 Nov 1917 Burglaries at Working Men's Club and Lusted Farm; Alfred Ellis Preece, Post Office decoder, 42, Ricketts Hill Rd, applies for exemption from military service.

24 Nov 1917 200 tons of coal ordered – 50 possible, but how get from the station?

1 Dec 1917 Arthur Henry Smith, 23, married, B2, of the Briars, shepherd and stockman at Botley Hill Fm exempted from military service.

22 Dec 1917 John Skinner, Tatsfield Court Fm summoned by Henry George Boakes for non-payment of wages; Charles Cutbush unlicensed sheepdog.

5 Jan 1918 Alfred Eillis Preece, Pine View, Ricketts Hill Rd adjourned.

12 Jan 1918 Charles Field fined for failing to produce a list of employees.

19 Jan 1918 Mary Streets, 72, dies. Tom and Fred Beagley missing in action.

26 Jan 1918 Mary Russell, 84, buried, mother of 13 children. Preece appeal dismissed.

16 Feb 1918 Fred Atkins, 33, Goddards Cotts, lime kiln filler, exempted from military service.

23 Feb 1918 Dvr Geo Beagley home on leave. Westmore Green; Rosina Burbage, 14, acquitted of stealing a fowl from Harry Barnett, Tanglands Castle; village hall concert in aid of the Red Cross.

2 Mar 1918 Cpl JE Hitchcock, RE gets MM; Pte J Elliott, West Surreys, on leave.

6 Apr 1918 Report on PC meeting re seed potatoes etc.

13 Apr 1918 Dvr Forbes, Canadians and his brother Walter sick on active service; Ptes Blake and George Standing wounded; four tons of potatoes delivered; lecture at the Institute on spraying potatoes against blight. **PRINTED**

20 Apr 1918 Pte William Wood OK in India. C Field loses crop in fire in Church field. P.C. Ellis called up – replaced by Specials.

27 Apr 1918 PC report, including blocking of Crown Rd with hurdles by Mr King.

4 May 1918 William Rushen, one of few remaining woodmen/wattle makers died aged 69 (son missing since September).

11 May 1918 Edward Charles Curtis 33, jobmaster, mail carrier asks for time to wind up business before being called up; Pte T Rushen writes home from Mesopotamia.

18 May 1918 Mr C Field seriously ill; new trees on greens donated by Mr Samuel Joyce Thomas damaged; Gardening Society show on 7 August despite shortage of men; Mr & Mrs Beagley hear from their sons Dvr George, Gnr Tom and Bdr Esau RFA at the front; CSM George Beagley released as PoW after being captured in Belgium – 21 years as a regular soldier and 6 years in the reserve by 1914. **PRINTED**

25 May 1918 Pte Frank Martin marries Mrs Baker, widow of Reuben; Spr Arnold and Pte W Vincent write from the front; Sgt Forbes convalescing; great influx of visitors over Whitsun – every available apartment taken.

1 Jun 1918 on death of Mr C Field, 61, in Tatsfield 35 years; small business on Westmore Green, built in Emily Road, built three shops on Westmore Green and ran one himself; main founder of club. Emily Cutbush buried; Bdr Forbes home; more coal available at the White House; Cap L H Wilkins, RAF of Ken Court awarded DSC; Empire Day celebrated. **PRINTED**

8 Jun 1918 PC report; E Curtis, mailman, called up; Gnr Tom Beagley writes home; QMS H L Milliner 16 yrs as a regular soldier.

15 Jun 1918 H Neale attacked by customer while delivering milk; Sgt Forbes convalescing; shortage of labour in village.

22 Jun 1918 RSM Roffey, Westerham, marries Fanny Elliff of the Woodlands, Tatsfield. The war likely to bring railway project back – important development in the immediate neighbourhood means railway connection from Hayes needed. **PRINTED**

6 Jul 1918 News awaited of F Beagley, West Kent Regt, missing since October; Edward Beale, 26, Oakdene, dies after contracting consumption in 1916 – parents moved to Tatsfield hoping to improve his health; report of PC.

13 Jul 1918 George Stevens summoned by Maud Octavia L'Estrange of the Hermitage for damaging grass. Parties had agreed to a settlement but the bench refused and sent case for trial.

20 Jul 1918 Mrs Madeline Stern, visitor, dies from phthisis – was staying chez Rawley. She was the wife of an interned German. George Rawley – Chestnuts – kept a boarding house by was unaware she was suffering from consumption initially and did not warn other guests. John & Jane Croxford – Lusted Lane – accused of assaulting Henry Neale – milkman.

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27 Jul 1918 Mrs M Hannon Goatsfield Road and Richard Batchelor, Beddlestead Cottages fined for not sending children to school.

PC agrees to lend band instruments to RAF members

100 wounded soldiers from Lewisham Military Hospital brought to Tatsfield in three LGOC buses and spent the afternoon at Potter's Restaurant, then sports in field next to Parish Hall and into hall for a musical programme.

L'Estrange case withdrawal approved by court.

Death of Mr J.Moses aged 82 of Sunny Bank – veteran of Crimean War and Indian Mutiny – lived nearly 40 years in Tatsfield. - 33 years in the army.

10 Aug 1918 Spr T Arnold convalescing in France; Pte Davis on 14 days leave; report of flower show.

17 Aug 1918 Special constables inspected led by Mr C J Parsons; Pte Jones, Goatsfield Road on leave; Sunday School treat in Mr Longley's field abutting Westmore Green.

24 Aug 1918 George Stevens of Rag Hill accused of assaulting Harry Newman of Park Road.

31 Aug 1918 George Stevens, Rag Hill, fined for allowing horses to stray; £100 needed for church heating system.

George Stevens sentenced to 3 months hard labour for assault on the Newmans. **PRINTED**

7 Sep 1918 H.G.Neale, 40, applied for conscription review.

14 Sep 1918 George Burbage acquitted on swine flu offence; Pte Ted Streets home on leave.

21 Sep 1918 Stanley Rushen killed in action (Joseph already dead and Bertram, Stanley's twin missing – daughter killed as bus conductor and husband recently died); funeral of E Carsons, RAF, killed by an aircraft in Tadcaster on 8 Sep; RFm John Standing confirmed dead **PRINTED**

12 Oct 1918 Complaint about slippery roads and suggestion to use gravel instead of sand; Parish Hall not being used enough – could be a social centre.

19 Oct 1918 Gnr Esau Beagley home after losing an eye.

26 Oct 1918 George Stevens appeal against assault sentence dismissed and told to pay £5 damages; Red Cross social postponed by 'flu'.

9 Nov 1918 School closed for a week through flu; Leading Sig Clifford Scott RN on leave.

16 Nov 1918 Victory thanksgiving service at church on 14th.

14 Dec 1918 David William Davis, collier, accused of trickery to obtain money at Post Offices – ‘buying’ stamps and asking for the change.

28 Dec 1918 Lt Shaxon’s tribute to Dr George Beagley – his groom – killed; David William Davis given one month; The Institute ‘practically derelict’ – Women’s Institute, as in Westerham, suggested.

11 Jan 1919 Miss Prichard of the Grange writes to PC complaining of ‘shameful neglect’ of young limes on Westmore Green – gift to the village – 14 lost; Mrs J Higgs fined for not sending John & Richard to school.

18 Jan 1919 Schoolchildren get their Christmas Treat - postponed by flu; death of John Lavercombe, 83, promoter of Morris dancing.

25 Jan 1919 Proposal for war memorial **PRINTED.**

1 Feb 1919 Pte T Rushen home from Mesopotamia; Arthur Edgington, Emily Road, fined 5/= for using a catapult.

15 Feb 1919 Complaint about damage to Ship Hill and Rag Hill from government lorries conveying workmen from Warlingham to Biggin Hill aerodrome; Complaint to RDC about maintenance of Greens and destruction of young lime trees – call for PC to take over.

22 Feb 1919 Need for dwelling in Tatsfield – inquest on Eric James Kitchener Cutbush of Ninehams Cottages – small and damp house unfit for habitation – man, wife and seven children in two rooms.

8 March 1919 14% turnout at recent SCC election; Tom Standing, 21, died while awaiting discharge from the Navy; dangerous condition of Old Lane opposite letter box.

29 March 1919 Red Triangle (YMCA) club being formed in Biggin Hill.

19 April 1919 Inquest on Alice Vivian Louisa Hitchcock, 18 mths, - apparently took tablet from father – Cpl Edward Hitchcock, recently demobbed, who had tablets containing strychnine as ‘a tonic’.

10 May 1919 Funeral of Dr G.W. Potter, Ashburton, who had come in 1911 to live at Tatsfield Court Farm – had been editor of ‘The Hospital’.

Closing order on Derby Cottages, Goatsfield Road and reference to another in Ninehams Road.

17 May 1919 – Tommy Vincent to provide a ground for tennis in connection with the Red Triangle Club.

24 May 1919 Streatham and Clapham Volunteers visit Mr Beagley’s farm where they had their weekend depot during the war.

31 May 1919 – Tennis club formed; District Council discusses ranger for Tatsfield after vandalism of lime trees and horses on greens – Thomas Rushen appointed; Raymonds of Rose Cottage, Goatsfield Road accused of assault on Laurence Hannon over land dispute.

£2 and £1 fine. Magistrates said there had been a good many cases from Tatsfield of similar character. **PRINTED**

7 June 1919 – Red Triangle Club evening of entertainment in Parish Hall. **PRINTED**

21 June 1919 – Richard Lepper, 68, found dead in Ivy Cottage, Goatsfield Road.

5 and 12 July 1919 – Six council houses proposed on six acres of land facing Tatsfield Green under the Government Housing Scheme. PC preferred this to the site near the schools suggested by the DC.

19 July 1919 – Area peace celebrations list includes procession from the schools to the green.

26 July 1919 – Report of peace celebrations **PRINTED**

16 August 1919 – Flower shows had continued throughout the war.

23 August 1919 – John Burbage, Redhouse Road, fined for allowing horses to damage lime trees on Westmore Green.

30 August 1919 – long report on flower show.

21 Sep 1919 Francis Lock and Tom Standing deaths **PRINTED**; E.Howard Wilkins, Ken Court, cleared of employing a male servant for food production. **PRINTED**

4 and 11 October 1919 – Red Triangle meeting.

3 Oct 1919 - Schools 'attendance officer' asks for bicycle allowance for visits to Tatsfield from Caterham; Lusted Hall farm livestock auction. **PRINTED**

17 Oct 1919 - Household furniture and effects from 'The Chestnuts' for auction. **PRINTED**

31 Oct 1919 - Harold Martin and Harold Tapsell fined £1 each for poaching on Charles Leveson-Gower land; Matilda Hannon of Goatsfield Road summoned for children's non-attendance at school – fines for similar convictions not paid. **PRINTED**

1 November 1919 – Mathilda Hannon fined for not sending children to school. Harold Martin and Harold Tapsell in court for poaching.

15 November 1919 – Alfred Stevens in court over parasitic mange.

22 November 1919 - Tatsfield Green land to be purchased by DC for £112 and 'PISE' system used for houses. Eight people living in an old bus in Goatsfield Road. Red Triangle Club flourishing.

13 December 1919 - War memorial decision and Red Triangle Club **PRINTED**

27 December 1919 – Alfred Stevens fined for straying horses on Tatsfield Green.

10 January 1920 – Mr Bellamy taking charge of Tatsfield Mission Hall – he had been carrying out work for past 14 years at Lingfield Colony. The hall had been purchased by an anonymous local person for the benefit of the people of Tatsfield. **PRINTED** Higgs family in court for living in unsanitary 'The Ivy' in Goatsfield Road.

17 January 1920 – Dangerous corner in Tatsfield – no details!

24 January 1920 – ‘Breach of Promise’ mock trial drama performed.

7 February 1920 – Christopher Higgs pleaded guilty to Game Laws offence but prosecutor failed to appear so case struck out. Housing problems of Harry Simpson, Westwood Farm. ‘Our dept to merchant seamen’ lecture at Paynesfield Hall. **PRINTED**

6 March 1920 – Dance at the Red Triangle Hall.

3 April 1920 – John Smith fined for not sending daughter Ellen to school.

1 May 1920 – Obit of Dr Sherrard. William Edgington summoned for failing to send George and Ellen to school. **PRINTED**

15 May 1920 – Alfred Stevens accused John Burbage of assault at Westerham Fair Day. Stevens lived in a caravan at the rear of the Ship. Both bound over.

22 May 1920 – Open air meeting (27 May) on Nationalisation and Socialism.

5 June 1920 – Herbert Jupp goes to court to get Joseph Lockyer out of Rowland Cottage. Five ex-servicemen looking for homes in Tatsfield. **PRINTED**

3 July 1920 – Proceedings to be taken at people putting horses on the greens; Harry Norfolk of Parkwood Road fined for no dog licence; possession order against Joseph Lockyer at Rowland Cottage.

17 July 1920 – Alfred Stevens and John Burbage fined for breaking greens bye-laws by grazing horses. **PRINTED**

24 July 1920 – Obit of Mrs Kathleen Skinner, Tatsfield Court Farm aged 80.

31 July 1920 – Louisa Pryer, Ashview, alleges neglect etc against Frederick Pryer – case adjourned; Edith Moss (Leehurst) summoned Ellen Welland (Maesmaur Road) for assault – 10/= fine; Ellen Raymond charged with threatening Mathilda Hammond (Derby Cottage) and Elizabeth Carson (Maesmaur Road) - bound over.

14 August 1920 – report of Gardening Society show.

21 August 1920 – advert for ‘Mileometer’ – moving tape showing the road for a mile ahead (West Kent Motor Works); American tennis tournament on Rectory lawn.

28 August 1920 – Pryers separate (see 31 July 1920).

25 September 1920 – DC signs for land for housing with Mrs A S Walker.

23 October 1920 – DC discuss call for 10 mph limit on Ship Hill; realignment of road in prospect. **PRINTED**; report on sanitary condition of the school **PRINTED**; concert party in village hall.

30 October 1920 – letter from Rev Popham clarifying inspector’s report on Tatsfield school sanitation. Report calls only for cleansing walls etc. (See 23 Oct 1920)

27 November 1920 – Edith Beagley and John Burbage fined for not sending children to school; Nellie Welland summoned for assaulting Hettie, Violet and Marion Sayers – case

dismissed; cost of six council houses in Tatsfield built by Alfred Hitchcock was £6298 10/= with modification of £193 8/=.

11 December 1920 – Charles Head, 50, died at Clarke's Farm after falling into a wood fire.

8 January 1921 – Red Triangle Whist Drive; Edith Beagley, widow, summoned over child's non-attendance at school; Mr & Mrs Forbes entertain village to tea in Village Hall for the second year.

15 January 1921 – Choral Society concert.

(YMCA) Red Triangle events chronicled nearly every week in 1921; monthly dances.

26 February 1921 – Death of Robert Gooding, 47, Lusted Farm; bought in November 1920 from the executors of Dr Sherrard; had come from Withyham, Sussex; invalid for past three years; died of beri-beri, leaving wife and six boys.

12 March 1921 – Edyth Schuster applies for ejectment order against John Elliot for non-payment of rent for Kimberley Cottage.

26 March 1921 – Georgina Burbage applies for ejectment order against Arthur Tapsell with five children of Redhouse Road, working at the chalk pit.

9 April 1921 – Advertisement for Watson Bros, fishmongers and poulterers with new premises in Emily Road open 8.30 to 7 p.m.; war memorial designed by Mr Cooper of Westerham almost ready.

16 April 1921 – Red Triangle Club included tennis, cricket, whist and dancing, football, 'heavy expenditure of providing the recreation field'; 150 members.

23 April 1921 – John Burbage, Redhouse Road in court over straying horse.

7 May 1921 – Cat belonging to J. Neale, 2 Grove Villas acting as foster mother to three rabbits

4 June 1921 – request to remove hedge at Ragg [stet] Corner to make it safer for schoolchildren.

11 June 1921 – London General and East Surrey contemplating new bus services.

2 July 1921 – Labour meeting – mainly on Ireland.

30 July 1921 – War memorial to be dedicated on 14 August; people cutting down trees on common for firewood;

20 August 1921 – War memorial unveiled by War Secretary, Sir Laming Worthington Evans. (See doc 3/8/10/1) 120 Tatsfield men had gone to war (1911 population was 826; 1921 was 832). 23 had died. Memorial designed by Paul Cooper of Westerham Hill. **PRINTED.** East Surrey Traction starts Sanderstead to Sevenoaks via Tatsfield and Sanderstead to Edenbridge via Limpsfield. Every other hour on alternate routes. **PRINTED**

27 August 1921 – Thomas and Mary Higgs summoned for occupying premises in Goatsfield Road subject to a closing order dated 25 July 1919 and belonging to an inmate of the Poor Law institution in Betchingley. Court told they had been living in 'an old dilapidated London

bus. Several had been living that way in Tatsfield. There was a shed occupied by men, and women had occupied the bus'. **PRINTED.**

1 October 1921 – Housing Troubles at Tatsfield' George Streets applied for ejectment warrant against widow Boakes; Thomas and Mary Higgs re-appear; Georgina Burbage against Arthur Tapsell. **PRINTED.**

8 October 1921 – New council cottages allocated.

15 October 1921 – Thomas and Mary Higgs case (condemned habitation in Goatsfield Road) discontinued. Couple failed to understand the outcome. **PRINTED.**

19 November 1921 – Matilda Hannon summoned over rates debt.

3 December 1921 – Advertisement for the Herald from Watson Bros fishmongers and poulterers; Mr Melvill's picture exhibition at Potters corner. Local talent review at Village hall. **PRINTED**

10 December 1921 – PC meeting – school corner to be widened; no support for extending water main from Johns Road to Old Lane; police reject idea of second constable (population not large enough).

17 December 1921 – District road schemes to relieve unemployment include widening of Approach Road - £4700 over 12 weeks; opposition but carried. **PRINTED**

24 December 1921 – James Adams, ex headmaster, Westcombe, summoned for not sending his children to school (now teacher in LCC).

31 December 1921 – Mr & Mrs Hitchcock's little daughter dead following closely on 'recent trouble'; children's entertainment in Paynesfield Hall.

14 January 1922 – Rumour that road scheme won't proceed; the Grange broken into.

11 February 1922 – Road scheme approved; 3rd annual meeting of Red Triangle Club.

25 February 1922 – Letter from 'Tatsfield Resident' says road widening will disfigure a beauty spot.

4 March 1922 – Letter suggesting water supply more important than road widening. **PRINTED**

25 March 1922 – Spencer King, Pilgrims Farm, applies for ejectment of Welland family from Stonehurst Cottage.

1 April 1922 – no interest in cricket this year.

29 April 1922 – 'Coon concert' – record audience

6 May 1922 – Strike averted at road works; row over wage cut.

13 May 1922 – Prosecution of van dwellers. **PRINTED**

27 May 1922 – Meeting on possibility of electric light.

17 June 1922 – Alfred Stevens alleged to have threatened his mother over a caravan on a plot in Ninehams Road.

24 June 1922 – Red Triangle in debt.

1 July 1922 – Mrs Henry Williams tries to evict Bonwicks from Redhouse Lane; Alfred Stevens in court over Green by-laws. **PRINTED**

22 July 1922 – PC talking to DC about £100 bequeathed by Mr Joyce Thomas for the upkeep of Tatsfield and Westmore Greens. £50 available – replace dead or damaged trees, seats etc – referred to Greens Committee.

5 August 1922 – Mr Joyce Thomas not dead – now visiting Tatsfield from St Vincent Islands where he is a judge.

14 October 1922 – Tatsfield handyman by the name of Edgington awarded 10/= expenses for appearing as a witness in Oxted court case against a Woldingham man. **PRINTED**

14 October 1922 – PC deals with Ninehams Road caravan obstruction.

4 November 1922 – Samuel Bolton, worker at Park Farm, (known by his facial disfigurement) found dead after being kicked by a horse at the entrance to a field. **PRINTED**

11 November 1922 – Mr Goodacre lets Red Triangle Club have Paynesfield Hall for the junior section of the Club.

25 November 1922 – ‘Play of the Season’ – best performance ever seen at Tatsfield **PRINTED**

2 December 1922 – PC accepts Joyce Thomas offer of King Edward VII Memorial Garden and £100; 31-day old gipsy child suffocates in caravan at Hill Park.

9 December 1922 – Tatsfield Choral Society performs in Parish Hall.

23 December 1922 – Edward Geary before Oxted magistrates over land dispute in Parkwood Road. **PRINTED** (Poor quality) Summoned for malicious damage to a fence belonging to George Thatcher of Wandsworth and, with others, over assault on Thatcher and Winkworth Harbourne. Dispute over plots 17 and 18. Geary claimed several next to 18 and said 17 was sold to him on 17 Aug 1894.

13 January 1923 – Fire at The Knole, residence of Rev L.W.Fearn; Alfred Ellis Preece, Ricketts Hill Road, summoned for non-payment of poor rate; John Smith, Paynesfield Road summoned for non-attendance of children at school; similar hearing for Matilda Hannen, Goatsfield Road, wife of hospitalised Metropolitan policeman.

27 January 1923 – Discussion of new club house for Working Men’s Club. **PRINTED**

3 February 1923 – Third annual meeting of Red Triangle Club.

17 February 1923 – Rev Parsons died at Tandridge – had been 24 years at Tatsfield.

24 February 1923 – Alfred Stevens fined for obstruction of road by caravan (no location).

23 March 1923 – Edyth Goodall appears before the Queen in a one act play at the Chelsea Palace.

31 March 1923 – 22 needy children given hot meals at schools during the winter.

7 April 1923 – DC declined to put 'dead end' sign at the bottom of Paynesfield Road because it's private.

21 April 1923 – Inquest into Edgar Lugton, 10 weeks, son of Mr & Mrs A Lugton of Ninehams Road – natural causes.

28 April 1923 – J.Scott Howell letter complaining that DC has not yet handed over Greens to PC; DC sub-committee visits Tatsfield to look at suggested by-pass to connect Clarks Lane with Westerham Hill.

12 May 1923 – Details of proposed by-pass road and housing. Road would be 40ft wide from the end of Emily Road to the Bromley-Westerham road through Kemsley Road to Sunningvale Avenue. It would complement the newly widened Croydon-Westerham road. It would solve the problem of access

2 June 1923 – Bonwick family troubles; Georgina Henrietta and James George Bonwick in application for separation order with allegations of cruelty – married since 1920 – drunkenness and gambling in Ship Woods – counter allegations. **PRINTED**

16 June 1923 – Bonwicks again: application adjourned **PRINTED**

23 June 1923 – Long account of fete in the grounds of Montressol (H.Miller). A Red Triangle event

30 June 1923 – Alfred Stevens, Ninehams Road, in court over children's non-attendance at school. Case dismissed – School Attendance Committee should have interviewed him before issuing a summons; Bonwick case (16 June) withdrawn; Martha Hannon non-payment of rates; Georgina Burbage, Redhouse Road, fined 30/= over dog licence.

7 July 1923 – PC meeting – '400 potholes in 200 yards of Ricketts Hill Road' (PC minutes do not contain this allegation); DC not in favour of new road to connect Croydon and Bromley roads.

14 July 1923 – Equitable Friendly Society trip to Hastings – Tatsfield shops closed for the day – talk of 'Tatsfield by the Sea' by organiser, Mr Faires.

4 August 1923 – F.G. Kellaway, former PMG, living at The Lodge, Westerham Hill.

8 September 1923 – DC can't find 'a single pothole' in Ricketts Hill Road – tarred in 1909 – four roads discharging into Old Lane which is damaged by flood – green is one of the boundaries.

29 September 1923 – Red Triangle starts winter entertainments in the Parish Hall.

17 November 1923 – Possible bypass road for Titsey Hill discussed at DC; Mr Keeble, Manor House dies at 85.

24 November 1923 – William Gillatt, naval pensioner of 33 yrs service applies for possession of Emily Road cottage occupied by George Burbage.

22 December 1923 – Mrs Matilda Hannon accused of Poor Rate arrears – husband ex Metropolitan policeman living in London ‘had treated her badly’ and was suffering from cancer – case adjourned.

19 January 1924 – Mrs Hannon case adjourned again.

2 February 1924 – Leonard Davey, Old Lane, enters RAF; J Elbourne, Emily Road, badly hurt in scaffolding collapse while working at Biggin Hill aerodrome.

9 February 1924 - Working Men’s Club AGM – 101 members; not expedient to build new clubhouse; purchase of present headquarters had been completed – ‘block of buildings’; children’s play performed at Parish Hall under the direction of Mrs O’Reilly; cast list included Kathleen Potter, Eileen Watson, Dorothy Tapsell, Mary Beagley, Douglas Potter, Frank Watson, Leslie Longley **PRINTED**

16 February 1924 – Tommy Vincent’s wife’s death.

15 March 1924 – J Mullins retires after 35 years as postmaster, succeeded by P J Parker, Westmore Green

5 April 1924 – Planning approval for cloak room at Village Hall and extensions to Junes Close (Mrs Schuster).

19 July 1924 – French pilot from Brooklands force-lands in field by church; assisted by visitor to take off again for Paris. Red Triangle tennis tournament at the Rectory.

7 March 1925 – First meeting of Women’s Institute – 40-50 members already.

14 March 1925 – three-hour wireless concert organised by Red Triangle Club at Parish Hall.

16 May 1925 – Fund-raising by Red Triangle Club for a pavilion.

18 July 1925 – Old GR’s reunion – had served at Botley Farm in WW1.

22 August 1925 – PC meeting – call to fill in the pond; poor rate collection; litter problem in Paynesfield and Emily Roads; alleged footpath diversion at Rag Hill; discussion of seats in Church Hill and Chalk Lane; East Surrey Traction letter about improving bus service between Croydon and Tatsfield. **PRINTED**

3 Oct 1925 Complete paper- Robinson wedding - **3/7/2/19**

9 Jan 1926 Fire at PJ Parker, grocer - £200-£300 damage. **PRINTED**

23 Jan 1926 Advertisement for W.H. Gillatt, Chimney Sweep, Emily Road – carpet beating and window cleaning. P.J. Parker sues Constance Dickinson, late of Tanglands for £12 unpaid goods. Husband had left her in July 1925 – his debt – she was with mother in Romford.

30 Jan 1926 Southern Heights Railway station expected to be near Parish Hall – suggestion of a bridge instead.

6 Feb 1926 Red Triangle Club annual meeting – Paynesfield Hall had been sold. – suggested that it should become the Tatsfield Village Social Club.

27 Feb 1926 Public meeting on Southern Heights Light Railway. **PRINTED**

27 Mar 1926 Mrs P J Parker injured on motorcycle at Furze Corner.

10 Apr 1926 Godstone RDC hostile to new railway. **PRINTED**

8 May 1926 Advertisement for the Preparatory School, Ricketts Hill Tatsfield – very healthy situation – 650ft above sea level – School hours: 9.30 to 3.45 – Car takes pupils from Westerham to the school daily – games – weekly boarders taken – Headmaster F.G.Meakin M.A. Camb

29 May 1926 Car overturned on the bend at Tatsfield Court Farm - driver killed.

31 Jul 1926 Alfred Bonwick, Goddards Cottages fined for swearing.

7 Aug 1926 Burglar caught with no shoes on at The Nook, Ricketts Hill. Resident returned to find house had been burgled – burglar was hiding without shoes behind the settee and gave himself up. **PRINTED**

27 Aug 1926 Albert Hooker of Westerham married Alva Jonsson of Woodside.

11 Sep 1926 Jesse Moss of 'Mossdene' Goatsfield Road, commits suicide near Lusted Farm.

11 Dec 1926 Leonard Schuster, Junes Close, Goatsfield Road, summoned Ellen Raymond (next door) for using obscene language.

25 Dec 1926 Horticultural, Fur and Feather Society.

5 Feb 1927 Leslie Alexander Bryce, Paynesfield Road, in Bankruptcy Court – loose cover maker in Gt Portland St.

12 Mar 1927 **Death of Edward Higgs** – a 30-year-old character – at Bletchingley Infirmary. He and his brother Arthur had been taken from their home after being found with pneumonia and (brother) inflamed leg. *'The chorus: 'We are the Tatsfield Boys' revered by the Tatsfield footballers and working men, was never more lustily sung than when led by poor 'Tater' Higgs'*.

9 Apr 1927 Edgar William Cutbush, 17, of 1 Ninehams Road killed on bicycle on Limpsfield Road where reconstruction of highway is underway.

14 May 1927 Electric light suggested for Parish Hall.

30 Jul 1927 Ad for Tatsfield Garden Show Aug 1st – Parish Hall – dancing in the evening.

13 Aug 1927 F G Meakin leaves Ricketts Hill School – succeeded by Col & Mrs Norman Martyn.

31 Dec 1927 24 hours of snow

7 Jan 1928 Oil and candle supplies exhausted last week with no sign of a thaw. No vehicle had entered Tatsfield since Christmas Day, and it was expected to be another week before the snow heavers would open the Croydon Road. Complaint that mail had been held at Sevenoaks 29/12-4/1 but could have gone to Oxted via London. Then thaw and floods **3/7/20**

14 Jan 1928 report on Col. Martyn's plans to expand Rosedene School from preparatory to secondary school. (Poor quality image) 3/7/2/21

21 Jan 1928 Mr Miller allow use of Manor Hse for carpentry classes by Miss Prichard. Light railway tenders "looked healthy"

28 Jan 1928 Mr Potter's rooms used for functions *Feb 7 1903 (25 years ago feature) Death of Thomas Berry - Home Cottage*

4 Feb 1928 Infant Welfare Centre, Working Men's Club, Pantomime - Mrs O'Reilly - Forty Thieves

11 Feb 1928 3rd anniv WI, soccer

18 Feb 1928 School WMC Social

25 Feb 1928 Tea room theft - 21 days in prison for taking cardigan. Farmer Robinson knocked down and injured by car at school cross-roads 3/7/2/22
Mar 7 1903 (25 years ago feature) Letter from Howard Wilkins of Ken Court reporting establishment of telegraph office in Jan 1898

3 Mar 1928 Wedding of Alfred son of Stephen Beagley Mar 17 Tatsfield Industrial Exhibition 3/7/2/23 *4 Apr 1903 (25 years ago feature) Water supply at PC*

17 Mar 1928 Tatsfield Industrial Exhibition – list of names– sale of crafts. 3/7/2/23

31 Mar 1928 Tennis courts will be open April 18th. Arthur Pescud of Kemsley Rd in Oxted Court for not sending his children to school regularly. Claimed muddy road as reason.

7 Apr 1928 Ad for Rosedene School - Co-ed PNEU Boys & Girls 5-17. *25 Apr 1903 (25 years ago feature) Censure vote on water supply April 17 school history of Tatsfield article 3/7/2/24*

5 May 1928 Death of Phillip Skinner who had farmed on Titsey for 70 yrs

12 May 1928 Harold George Payne died 47 - Fernlee Old Lane - member of Hortic and Red Triangle Club.

14 Jul 1928 Five charabancs chartered by H Neale for trip to Hastings

4 Aug 1928 Ladies ankle competition at WI

12 Aug 1928 (From Hooker's Household Almanac, Diary and Directory) Arthur Hooker married Winifrid Skinner of Tatsfield Court

18 Aug 1928 S Gordon Brown allowed by RDC to cross Tatsfield Gm with drive to new house. Tin dumping on green. Alfred Stevens accused of assaulting Ernest Duddy, Crows Nest, Old Lane – guilty.

1 Sep 1928 Robert Longley collided with coal lorry at jnct Paynesfield/Crossways

22 Sep 1928 Tangland Castle garage broken into - dynamo - (Mr Louis Pugh

3 Oct 1928 Godstone RDC notified of East Sy Bus Route 33 Caterham, Woldingham Tatsfield, Westerham Hill

20 Oct 1928 Titsey murder case

27 Oct 1928 Ernest Mayes married by special licence to Ethel Duddy

10 Nov 1928 Rev Popham goes.

28 Nov 1928 Tatsfield Rector's Goodbye after 14 years – **Rev Popham – Westerham Herald 10 Nov 1928** – chairman of Red Triangle Club in WW1 – see **postcard** – Ceremony in village hall presided over by Sir Henry Theobald. See 3/8/7/6

8 Dec 1928 Sub postmaster knocked down by Joe Standing on m/c Dec 22 New rector - Rogers

29 Dec 1928 William Rushen injured on m/c.

1928??? Mr Hammond **re history** written by the school; lecture to Westerham Arts and Crafts Society at WI hall; showed examples of fossilised shark's teeth; school gift to Rev Popham

1928???? report of **Mr Hammond and school history of Tatsfield** refers to scale models of schoolhouse as it was in 1880 made by J Westbrook, a scholar, in 1896. Original dame school room still in use – mainly of flint standing out from additions of 1895, 1901 and 1911.

5 Jan 1929 William Thomas Gardiner charged with stealing linen from Woodside, Maesmaur Road, where he was the tenant. Case dismissed. --- Edna (7) and Edwin (14) Cutbush of Council Cottages died – no reason given.

9 Mar 1929 PC concerned about 'shack' buildings and calls for land alongside Parish Hall or on the east side of Paynesfield Road to be a recreation ground 'under the Town Planning Scheme'. Church services in Parish Hall on Sunday evenings – more central.

20 Apr 1929 Labour Party meeting at Potters Tea Rooms

27 Apr 1929 Death of William (Walter??) Longley, 48, butcher of Westmore Green – chairman of local branch of Tunbridge Wells Equitable Society for nine years. --- Godstone RDC takes powers to deal with 'hut' in Johns Road.

18 May 1929 Guides and Brownies clean up litter.

8 June 1929 Edward Warren, Oakdene, Old Lane breaks leg in Church Lane in collision with car driven by J McTaggart, Cooleen, Ship Hill.

20 Jul 1929 Overhead lines and motorcyclists **PRINTED** -- Old Fashioned Fair held at Rectory, opened by Lady Hankey – call to extend new Cudham sewer to serve Tatsfield.

27 Jul 1929 Death of **Edyth Goodall** (Mrs L.F.Schuster) – 47 – actress owning at Junes Close, Goatsfield Road – she apparently loved the 'quiet and simple' surroundings and once described the village as the 'most beautiful place on earth'.

3 Aug 1929 Arthur Pescud, Kemsley Road, fined for not sending four children to school regularly.

24 Aug 1929 “Reds” at Tatsfield – disclaimer. Report of disturbance by people staying at Tangland Castle. Charles Esam, current occupant says they are members of the Worker’s Legion, camping in a field belonging to ‘Rest’ bungalow next to the Castle. The “Reds” had caused him annoyance.

31 Aug 1929 George Burbage accused of assaulting Georgina Lewis – his sister (Emily Road) case arose from fight between their two and three-year-old children. Case dismissed.

28 Sep 1929 Donald Lubbock alleged to have assaulted Emmie Bonsall, Sonia, Ship Hill, in dispute over tenancy. She had brandished a truncheon – case dismissed.

12 Oct 1929 Miss Kathleen Hayes provides names of clubs running motor cycle trials in Maesmaur Road.

19 Oct 1929 suicide of Richard Bastable of Tatsfield Court Farm – had been undergoing treatment for depression.

16 Nov 1929 Richard Robinson and Louisa Robinson funeral and obits – 1929 and 1952. Born in 1858 and working as a dairyman in London, Richard had taken over Park Farm in 1906. Complete list of mourners following coffin on foot from the farm to the church. Louisa was born in 1870 and died in 1952. They lived first at the White House. 1929 page also includes report of annual meeting of the Tatsfield Horticultural Fur and Feather Society with numerous names. 3/7/2/25 **TO BE RE-ORDERED**

7 Dec 1929 Clackett Cottages to be pulled down by Titsey and replaced.

1 Mar 1930 Manor House Fire. First major incident for newly-formed Westerham brigade. Reflection of fire seen from Westerham.

26 Apr 1930 Cricket Club formed ten years earlier had become defunct – new club being formed.

3 May 1930 Larger burial ground needed.

10 May 1930 Titsey had objected to merger with Tatsfield.

2 Aug 1930 Club was doing well despite the loss of some valuable members. **Offer to purchase the Club premises** accepted on condition Club could stay for 12 months.

16 Aug 1930 PC discusses need for bus service through village and railway prospects.

30 Aug 1930 Club and shops sold to Mr Spencer King, Pilgrims, Titsey.

1 Nov 1930 Tatsfield Welfare Association was set up in February 1929 to meet cases of emergency of sickness and distress in the parish. Committee felt the urgent need for a nurse in the parish. Appeal to be launched in conjunction with the Nursing Association.

8 Nov 1930; RDC looking for a public park for Tatsfield select land sold in 1905 to PMG (KE VII Memorial Garden) S Joyce Thomas abroad and to be written to. Account of the first year of the **Tatsfield Nursing Association**. Nurse Miller had dealt with 67 cases, paid 1439 visits and attended 8 maternity cases.

6 Dec 1930 Diary mention of BBC listening post.

27 Dec 1930 Changes to details of the proposed route of the Southern Heights Light Railway.

10 Jan 1931 Fire at Rosedene Ricketts Hill Road dealt with by Mr Watson and his sons with his recently-acquired fire appliance; parish boundaries review – suggestion of land swap between Titsey and Tatsfield.

7 Mar 1931 Godstone RDC had held a conference of parish representatives to discuss **county proposals** that parishes north of the Downs should be part of Caterham and Warlingham UDC. Tatsfield had objected to the proposals

8 Aug 1931 Horticultural Fur and Feather Society show.

15 Aug 1931 **Southern Heights Light Railway** proposal being revived. There was opposition in Kent to the likely 'urbanisation' impact. Tatsfield continued to be in favour of the project.

29 Aug 1931 Charles Geary – no rear light on m/c

5 Sep 1931 Deputation to East Surrey Traction re bus service.

26 Sep 1931 William Morley, the Mount, Ninehams – died of peritonitis from swallowing pepper pot lid.

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7 Nov 1931 Electricity to be installed in council houses at Council's expense.

21 Nov 1931 Choral Society revived.

19 Dec 1931 Parish Hall taken over by Surrey CC for schoolchildren for three months.

9 Jan 1932 Surrey to take over the schools. Godstone RDC asked to make up path across Westmore Green – suggestion that people should walk along the road and not use the short cut.

20 Feb 1932 100 children off school through flu – others sent home – church services cancelled.

27 Feb 1932 Tatsfield **"Ha-Penny Club" promoter sent for trial**– Elizabeth Frances Morley, the Mount, Ninehams Road (Later bound over).

2 Apr 1932 Streatham and District Motor Cycle Club organise an Easter Monday scramble at Gorse Down Farm (Mr Miles) – one of the largest crowds Tatsfield has seen. Results published.

16 Apr 1932 Graveyard extension consecrated.

30 Apr 1932 Elizabeth Morley (64) pleads guilty re "Ha-Penny Club" and is bound over for two years. ----- Sudden death of Joseph Mullins (69) of Meadow View Paynesfield Road – found unconscious in garden – first sub-postmaster when Post Office was on Westmore

Green – held position for 35 years – latterly gardener at Titsey Place. (Only son died in 1931).

21 May 1932 New Scout hut inaugurated on land provided by Leveson-Gower.

4 Jun 1932 New rules for Tatsfield Nursing Association **PRINTED**

18 Jun 1932 Mr Joyce Thomas makes a gift of KE VII Memorial Garden and willing to pay for putting garden in order - £12 according to Mr O.Mayes.

9 Jul 1932 Bus and Green Line coach crash at top of Titsey Hill on 2/7/32 – cuts – no-one to hospital.

16 Jul 1932 Greens Committee asked by residents to have pond cleaned out or filled in: H.Grove of Littledene given permission to construct entrance across Tatsfield Green.

3 Sep 1932 Members of Woolwich Equitable outing to Brighton organised by Mr Faires – 30 in charabanc.

5 Nov 1932 Godstone RDC accept offer by Mr Oswald Mayes to continue collecting rubbish for £25 p.a.

26 Nov 1932 Dr Hoffman thanks people for messages and gifts after 24 years in Tatsfield.

3 Dec 1932 201 members in Nursing Association – Watson's garage passes messages.

25 Mar 1933 Tennis hut blown into road by gale on 16 March.

15 Apr 1933 Hill Park Estate to be developed – straddles Godstone and Bromley Rds.

8 Jul 1933 Mr & Mrs A G Baker in a car which was shot at near the Hare & Hounds in Chelsham.

29 Jul 1933 - Mr H Head, the Chestnuts, Ninehams Road cleared of assaults on caravan-dwellers, Rose Anne Violet Stevens and Annie Mary Bristow, her sister. Witness for the prosecution was Arthur Edward Bristow, a caravan dweller.

2 Sep 1933 Mr S J Thomas, Puisne Judge, Kenya since 1929, appointed Chief Justice, Federated Malay States – was PC Chairman from 1906 to 1916, member of LCC for six years; contested Stoke on Trent in 1910. Was Chief Justice of St Vincent, Puisne Judge in Trinidad and member of the West Indian Court of Appeal 1921-23.

16 Sep 1933 James Standing, 73, retired.

7 Oct 1933 Green Line service started Oct 4 to Hemel Hempstead 0846 and every two hours on weekdays and from 1046 on Sundays. Last return arrives 0035.

14 Oct 1933 Building of Hill Park Estate (130ac) discussed at Drainage Board.

4 Nov 1933 Robert Miles of Gorsey Down Farm accused of stealing two milk bottles from Mrs Ellen Gooding of Lusted Farm – bound over. **PRINTED**

9 Dec 1933 Inquest into death of Brian Parham, Coolinge, Ricketts Hill Road during football at Tatsfield School. **PRINTED**

27 Jan 1934 Alfred Stevens fined £1 for obstructing Ninehams Road with caravan etc – had four plots for the past 40 years.

24 Feb 1934 PCs in Bromley RDC to be abolished and become part of Orpington UDC.

9 Jun 1934 WI to purchase their hall for £200 – had been renting at 8/6d a week.

16 Jun 1934 - **Death of Sir Henry Theobald K.C.** retired Master of the Rolls aged 87, living at Colegates.

23 Jun 1934 - **Nurse Longley wedding.** Vera Cooper marries W.G. Longley – living at Robin Lodge.

28 Jul 1934 Garage fire at the Limes.

18 Aug 1934 Mrs Gooding, Lusted Hall, takes possession of cottages rented by John Stevens – ex-employee.

1 Sep 1934 **Death of Mr H G Neale** of Pine View, Ricketts Hill Road, aged 57. Built Old Gospel Hall, now used by the WI. Preached at the hall.

17 Nov 1934 - **Alfred Stevens sent to prison for assault** on Reginald Head of the Chestnuts over the stationing of a van in Ninehams Road. Stevens given two months hard labour; Mrs Stevens fined £3 and Mrs Bristow £2.

24 Nov 1934 Edward Geary refused permission by RDC for 36 cottages in Parkwood Road.

1 Dec 1934 RDC to erect eight houses and two old people's flats.

22 Dec 1934 Fifth annual meeting of the Nursing Association.

29 Dec 1934 "Urgent need" for water supply – 12 of 39 houses written to had asked for supply.

19 Jan 1935 Death of W.H.Potter, aged 59 – ran bakery business for more than 25 years and had lived in Tatsfield for more than 31.

26 Jan 1935 Mr Geary refused permission for 36 houses.

23 Feb 1935 Recreation ground proposal for meadow adjoining the parish hall – frontage as housing suggested to RDC. **PRINTED**

30 Mar 1935 Thomas Smith, 6 Parkside Cottis, summonsed his brother-in-law, Robert Higgs, Hill Cottage, for threatening to strike him. Dismissed.

6 Apr 1935 Plan to relay St Paul's Jubilee service to Westmore Green. Tea, sports and fireworks also planned for May 6.

11 May 1935 Report on Tatsfield Silver Jubilee celebration. **PRINTED**

25 May 1935 Only half the £42 raised for the Jubilee was spent – rest to be used for formation of Society for the Preservation of the Amenities of Tatsfield.

13 Jul 1935 Funeral of Mrs Goodall who had died at Mosscroft at the age of 89 after 10 years in Tatsfield. Mr Schuster was son-in-law.

27 Jul 1935 Public meeting votes for street lighting.

3 Aug 1935 Parish Council suggests to RDC that the pond be filled in.

10 Aug 1935 Report on Tatsfield Horticultural fur and Feather Society's Bank Holiday show.

17 Aug 1935 John Stevens committed for trial at the Old Bailey on two charges of a grave nature.

31 Aug 1935 Minister asked RDC if there was land suitable for development other than at Parkwood Road where Mr Geary had been refused permission for 36 houses on the grounds that building would be restricted pending the coming into operation of the General Interim Development Order. RDC said there was Paynesfield Road, a large field behind the Ship Hotel and 6 acres purchased by the RDC for £100 an acre on the north side of Westmore Green for working class houses. **PRINTED**

31 Aug 1935 RDC offered quarry at the western end of Chestnut Avenue for £100.

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22 Nov 1935 Leehirst, Maesmaur Road destroyed by fire.

13 Dec 1935 Sabena air crash **PRINTED**

27 Dec 1935 article on the **church poor** quality

6 Mar 1936 Annual meeting of the Nursing Association **PRINTED**

13 Mar 1936 Coldharbour Beeches swimming pool refused **PRINTED**
Also discussed at the Tatsfield Amenity Society

24 Apr 1936 Meeting of League of Nations Union **PRINTED**

1 May 1936 Inquest into death of sidecar passenger during tests in White Lane by Wickham Motor Club.

19 Jun 1936 Anonymous 14 yr old girl in court for stealing and her father for receiving a ring and a watch from a house where she was a servant.

10 Jul 1936 Suicide at Kemscoth, Kemsley Road of Walter Jones – coal merchant - of Thornton Heath. Wife travelled to their weekend property after he failed to return home and found him hanging in the garden. Police called by Mr James O'Reilly of Mosscoft; Godstone RDC considers plan for automatic telephone exchange at Tatsfield.

17 Jul 1936 Amenities Society meets (Darwell-Smith, Sec apols) FP across Westmore Green to PO; widening of Ship Hill; bus shelter discussed.

14 Aug 1936 Florence Lugton (23) accused of stealing a table cloth from former employer.

13 Nov 1936 644 electors registered for Tatsfield; Alice Mullins (51) of Beaufort, Paynesfield Road died – daughter in law of the late Joseph Mullins, postmaster for many years.

27 Nov 1936 According to Mr Geary, RDC plans for new road from Rag Hill and proposed road through Parkwood.

18 Dec 1936 Improvements to be made at Hitchcock's Corner. DARTFORD TUNNEL ACT 1930

22 Jan 1937 Horace Wing, bus conductor, 17 Westmore Road, accused of theft of a garden roller from Tanglands. James Elbourne – Ashridge Road? - looked after garden for Mr Harvey.

5 Feb 1937 Wing charge dismissed.

12 Feb 1937 Only seven people at meeting to discuss coronation celebrations

19 Feb 1937 Coronation meeting – committee formed – surplus from George V Jubilee Committee would be used and PC would earmark £30. **PRINTED**

19 Mar 1937 New councillors – Dr Bright Bannister and Mr Bee – objections to election by show of hands; main drainage, commemorative bus shelter; new retaining wall around the pond; people living in huts and converted buses discussed. **PRINTED** Talk of sewer for Ricketts Hill Road; monthly refuse collection to continue for another year – dump at Worms Heath; 200 coronation souvenir mugs to be bought.

26 Mar 1937 Physical training display in Parish Hall.

16 Apr 1937 Mr O.Mayes gets the tender for refuse collection £30 for 12 months; complaint about unsightly telegraph poles.

30 Apr 1937 Barn fire at Lusted Hall Farm.

7 May 1937 Coronation programme – 10.00 children's sports; 12.45 carnival; 3 pm dedication of bus shelter; 4 tea for adults; 4.45 tea for children; 5 sports for adults; 7 presentation of prizes; 9 dance.

28 May 1937 22 caravans parked at White Lane/Chestnut Avenue.

11 Jun 1937 objection to electricity poles in Manor Road

18 Jun 1937 Noisy campers on Gorsey Down Farm. **PRINTED**

16 Jul 1937 Motorcyclist killed in collision with a lorry in Lusted Hall Lane at the top of the hill at the end of the council cottages; Special Constables TJ Watson (Section leader) A Faires and W Lugton.

23 Jul 1937 Coal lorry overturned in Rag Hill Road – relief lorry collided with a third lorry via Church Hill.

20 Aug 1937 Thomas Higgs, 19 Old Lane summonsed for assault by step father Benjamin Smith of 6 Parkside Cotts – dismissed; plans for Southern Heights Light Railway dropped.

3 Sep 1937 Suggestion of provision of a playing field to the rear of Westmore Green council houses.

1 Oct 1937 Col and Mrs Wyatt leave for London after 12 years.

15 Oct 1937 South Street chapel (of interest because of the mis-identification of image CHA 1/31 thought to have been of what is now the WI hall in Paynesfield Road) **PRINTED**

29 Oct 1937 Letter complaining about delay in getting main drainage.

5 Nov 1937 George Lewis, Council Cottages Lusted Lane in court over non-attendance at school by his child. 1/= fine.

19 Nov 1937 'A happy party at the Silver Jubilee Celebrations on Wednesday of the Tatsfield Agency of the Tunbridge Wells Equitable Friendly Society' – same image as PEE 6/29 1a **PRINTED**

26 Nov 1937 Feature on the history of the Working Men's Club with picture of senior members. **PRINTED**

17 Dec 1937 Public Inquiry into the widening of Ricketts Hill. Mr G.E.Wicking – goat breeder – objecting. **PRINTED**

24 Dec 1937 Westerham Green playing field to be harrowed – rear of council cottages; Leslie Streatfeild, presented with a cheque by NFU for tackling a dog which had been worrying sheep. 80 to 85 bottles of milk being distributed at the school

31 Dec 1937 letter from H.J. Brazier, Kingsdown, Ricketts Hill Road, supporting widening. Says he counted 400 vehicles using the road in 10 hours. **PRINTED**

7 Jan 1938 Chairman and Clerk to act with the authority of the County in dealing with gypsies on the Hill Park Estate. **PRINTED**

14 Jan 1938 Talk by A G Baker (PC Chairman) at Social Club on the history of Tatsfield. Asserts that the two Domesday manors were Colegates and Tatsfield Court. **PRINTED**

21 Jan 1938 Ship sign blown down: Mrs Goring – ex Neville House – died.

11 Feb 1938 Pitiful condition of Old Lane – PC.

25 Feb 1938 Henry Theobald – Colegates – had died in 1936 at the age of 87. Lady Winifred now dead.

4 Mar 1938 Joan Sales, of The Laurels, Hillside Road – kitchen maid at Crockham Hill – fatally (11 Mar 1938) burned in accident at work.

18 Mar 1938 Fresh call from Miss A Watson, Rosemonte, for main drainage.

8 Apr 1938 Suggestion that the church needs a pulpit and that the organ should be moved; Dennis Sales, 17, The Laurels, bound over for thefts from Robert Miles – milkman etc.

22 Apr 1938 Death of Dr Bright Banister dies at 58 – Harley Street obstetric surgeon in London, who had owned the Manor House since the end of the 1920s. **PRINTED See also doc 1/7/35 Manor House Fire 1930 Westerham Herald Picture of fire**

29 Apr 1938 PC meeting dominated by 'camper' problems at Easter; Old Lane flooding; Ship Hill from Cooleen to Hitchcock's Corner to be widened from 5 to 6 ft; kerbing of bus shelter island, bakery triangle and parts of Westmore Road to be undertaken.

6 May 1938 Three summonses for illegal caravans at Clackets Hill; J.Elbourne, Johns Road, finds coin from 491-518AD in his garden – confirmed by British Museum; plans for more seating in the church.

13 May 1938 Old Lane being resurfaced.

27 May 1938 Ronald Skinner, linesman, of Stonehurst, Maesmaur Road killed while working on overhead line in Hurst Green – brother of John Hollamby Skinner, The Firs, Maesmaur Road. Evidence given to the inquest by Eric Mitchell, Firsdale, Tatsfield, foreman. Accidental death, climbing iron was blunt. **PRINTED**

3 Jun 1938 Dr Irene Christison away for two weeks for knee operation.

17 Jun 1938 Church pageant planned for the end of the month – various historical tableaux.

8 Jul 1938 Petition from Greenways and Shaw Road for mains water supply.

15 Jul 1938 Church pageant to be held at the Hermitage on July 30th.

5 Aug 1938 Detailed account of horticultural show; Pageant of Christianity at Tatsfield - picture. **PRINTED**

19 Aug 1938 Wyscan, Ricketts Hill Road hit by lightning – chimney and roof damage.

2 Sep 1938 Accident and wedding of Rev Goundry in road accident on the way out of Tatsfield for his wedding at Chaldon. Golden Wedding of Mr & Mrs Billson, Plumtrees, Ricketts Hill **PRINTED**

23 Sep 1938 Dr Darwell-Smith, the Grange, builds air-raid shelter in his grounds.

30 Sep 1938 Air raid precautions progressing – 900 respirators available in Tatsfield; Neighbours – William Burdis and H.W.Wing, Westmore Cottages in court over unlicensed radios **PRINTED**

14 Oct 1938 Death of Edith Kent (55) wife of Gilbert Kent of Kenlea (next to Village Hall), former Surrey policeman who retired on ill health grounds and started coal and haulage business on Westmore Green and whose health failed in 1936. Daughter lives in China.

25 Nov 1938 No mains water for Greenway and Shaw Road.

2 Dec 1938 Olive Irons (related to Jeremy Irons???), Tall Trees, takes builder to court for poor work. **PRINTED**

9 Dec 1938 Golden wedding of Mr & Mrs Stephen Beagley, 3 Parkside Cottages aged 78 and 73 – remember when there was only one shop and meat came once a week, walked to Croydon to shop, he walked to Nutfield to work.

23 Dec 1938 Tapsell neighbour dispute in court – Ruby Tapsell alleged to have damaged hedge belonging to Stanley Irving (31) of Westmore Cottages. Various other issues – case dismissed. **PRINTED**

30 Dec 1938 Snow over Christmas meant Mr Miles delivering milk with a horse-drawn sledge; no buses; Frank Watson covered 600 miles in 8 days but never went more than 10 miles away on local runs in the snow.

17 Mar 1939 Fire at Tatsfield Cottage.

28 Apr 1939 Protests about filthy language at Gorsey Down Farm; discussion of whether a parish hall, in addition to the church hall, was needed. **PRINTED**

28 Jul 1939 Annual meeting of the Tatsfield Society

1 Sep 1939 11 volunteers wanted for the Auxiliary Fire Service.

8 Sep 1939 90 mothers and children received under the Government's evacuation scheme.

8 Sep 1939 PC meeting lasted only 15 minutes – suggestion that meetings should now be held only when necessary.

24 Nov 1939 Tatsfield telephone exchange now automatic.

29 Dec 1939 Sisters Florence and Edna Higgs marry on same day.

5 Jan 1940 Maurice Austin, 18, Plum Tree Cottage, Goatsfield Rd accused of stealing 10/= note from employer.

19 Jan 1940 Wm Crocker, Beulah Cottage – blackout offence; Robert Puttick, Eba (Ebor) Cottage, Paynesfield – not sending child to school – in court.

9 Feb 1940 Club affected by the war – ten members now in the services – 80 left.

16 Feb 1940 Plan for four farm workers' houses to the rear of Westmore Cottages.

8 Mar 1940 Rev Goundry fined for blackout offence.

15 Mar 1940 Report of the Nursing Association AGM. Treasurer, S Compton Skinner anxious about falling off of subscriptions. No tennis tournament would reduce income. Chairman Dr Gilbert Cope. 139 cases treated in 1939 including two maternity and nine midwifery. 2212 visits – seven a day. Dr I Christison had donated medical appliances. **PRINTED**

22 Mar 1940 Death of Charles E. Lawrence of Argovie, 69. Interested in the football club, the recent pageant. Reader and editor for the publisher John Murray; co-editor of the 'Quarterly Review'; secretary of the Savage Club. Left a widow, two daughters and two sons, one now with the BEF.

19 Apr 1940 Miss Kelly, Maybank, member of Institute of Linguists – ad for pupils – French, Italian, elementary German and Spanish.

26 Apr 1940 Seven allotment plots vacant.

3 May 1940 2Lt A E McDonald, Tatsfield Cottage, Rifle Brigade. Stoker T.W. Standing on HMS Eskimo. No Tatsfield horticultural show – most people growing for quantity.

10 May 1940 Death of John Scott of Mara Villas aged 81. Born in Scotland, served with the Royal Ulster Rifles for 21 years. Discharged as RSM in the Boer War but re-joined for another seven years. Moved to Tatsfield in 1907. Club officer at the time it built new

premises. Parish Clerk for 25 years until 1932 and was then co-opted until 1937. **PRINTED**
Son, CPO Scott in RN.

26 Jul 1940 L/Cpl Eric Mitchell, Paynesfield Road – PoW.

2 Aug 1940 Call for air raid shelters at Parkside Cottages and Westmore Cottages despite 'non-vulnerable area' designation.

4 Oct 1940 Otto Gustine Goring, Neville House, fined £1 for driving without a licence in Westerham. Expired 16 July – forgot to renew.

25 Oct 1940 Provisional OK for shelter.

1 Nov 1940 Mrs I Parker killed and Mr P Parker – former postmaster – killed in air raid at their new home. (Succeeded by Mr Firrell and then WJ Harris, now the postmaster.

6 Dec 1940 2/Lt WH Dohie – lived in Tatsfield for the past two years – awarded MC. See 3/8/5/6.

20 Dec 1940 John Cooper, at No 21, Henry Shrubbs, No 8, Charles Edwin Gibbs, No 20, George Burbage, No 1 fined for not having dog licences.

27 Dec 1940 James Elbourne, builder, fined £10 for possession of military equipment (unspecified) – claimed to be security for a loan to a soldier.

3 Jan 1941 Air raid shelter completed

7 Feb 1941 Death of William Lugton - ran stores on Ship Hill from 1908; founder of Tunbridge Wells Friendly Society; Special Constable; church warden. **PRINTED**.....

9 May 1941 RDC Committee says three caravans on Gorse Down Farm have to go.

6 Jun 1941 Two caravans granted at Gorse Down Farm for two months; Mr Brown of White Cottage refused permission to use land at the rear of Westmore Cottages for Youth Service Squad sports – food production has priority.

29 Aug 1941 Pte James Hines RAOC in court over absence from unit. Confusion over compassionate leave to help look after smallholding. **PRINTED**

5 Sep 1941 Hines' leave was OK.

31 Oct 1941 Snooker in gas masks is the latest novelty in the Working Men's Club at tournament in aid of the Red Cross.

21 Nov 1941 Caravan licence granted in Goatsfield Road to Mr W Fleming of Ewell until 30 Sept 1944; Watson Golden Wedding; Mr Watson 75 – in Tatsfield since August 1919 after 28 years in the London Fire Brigade. Previously nine years in the Royal Navy. **PRINTED**.

28 Nov 1941 Photo of Watson Golden Wedding.

12 Dec 1941 Death of Henry Streets, 75 of Lusted Lane, succeeded a few years earlier by his son at Church Farm occupied by his father and family for past 70 years.

30 Jan 1942 Working Men's Club has 96 members of whom 20 are in the forces.

13 Mar 1942 Report of the wedding of Pam Lugton and Peter Hallam.

20 Mar 1942 Douglas Lewis of 1 Red House Road remanded over altered Road Fund Licence which he said he found in the street.

3 Apr 1942 PC discusses lack of bus; residents had failed to build blast walls with material provided.

1 May 1942 Announced at APM that a bus will leave for Croydon every day at 7.45 a.m.; five allotments still vacant. Report of concert in aid of the Red Cross – “riotous fun”. **PRINTED**

15 May 1942 Fire at the rear of the Post Office (W.J. Harris postmaster); two lots of stabling and a large barn practically destroyed; prompt action by Frank Watson and local firefighters prevented fire spreading but the electric lampshade manufacturing area of Mr Dagois was destroyed as were nearly a dozen cars. **PRINTED**

19 Jun 1942 The Walden – bungalow in Paynesfield Road – burned down. Property of Edith Lanchester, mother of Elsa Lanchester, wife of Charles Laughton, the actor. She used to stay when using a studio for arts and crafts nearby.

26 Jun 1942 WVS to open rest centre at Tatsfield Council School.

3 Jul 1942 L/Cpl Ian Montieth (30), RMP missing in the Middle East.

10 Jul 1942 2/Lt P.E.Groves, Liscombe, Ricketts Hill, killed in the Middle East.

17 Jul 1942 Ian Montieth located and safe with his unit.

9 Oct 1942 Death of W Coker Iliffe at Moorcroft (his private home), Farleigh Common – PC member since 1938.

13 Nov 1942 Death of Miss Ellen Crane (77) – family associated with Tatsfield for 100 years; cottage in which she died had been in the family’s possession for 93 years – built by the family which at one time conducted the only shop in the village.

Discussion Group in Church Hall throughout 1942 and 1943.

8 Jan 1943 Air Commodore Whitney Straight, 29, American millionaire, shot down in RAF raid in France in August 1941 had escaped from German PoW camp and was serving in the Middle East. With Lady Daphne Straight he lived at the Manor House at the beginning of the war. Awarded the MC when wounded in Norway; had been a racing motorist at Brooklands and in 1934 had founded a chain of airports and flying schools in Britain.

22 Jan 1943 Joyce Beagley, 3, fatally scalded. With her twin sister was in the kitchen after her mother, Edith, 26, had put a bowl of boiling water on the table. Death by misadventure.

29 Jan 1943 Working Men’s Club has 92 members – 24 in the forces.

19 Feb 1943 L/Bdr C.D.Sherrard, (RC?) Furze Corner, prisoner in Italy. He and his brother had been working in South Africa before the war.

16 Apr 1943 Anonymous letter complaining that ‘city’ firewatching is inappropriate for Tatsfield. Firewatchers shouldn’t all congregate in the centre and leave outlying areas vulnerable – signs of dissent within Tatsfield. **PRINTED**

30 Apr 1943 S.Whinnett, senior warden, rejects 16 April letter.

14 May 1943 Warlingham woman found hanged off Ship Hill.

21 May 1943 Display by 9th Platoon, B Company, 9th Surrey Home Guard.

18 June 1943 Sgt Michael Watson, RAF, Knole, killed in action.

25 Jun 1943 Wedding of Dvr William Henry, Canadian Expeditionary Force of Battleford and Ivy Shrubbs, 8 Westmore Cottages. See 3/8/7/10

13 August 1943 Death of William Standing, 77, Springfield Cottage.

29 Oct 1943 Stoker Leslie Bonwick missing on HMS Limbourne, sunk in the Channel. Elder brother wounded in North Africa.

10 Dec 1943 Sgt Dion Lawrence, Argovie, missing in action.

7 Jan 1944 L/Cpl F.G. Abrams, 24, 4 Parkside Cottages missing in action; Edward Geary, 68, The Beeches Rag Hill Road, died after 20 years in Tatsfield. CWS foreman.

21 Jan 1944 Tatsfield's Centenarian – William Southgate **PRINTED**

28 Jan 1944 William Southgate's family gathering – 12 sat down to dinner. 4-man BBC team recorded him.

11 Feb 1944 Cpl Abraham painting scenery. **PRINTED**

18 Feb 1944 Discussion group worries about youth **PRINTED**

18 Feb 1944 Controversy about footpath status on OS maps **PRINTED**

5 May 1944 Death in East Grinstead of William Hawkins who was roundsman for Lugton's Stores for 15 years aged 57.

9 Jun 1944 Salute the Soldier Week launched.

14 Jul 1944 Frank and Robert Wallis-Taylor, grandsons of Tommy Vincent (former Ship landlord) serving in the Far East in RN have visited each other's ships.

21 Jul 1944 John Skinner's adventures in India **PRINTED**

11 Aug 1944 Dvr E.T. Lugton prisoner in Germany.

22 Sep 1944 Death of Mrs O'Reilly **PRINTED**

29 Sep 1944 PoW FI Lt Harris – son of shopkeepers (The Parade) in Stalag Luft III passed RSA exams in Spanish and French.

6 Oct 1944 V1 map **PRINTED**

13 Oct 1944 Weekly cinema starts in Church Hall.

17 Nov 1944 Death of **Fanny Knight** of Sparrows Hern, Old Lane. **PRINTED**

17 Nov 1944 Death of Trooper Gordon Streets, Royal Armoured Corps – wounded several times previously – had been a sergeant in the West Kents. **PRINTED**

24 Nov 1944 Roll of Honour' tribute to Trooper Streets **PRINTED**; Cpl Sydney Abraham RASC has sketches published in "Forces Sketch Book" – garrisoned in Syria.

15 Dec 1944 Marine Leslie Streatfield DSM – parents at Monk's Cottage.

19 Jan 1945 Death of George Beagley, brother of James formerly of Clarks Lane Farm, aged 75 and born in Tatsfield. Served 21 years in the Royal Marines; captured as a sergeant in WW1; lived with brother and lately at Cooleen.

2 Feb 1945 William Southgate's celebrates his 101st birthday. **PRINTED**

9 Feb 1945 Lt Harris returns from Stalag Luft 3 **PRINTED**

9 Feb 1945 – L/Cpl Sansom, Royal Signals, dies of illness in India, son of Hilda; Working Men's Club prospering – new heating boiler. **PRINTED**

16 Feb 1945 Death of Commander Pepperell, RN, 84 of Hazeldene – one of group of veterans who appeared in a group photograph before WW2.

2 Mar 1945 Lt Anthony E L Schuster, only son of Leonard F Schuster (23) killed in Italy.

18 May 1945 More than 100 Tatsfield men serving in the forces; two decorated; three killed; five sons of residents killed; Miss Irons, civilian casualty when Tatsfield home hit (Greenacres in Chestnut Avenue?). **PRINTED**

25 May 1945 Victory celebrations – sports fete on Westmore Green – tea in Church Hall – bonfire – fireworks. **PRINTED**

29 Jun 1945 Mr S L Lyne, Northdown House Biggin Hill reopening at Biggin Hill on return from war service.

20 Jul 1945 Roof fire at Rose Cottage Parkwood Rd

14 Sep 1945 Sgt S Abraham and Gnr Robert Standing on leave from Middle East and Europe.

26 Oct 1945 William Southgate dies **PRINTED** – buried at St Michael's Wandsworth where he had been a sidesman for 60 years.

16 Nov 1945 Sgt Jack Skinner RAF back from India.

25 Jan 1946 LATE MR VICTOR ROBERTS Sympathy is felt for Mr and Mrs Roberts of Redhurst (sic) Road Tatsfield, in the loss of their elder son, Victor, at the age of 19. Suddenly taken ill last week, he was removed to St John's Hospital Redhill, where he died on Sunday. He had only recently returned from a voyage with the Merchant Navy. After leaving school he was for some years employed by Mr Bristow, butcher, Tatsfield, and his ready smile and pleasant manners made him a popular figure in and around Tatsfield. **PRINTED**

8 Feb 1946 Greater London Plan discussed at Godstone RDC. Abercrombie had suggested development in Oxted and Tatsfield and a satellite town at Crowhurst. The District's first four Swedish timber houses to be erected in Tatsfield.

15 Feb 1946 Charles Clinch of No 3 and William Richards of No 1 Kent Cottages killed while walking home past Westerham gas works. (Inquest in 22 February edition)

15 Mar 1946 BBC Club members perform 'The Blue Goose' in the church hall.

31 May 1946 Main road at the top of Botley Hill being improved. 70 members of Tunbridge Wells Equitable Society led by Mr A.E. Faires on outing to Hastings.

7 Jun 1946 Rev Goundry resigns from Godstone RDC after saying Westmore Road effluent was harmless and did not smell. **PRINTED** Five coachloads of Tatsfield on Victory Day outing to Brighton. **PRINTED**

14 Jun 1946 Tatsfield's V-Day sports meeting cancelled by rain. Daily bus from Tatsfield Schools to Chelsham started.

21 Jun 1946 Illuminated scroll of 120 Tatsfielders who served in the war and 140 volunteers on display in the church. 706 and 707 Green Line coaches start. **PRINTED**

28 Jun 1946 Ten Swedish houses to come; trouble acquiring access strip – may need CPO. Tatsfield No 2 in order of priority for main drainage in the district.

2 Aug 1946 Mrs Skinner retires after teaching at Tatsfield School since 1899.

9 Aug 1946 Summer fete at Parents National Educational Union school, Junes Close.

4 Oct 1946 First tenants move into Swedish houses. **PRINTED**

31 Jan 1947 German prisoners helped clear Botley Hill and access to Tatsfield in snow – Tatsfield had been cut off for a day in 1946.

14 Feb 1947 Death of James Honey, 87, who had lived in the same house on Westmore Green for 54 years. Two sons lost in WW1. 50 signature petition for extension of East Grinstead to Oxted bus service mentioned at Oxted Parish Council. Mr W.H.Dothie succeeds Miss Kelly as TPC clerk.

11 Apr 1947 A white silk festal altar frontal and pall given by parishioners in memory of the six Tatsfield men who gave their lives in the recent war, was dedicated by the Rector, the Rev W.E. Goundry at the early communion service on Easter Sunday.

1 Aug 1947 Vacant seats on the Parish Council; tobacco consumption at the Working Men's Club down by a third after tax rises. **PRINTED**

22 Aug 1947 Football Club now to use school field.

3 Oct 1947 Death of Mary Ann Watson, 74, who came to Tatsfield from Camberwell when her husband retired from the London Fire Brigade on 12 August 1919. No Oxted-Tatsfield bus service **PRINTED**

31 Oct 1947 PRINTED Francis Baker returns from the Royal Artillery to find his kit belongs to an ATS girl – they marry in Newcastle.

7 Nov 1947 PRINTED Death of W.C.McDonald – former PC chairman.

14 Nov 1947 Death of Tommy Vincent –former PC member and landlord of the Old Ship. **PRINTED** Frederik Frank Brown 1 Redhouse Rd won appeal against notice from RDC banning use of circular saw – ex RAF disabled 1944.

12 Dec 1947 PRINTED Mr Kerr of Charmwood, Greenway, refuses to pay £150-£200 for water main connection.

1947 – 4 pages from 1947/8/9– no doctor, no chemist .. street lighting ... drains..... Mrs Kerrison and “squalid” Tatsfield **Tatsfield Nursing Association** ... footpaths Controversy over role of Rev Goundry as district councillor References to Richard Church book. 3/7/2/26

28 May 1948 Only three people at Tatsfield Football Club AGM – danger of closing. R.R. May, Chairman, said that apart from Working Men’s Club and a couple of organisations like the WI, Tatsfield is pretty dead. Similar story with cricket.

11 Jun 1948 PC chairman claims junior ministerial help for **improved bus service. No doctor, dispensary or chemist in Tatsfield** after departure of Dr Pease. **PRINTED**

16 Jul 1948 Controversy at the Nursing Association over decision to offer the ‘nurse’s car’ **to Nurse Longley**– apparently the new National Health Service restricted the use of such vehicles if owned by the Association. **PRINTED**

23 Jul 1948 Tatsfield School redecorated; new sanitation; 31 senior children now sent to Warlingham.

30 Jul 1948 Report on **Tatsfield’s own Domesday Book**– account of Headmaster Hammond’s history project at the school – contains poor image of a model of the school made by J.Westbrook in 1896 **PRINTED**

20 Aug 1948 Death of Thomas Kelly, 75, of Maybank Old Lane. Commissioned in the Royal Artillery in WW1; Irish; PC clerk until WW2; had been on RDC.

29 Oct 1948 Otto Richard Goring of the Goring Hotel and Victoria Square SW whose country home was formerly Neville House, buried at Tatsfield.

19 Nov 1948 Article with poor illustrations about the controversy surrounding the description of Tatsfield as **‘squalid’** in Richard Church’s book on Kent. **PRINTED**

26 Nov 1948 George Gillies – lorry driver – jailed for three months for embezzling his employer, Charles Wedgwood, of £8/2/2d. Alfred Dagois, Gorsey Down Farm, fined after being stopped by police and found to be carrying **27 jars of cream – manufactured and sold illegally.** **PRINTED**

10 Dec 1948 No seconder for PC motion criticising ‘squalid’ comments in Richard Church’s book.

17 Dec 1948 Article lamenting that Tatsfield has **no doctor or chemist.** **PRINTED**

24 Dec 1948 Petition to PC about negative attitude of PC towards requesting an apology from Richard Church.

14 Jan 1949 Mr C.D.Irons, formerly of Tall Trees Chestnut Avenue, died on IoW – had been leading member of Home Guard (LDVs).

- 4 Feb 1949** Working Men's Club under financial pressure from the Catering Wages Act.
- 11 Feb 1949** Petition about state of drainage at Westmore Cottages and attitude of RDC.
- 11 Mar 1949** 'Battle of the Boundaries' – boundary review suggested that Tatsfield should be incorporated in Orpington Urban District Council. **PRINTED**
- 18 March 1949** PC chairman regrets acceding to government request to cut down on street lighting; Mrs Kerrison – PC member refuses to withdraw 'squalid' remark about Tatsfield; Tatsfield's drains a problem – RDC says only solution is main drainage which couldn't be done at the moment. Complaints about pumping of sewage over the gardens of council houses. **PRINTED**
- 1 Apr 1949** Prospect of more council housing in Westmore Road and Paynesfield Road. Orpington RDC drops idea of incorporating Tatsfield.
- 22 Jul 1949** Five lorry loads of rubbish removed from pond – drained by RDC – now uneven bottom covered in lime – originally said to have been a dew pond – dwarf wall built some years ago –not known whether it had a cement bottom – maybe bore hole to find out.
- 7 Oct 1949** Josephine Daphne Roberts, youngest daughter of Mr & Mrs H W Roberts 24 Westmore Cottages, Lusted Lane, married Robert Weekes, 2nd son of Weekes of Warren Barn Cottages, Chelsham – bridesmaids Lilly Weekes & Gladys Cooper. Best man J. Weekes.
- 14 Oct 1949** – feature on Miss E.W.Boon – lengthsman since 1940 – worked Surrey boundary to the top of Botley Hill with a partner – used to be four women in Godstone area doing this work – had been a Land Girl during WW2. **PRINTED**
- 4 Nov 1949** – Robert Allen Miles and Reginald Charles Tanner of 3 Sunnybank Old Lane fined for poaching.
- 6 Jan 1950** Meetings too long – PC takes umbrage at complaints by Surrey County Council that meetings at the school went beyond the booking time of 10 p.m., involving overtime payments for the caretaker. **PRINTED**
- 24 Feb 1950** Second meeting of the Tatsfield Music Circle at the Rectory.
- 3 Mar 1950** Death of Emma Honey, 91, who had lived in Tatsfield for 50 years – midwife before the arrival of a District Nurse.
- 17 Mar 1950** Parish Council hears reference to 'DC arbitrarily' taking away management of the greens. History of Village Hall discussed at a meeting which raised the possibility of it being run by trustees in future.
- 21 Apr 1950** The Shrubbs of Tatsfield – Mr (76 from Twitton) & Mrs H Shrub (born at Lusted Hall Fm) of 8 Lusted Hall Lane since it was built in 1927, settled in Tatsfield in 1896 and now have a family of 63. **PRINTED**
- 28 Apr 1950** report of major snowstorm – worse than 1926.
- 5 May 1950** Labour Party formed – Mr C Geary chairman, Miss P E Knight Sec & Treasurer
- 9 Jun 1950** Problems with school bus **PRINTED**

23 Jun 1950 Tunbridge Wells Equitable Society outing to Bognor – two coaches organised by Mr Faires.

7 Jul 1950 Four new street lights for Westmore Green and Swedish Houses.

21 Jul 1950 Tatsfield to opt out of the Festival of Britain. **PRINTED**

1 Sep 1950 RAF Meteors come to Biggin Hill – says the headline about 10th anniversary of BoB display but doesn't make it clear whether they will be stationed at BH.

8 Sep 1950 Tatsfield still not happy about school bus situation.

22 Sep 1950 Surrey Mirror – Death of Sarah Standing (91) long associated with the Gospel Hall. **PRINTED**

22 Sep 1950 Lusted Hall Lane widened at 'council houses'. **PRINTED**

22 Sep 1950 Survey of Tatsfield footpaths completed. **PRINTED**

29 Sep 1950 PC shot and wounded at Temples Stores – Biggin Hill.

6 October 1950 Refuse piling up because it is collected only once in every five weeks – weekly in Oxted; village hall origins **PRINTED**; 15 yr old Peter Rushen dies of polio.

20 Oct 1950 Tatsfield is proud of its school. **PRINTED**

15 Dec 1950 Shove'apenny. **PRINTED**

5 Jan 1951 School bus situation apparently resolved.

2 Feb 1951 Golden Jubilee of Club – T Arnold, J Elbourne and H Shrubbs were members from the start.

9 Feb 1951 PC members call for more council housing.

2 Mar 1951 Six council houses to be built.

16 Mar 1951 Not-so-Young Club launched as an 'over 60' gathering under the auspices of the WI President, Mrs N.Hodgson. with short play and community singing. **PRINTED**; **Tatsfield** Likes its Pond– APM votes 10 to 3 against filling in the pond. Mr H.Ridler and Miss D. Knight wanted it filled in to protect children; claims that the pond is an 'eyesore'. **PRINTED**

6 Apr 1951 Mrs Tapsell says Tatsfield has changed for the worse. She came from Acton aged 17 ...'it's got much much worse ... in the old days the village was one large happy family ... now everyone seems to be strangers ... and all they do is kick one another to pieces ... my father came 57 years ago because the railway was coming in five minutes ... it's still coming. She was school caretaker for more than 32 years and lives at school house. He 81 yr old husband works as a jobbing gardener and walks home to a midday meal every day. They have one son and one grandson and were married at Tatsfield on 7th April 1901. Mr Tapsell had been baptised in the church after birth in Cudham. **PRINTED**

13 Apr 1951 Working Men's Club Jubilee plans for later in the year; 174 members; children's tea; Club thought to have opened in October 1901, but records lost in a fire. It moved from its original premises in the Parade in 1929. **PRINTED**

1 Jun 1951 Trees preservation orders discussed at PC.

15 Jun 1951 'Missing Diplomat lived at Tatsfield' – Donald Maclean's defection with Guy Burgess to the Soviet Union. The Macleans and their two children came to Beaconsshaw, formerly the Grange, at the beginning of 1952. Entrance now secured against media scrum. Fewer than half a dozen Tatsfielders know the Macleans. Newsagent, Mrs Longley, convinced Donald Maclean had done nothing wrong. Mrs R. Streatfield and Mr Dick Higgs complain about media behaviour. **PRINTED**

13 Jul 1951 Youngsters doing 'wheelies' on their bikes at the junction of Lusted Hall Lane & Ricketts Hill Road.

7 Sep 1951 Fred Newell wedding reported. Working Men's Club jubilee provides Tatsfield with its liveliest post-war event; decorated club; tea in church hall; presentations etc **PRINTED**

19 Oct 1951 Horticultural Show abandoned – lack of entries.

26 Oct 1951 Final school prize-giving presided over by Mr Hammond; presentation by Mrs Frank Watson at the end of Mr Hammond's 25 years. He recalled it had been built in 1846 for £130; closed by smallpox in 1885, ink froze in the inkwells in 1918; canteen opened in 1943. **PRINTED**

9 Nov 1951 Elizabeth Cruft – presenter of 1950s BBC TV series on fashion - interviewed by Bill Dothie at WI concert.

11 Jan 1952 Lusted Lane to be Lusted Hall Lane; feature on 'Accountant General' postmaster WJ Harris for more than 20 yrs; stopped doing horticultural accounts because of bulk buying.

29 Feb 1952 Report of the funeral of Mrs Louisa Robinson. **PRINTED**

23 May 1952 'Pond is a Problem' – pond described as stagnant and unsightly a year after being cleaned out. 'Lousy', said Mr W Buck, shopkeeper of No 2 The Parade. Vegetation now covering the surface with a white chickweed-looking flower. **PRINTED**

20 Jun 1952 'Tomorrow is a big day for the Rushens of Tatsfield' –Golden Wedding of Tom Rushen, hurdle maker, who had lived in the village for nearly 40 years. Had gone to Canada before the First World War and intended to send for wife and son, but came back. **PRINTED** Working Men's Club concerned at lack of dispensing facilities in Tatsfield.

4 Jul 1952 Tatsfield main drainage scheme approved to cover 133 houses in the Westmore Green area and another 37, including the school in the Old Lane area. Four other areas to come.

17 Jul 1952 Buses overcrowded when Chartwell is open.

8 Aug 1952 Former Bromley postman, John Crothall, 82, died in hospital after having been knocked down by a reversing lorry in Westmore Road. Said to have lived at The Dawn, Castle Road. Bank Holiday show held on the green.

15 Aug 1952 Inquest on John Crothall, 81, of 1 Crossways. Killed when lorry delivering mineral water was reversed slowly despite presence of lorry driver's mate. **PRINTED**

5 Sep 1952 Tennis tournament at the Manor House.

19 Sep 1952 Bus from school to Chelsham (3 times a day) discontinued; doctor setting up in Paynesfield Road and Westerham practice coming to Village Hall; Nallder & Collyer selling the Ship and other pubs, including the Grasshopper on Westerham Green; plans for front extension of WMC.

10 Oct 1952 Detailed report on plans by Godstone RDC for main drainage. **PRINTED**

10 Oct 1952 Padlocks stolen from all three PC notice boards. **PRINTED**

17 Oct 1952 Old Ship sold for £11,600

5 Dec 1952 Call for a playing field.

16 Jan 1953 Horticultural Society plans an autumn show for August – last year's abandoned through lack of interest.

6 Feb 1953 Discussions taking place on a possible site for a recreation ground.

17 Apr 1953 Labour Party meeting in Tatsfield; PC baffled by officialese in letter from Surrey CC; nominations for County Council election. **PRINTED**

8 May 1953 Working Men's Club wins the Edenbridge Games League – poor quality picture **PRINTED**

29 May 1953 June 2 – Coronation bonfire in Old Ship Field; June 4 Meat tea in Church Hall for over 65s; June 8 Elizabethan scene in mime, children's maypole dancing on Westmore Green, fancy dress, tea and sports; evening dance in Church Hall; complaints of sewage running from new council houses in Westmore Road; suggestion of Ship Field as recreation ground.

12 Jun 1953 Report of Working Men's Club entertainment for 60 over-65s to mark the Coronation. **PRINTED**

12 Jun 1953 Account of Tatsfield's Coronation celebrations – Tudor theme. **PRINTED**

10 Jul 1953 RDC said to be planning to build on part of Ship Field.

11 Sep 1953 Tatsfield joins complaints about coroner being as far away as Sutton for east Surrey; Tatsfield Green 'green' after proper mowing; plea for Oxted bus link.

2 Oct 1953 Tentative agreement to use Paynesfield Road land RDC was acquiring as football pitch.

13 Nov 1953 The Ghost that wasn't. **PRINTED**; prizegiving at Tatsfield School.

18 Dec 1953 Mystery of burnt out stolen car in Beddlestead Lane; dozens of milk bottles uncollected at Parkwood Road; cesspool at new council houses overflowing; plans for 24 more council houses held up and depend on main drainage. **PRINTED**

25 Dec 1953 Wanderer's Tales – Alfred Mummery tells the tale of his life – born 1870 in Essex, living in Grove Road – in army in WW1, peddled toothache cure in the U.S., laid steel for the Canadian Pacific Railway, dining car attendant on the Santa Fe railway moved to Tatsfield in 1933. **PRINTED**

29 Jan 1954 Record Club takings in 1953 of £5096 – extension to be built at the front – 164 men and 27 women members.

26 Mar 1954 No council houses on Ship Field until drainage is sorted out; chickens and budgerigars destroyed in fire at Kemscot, Kemsley Rd; Tatsfield 'sign **PRINTED**

9 Apr 1954 Old Lane not draining properly – call for RDC help.

30 Apr 1954 Letter from London Transport Executive about bus failing to stop at Furze Corner for PC member.

7 May 1954 Appeal to MP – J.K.Vaughan-Morgan – for help in getting a bus link to Oxted.

28 May 1954 Sign not ready for ceremonial unveiling.

4 Jun 1954 Dysentery at Tatsfield **PRINTED**

2 Jul 1954 RDC to take up matter of access made to the Dindings.

9 Jul 1954 Visits to dentist in Westerham difficult because of poor bus service.

6 Aug 1954 Various **PRINTED**

24 Sep 1954 Sign feature **PRINTED**

1 Oct 1954 Village sign unveiled.

8 Oct 1954 70 households depend on rainwater tanks for their supply – 291 on the mains. 300-gallon tank had been provided twice in 1953; petition for the improvement of Goatsfield Rd.

24 Dec 1954 Letter from recently arrived H. Cox pleading for first aid to unmade roads – not making up.

31 Dec 1954 Supporting letter on potholes from G Burnard Symes, the Red House, citing Goatsfield Rd, overflowing council house cesspools where they have street lights! Mark Cooper appeal against refusal of permission for a caravan at Manor Farm where he bought 4 acres in 1953 for a smallholding. Six people now living in caravan. Supported by A.Lugton, the Glen, Cudham Rd.

7 Jan 1955 Letter from F.G.Meridew, owner of property in Goatsfield Road 'confident that the powers that be won't shirk responsibility' for road repairs after 'sump road' caused by erection of council houses.

11 Feb 1955 Possibility of youth club to be discussed at APM.

11 Mar 1955 Feature on the 30th anniversary of the Womens' Institute. **PRINTED**

18 Mar 1855 Tatsfield still waits for main drainage **PRINTED**

1 Apr 1955 Attack on 'Archaic Conditions at Tatsfield – a dozen parishioners turn up at PC meeting to complain about lack of main drainage. Miss G.M. Burnard-Symes refers to Sevenoaks Chronicle article Trouble arising from the cess pools at the last council houses

built in Westmore Road. **PRINTED**; call for later street lighting – till after the last bus – rejected by one vote.

8 Apr 1955 Mrs P. Karrison, Coolinge, Ricketts Hill – chairman of school governors for four years until the early 1950s – criticises current chairman – Mr N. Hodgson. She claims governors are not really interested and not doing their job of managing the school. **PRINTED**

22 Apr 1955 Governors reply to school article – letter from N.Hodgson rebuts the criticism with examples of how the governors have contributed. **PRINTED**

29 Apr 1955 Mrs Karrison replies to school response – no reason to recant.

6 May 1955 Residents Association formed.

27 May 1955 When will Tatsfield get main drainage? – Miss M. Kelly, parish clerk, recounts history of the main drainage story from September 1930 when a £25000 scheme was rejected by parishioners. Recently-formed Residents association had taken up the issue. **PRINTED**

17 Jun 1955 Pond – ‘hardy annual’ – suggestion it should be turned into a flower garden. Residents’ Association has 119 members – main drainage and conditions at the Swedish Houses of most concern; should there be more litter bins on Tatsfield Green? - and need for an Oxted-Tatsfield bus service with suggestion that the 707 Green Line for Oxted should come into the village as does the 706 for Westerham. **PRINTED**; Residents Association says Tatsfield should have its own resident magistrate.

8 Jul 1955 Call to remove bushes from Tatsfield Green; Tory fete at Westmore Green presided over by Mrs Player; claims that sewage from Council House cesspits was causing trouble.

29 Jul 1955 Letter from Mrs Karrison wanting Tatsfield Green cleared for use as games area; record takings at the Club.

12 Aug 1955 ‘Villagers March Five Abreast on Closed Footpath’ is the front-page splash. Path from the northern end of Westmore Green to Crossways had been blocked by a gate erected on behalf of the Clements and of the Coopers at Bassetts, their newly-erected bungalow (*Not Bassetts next to the Village Hall*) apparently to deter children from trespassing. 60 people said to have walked the path after the gate was pulled down and another 50 watched. **PRINTED**

19 Aug 1955 Residents Association says the pond should be filled in. **PRINTED**

2 Sep 1955 Public Inquiry at Oxted into the boundary with Westerham. Godstone RDC proposed that 217 acres at Moorhouse should be transferred to Limpsfield (14 houses). The PC had discovered people there associated themselves with Westerham. **PRINTED**

9 Sep 1955 More discussion about filling in the pond despite the fact that it had been cleaned out by RDC in August. A dozen signatures on a call for a parish meeting - **PRINTED**. PC meeting: complaints about burning of Tatsfield Green; status of Old Lane and its drainage. **PRINTED**

30 Sep 1955 Mr F.C. Collis, of Oak Bank, Ricketts Hill Road had built a swimming pool but the word spread that he was planning pigsties – actually a summer house/changing room. **PRINTED**; Parish meeting votes 40:21 against filling in Westmore Green pond. **PRINTED**

7 Oct 1955 Parish Council agrees to claim the path from the northern end of Westmore Green to Grove Road and Crossways which had been blocked by Mrs Cooper. **PRINTED**

14 Oct 1955 death during a service in St Mary's Church of **Arthur Faires**, 79-year-old churchwarden and former agency secretary of the Tunbridge Wells Equitable Society. **PRINTED**

21 Oct 1955 Call for a playing field – 'Ship' field suggested; possibility of a bus service to Oxted; Residents Association's call to fill in the pond not supported by PC.

4 Nov 1955 Residents Association still grumbling about PC ignoring calls to fill in the pond.

11 Nov 1955 Eight residents use the new right to speak by raising issue of the RDC's failure to re-surface the access road to the Swedish houses – Whitewood Cottages. **PRINTED**
More bitterness over path leading from Westmore Green to Crossways – blocked by Mr Cooper. **PRINTED** Further discussion of need for and location of a playing field. **PRINTED**

2 Dec 1955 Fifteen cases of dysentery in Tatsfield in May and June. **PRINTED**

9 Dec 1955 Public session at PC meetings now in force. **PRINTED**

16 Dec 1955 Will other places follow Tatsfield's example with the public ten minutes? **PRINTED**

23 Dec 1955 Direct bus to Oxted likely to come in the spring or sooner.

6 Jan 1956 PC decides to continue public ten minutes, but not everyone agreed; road to Swedish houses and pond controversy also raised. **PRINTED**

17 Feb 1956 Feature about 'unregulated, haphazard development of Tatsfield and Biggin Hill **PRINTED** Mr J.Elbourne recalls Tatsfield in the 1920s and earlier – remembers Tom Arnold, Dr Sherrard, railway dreams, Tangland built by Lord Hamilton, Rutland Boughton. **PRINTED**

9 Mar 1956 Main drainage scheme imminent – to be discussed by RDC.

23 Mar 1956 At the Annual Parish Meeting, Chairman Geary says he's opposed to the public ten minutes.

13 Apr 1956 Eight new council houses to be built.

1 Jun 1956 Orpington RDC permits caravans at Engadine in Manor Road – Mrs Halstead.

6 Jul 1956 Discussion of road danger spots – Ricketts Hill Road, school corner, Lusted Hall Lane, Ship Hill, Church Hill – call for road name signs – RDC willing to contribute £200 to pond project – call for main drainage.

27 Jul 1956 Sevenoaks Chronicle full-page feature: "There's always more weather in Tatsfield". Brief history and description of Tatsfield with pictures of Harry Streets, Tom Rushen, A Gradwell, S Abraham with village sign, F Brown and Mrs Venus Field aged 91. Mentions of T.Kelly, Mrs E Mayes, Esau Beagley, Jim Beagley, Jim Elbourne, Tom Arnold, the Watsons, the Longleys, CJ Geary, E Nichols, HE Ridler, S Compton Skinner, Edie Boon, N Hodgson, Dr RV Sturton, Messrs. Hammond, Davis, Groves and Hodgson and Mrs

Kerrison. Working Men's Club 50 years old. Aerial lighthouse had gone. 3/7/2/28
Unknown Tatsfield' – Sevenoaks Chronicle on the church 3/7/2/41

7 Sep 1956 Tatsfield Gets a Stranger Guessing **PRINTED**

5 Oct 1956 Main drainage approved **PRINTED**

12 Oct 1956 Feature on Tatsfield School **PRINTED** Residents' Association (101 members) welcomes news about main drainage.

16 Nov 1956 Volunteer ambulance scheme. **PRINTED**

30 Nov 1956 Residents Association protest at siting the playing field at Furze Corner rather than opposite the pond.

14 Dec 1956 Residents Association proposes scheme for street names on private land if owners agree.

21 Dec 1956 Feature on Snow White Tatsfield School production. **PRINTED**

4 Jan 1957 Phillip Elbourne funeral: serving in the RAF in Lancashire, he had been taken ill on Boxing Day and died in Farnborough Hospital two days later; funeral at RAF Chapel in Biggin Hill and burial in Tatsfield Churchyard. **PRINTED**

11 Jan 1957 PC on school bus overcrowding problems; pond improvement would include partial infilling; call for village map for people trying to find names of houses.

18 Jan 1957 Village show – old time concert – was a success.

8 Feb 1957 PC discusses bad behaviour of schoolchildren on the bus.

15 Feb 1957 Sonia Biddlecombe on stage: under the stage name Sonia Graham, the daughter of the Biddlecombes at Bren Tor in Johns Road had played the lead in the musical 'Meet me by Moonlight' in Salisbury. The play was expected to move to the West End. **PRINTED**

22 Feb 1957 Mrs Wedgwood resigns as village librarian.

8 Mar 1957 PC hears of problems with the sewage scheme with poor information of who will be connected first, how much it will cost etc. Complaints about the smell from silage behind the Church Hall. **PRINTED**

22 Mar 1957 Residents Association meeting: 40 of the 182 members attended to be told that it had achieved a marked improvement in facilities, especially drainage, but opposed plans to site the playing field outside the village; examples of proposed road name plates displayed. **PRINTED**

29 Mar 1957 Hillside planning appeal on front page – Dr & Mrs P.M.Evans – against refusal for house on next door land. Void since 1933 said RDC; concern at PC over non-replacement of sick headmaster.

5 Apr 1957 F.W.Groves rebuts criticism of school after his six-week absence.

12 Apr 1957 Double-decker Green Line coach running on route 706; letter from Kathleen M.Smith, Paynesfield Road, congratulating teachers on coping in head's absence.

26 Apr 1957 Letter from Phyllis Kerrison, Ricketts Hill Road, saying that without the res assn main drainage would not have come. Local govt at all levels inefficient and discourteous. I.e. refusal to go for playing field inside village.

10 May 1957 Jean Streets digs up pre-historic axe following Mark Abrahams' find of a prehistoric Thames pick. Letter from British Museum surmises the existence of an actual living site in the area. **PRINTED**; inquest on Eric Gordon Charles Weatherley, aged 47, of Avening, Paynesfield Road – collapsed and died at Victoria Station in epilepsy attack. He had been a senior information service clerk at the House of Commons. As PC chairman had been credited with having brought the 706 Greenline bus into the village. **PRINTED**

31 May 1957 W.A.Welland of LH Lane and P Edwards of Shaw Road find body in Coldharbour Woods – Frank Bodill Underground driver from Clapham; PC suggests Polesteeple and Stock Hill should be one-way.

6 Jun 1957 Main drainage contractors criticised; 31 street lights broken in past year; Dr Sturton, Leehirst, anaesthetist and just elected PC chairman, in Beckenham Hospital for a month with a broken leg after car accident on Pilgrims Way. **PRINTED**

21 Jun 1957 K Leslie chairman of res assn in succession to Mrs Nicholls

28 Jun 1957 One-way Polesteeple and Stock Hill 'not practicable'.

5 Jul 1957 Petrol station at Grasshopper; Main drainage costs each resident £40; Tory fete raises £40. **PRINTED**

26 Jul 1957 Schoolchildren's map of Tatsfield inaugurated at the bus shelter. The Tapsells **PRINTED**

9 Aug 1957 Competition had been held on ideas for improvement of the pond.

13 Sep 1957 David and Rosemary Brown wedding report.

27 Sep 1957 Kenneth Lewis succeeds W.A.Bywater as rector.

11 Oct 1957 Sputnik tracked **PRINTED**. Main drainage extension delayed (first stage practically complete).

8 Nov 1957 Complaints about Green Line timekeeping.

13 Dec 1957 London Transport meeting with Residents' Association (Johnson and Bishop) about need to improve bus service.

10 Jan 1958 Mrs Cox of Goatsfield Road threatens to refuse to pay her rates because of the state of the unmade roads after the installation of main drainage. **PRINTED**

31 Jan 1958 Club takings down – prices must go up. 31 cadets and 10 senior members of the St Georges Ambulance Company, Tatsfield, formed in October 1956.

7 Feb 1958 Contract sealed for council houses in Paynesfield Road. Parish Clerk, Miss M.Kelly confused by the status of roads and responsibilities. **PRINTED**

21 Feb 1958 Feature on Redlands tile works **PRINTED**

28 Feb 1958 PC discusses snow plough blocked by cars in Ricketts Hill Road; tree down near the Manor House; call for a Compulsory Purchase Order to get a playing field.

7 Mar 1958 Letter from P.H.Simpson, Stonehirst, Maesmaur Road against nuclear armaments.

14 Mar 1958 More buses – Green Lines – to come into Tatsfield.

28 Mar 1958 Report on school performance of Alice Through the Looking Glass.

11 Apr 1958 Tatsfield unsure about sports field; Parish Council concern over a footpath; letter from headmaster Groves about Alice Through the Looking Glass. **PRINTED**

18 Apr 1958 Visitor killed by car in fog in Tatsfield Road on 5th April

25 Apr 1958 Horticultural Society jubilee – two shows this year.

9 May 1958 Tatsfield Decides on Pond Scheme **PRINTED**

11 Jun 1958 Parents want emergency coach service continued – introduced for bus strike.

27 Jun 1958 New Church – non-conformists plan to use the WI – a Gospel Hall thrived ‘after the war’ but the family moved away and it fell into disrepair. **PRINTED**

4 Jul 1958 Housing debate – ‘I wonder if we have not reached the limit’ – Hodgson.

11 Jul 1958 Lusted Hall Farm auctioned on 24 July; Horticultural Society report; Secondary school choice and mention of ‘squatters outpost’ in Goatsfield Road. **PRINTED**

18 Jul 1958 Ronald Smith of Pine View, Ricketts Hill Road talks of month-long stay behind the Iron Curtain **PRINTED**; Hayes Pasture – between Goatsfield Road and Greenway dispute- wire cut. **PRINTED**

28 Nov 1958 Village concert – Joan Dothie, Simon Dothie, Charlie Crane etc. **PRINTED**

13 Feb 1959 flu wave hits Tatsfield School – attendance down 40%.

20 Feb 1959 move to form a roads association within the residents’ association over unmade roads; Youth club feature. **PRINTED.**

27 Feb 1959 Pond controversy again. **PRINTED.**

6 Mar 1959 Lorries parked in Greenway; old vehicles dumped near the Bakery.

12 Jun 1959 Godstone RDC had not finished improvements to the pond- two seats still needed. Miss M Kelly resigns as clerk after 13 years; Old Lane not the same since being dug up for main drainage.

11 Sep 1959 Death of S.Compton Skinner, 70, church warden for 29 years etc.

8 Jan 1960 One in five Tatsfield residents depend on rainwater – only four other houses in Godstone District are not on mains water. **PRINTED**

8 Apr 1960 Residents Association failing after six years – new committee to be formed **PRINTED**

3 Jun 1960 Beer lorry overturns in Clarks Lane.

15 Jul 1960 Four bishops visit Tatsfield in a week to support efforts to raise £2000 for restoration.

22 Jul 1960 Tatsfield and Titsey to continue to have separate members at Godstone RDC.

25 Nov 1960 Three old problems wait action: shrubs for the pond, footpath to Swedish Cottages and filthy noticeboard. **PRINTED**

23 Dec 1960 Church to be floodlit over Christmas.

30 Dec 1960 House called Cefnrhos in Parkwood Road

12 May 1961 Old Lane ownership queried – Titsey had said houses fronting the common had never been given permission to use it as access. **PRINTED** Church restoration started.

9 Jun 1961 Controversy over street name plates that had been put up – Upper Paynesfield Road; Old Lane vs Ricketts Hill Road; corner of Crossways.

14 Jul 1961 Herbert Griffiths, Chief Engineer of Tatsfield BBC boss dies at 59 – he was in charge when the Soviet Sputnik satellite was detected in 1957.

15 Sep 1961 A.W. Lugton wins two cups at the Horticultural Show. **PRINTED**

15 Sep 1961 Queen Joy in Big Parade – Gala. **PRINTED**

29 Sep 1961 New school building must wait for 1966. **PRINTED**

10 Nov 1961 210 people in 64 houses use water from tanks – only ones in Godstone RDC.

10 Jan 1962 Call for narrow road signs in Rag Hill Rd

15 June 1962 Accommodation problem at Tatsfield School relieved **PRINTED**

6 Jul 1962 Various **PRINTED**

27 Jul 1962 New Addington man fined and banned for six months for dangerous driving after colliding with and injuring a motorcyclist on a bend in Tatsfield. Mr Cooper said it was at 11 p.m. Van driver reported the accident much later saying he had been frightened by aggressive crowd.

24 Aug 1962 Feature on Tatsfield **PRINTED**

7 Sep 1962 John Snagge crowns 16-year-old June McKenzie as Carnival Queen.

21 Sep 1962 Proposal to extend Westerham to take in Moorhouse, Palace Avenue and Kent Cottages.

14 Oct 1962 Row over Geary and Pond Cottage access **PRINTED**

2 Nov 1962 Hall and Geary **PRINTED**

23 Nov 1962 Consistory Court **PRINTED**

30 Nov 1962 More club trouble **PRINTED** church changes. **PRINTED**

28 Dec 1962 Church changes OKd **PRINTED**

4 Jan 1963 Parish Council decides to remain a member of the Surrey Association of Parish and Town Councils.

22 Mar 1963 Account of Village Hall committee meeting on page 12.

May 1963 Tatsfield may buy its Village Hall; demand for reinstatement of Paynesfield Road after sewer work and call for non-skid surface on Polesteeple Hill. Word version

4 Dec 1964 on threat by Godstone RDC to fill in pond unless PC has firm plans that do not involve the RDC in expense. 3/7/2/39

17 Nov 1965 dissatisfaction with DC planning policies see also Surrey Mirror 3/7/3/2/1.

14 Jan 1966 Church restoration nearly complete.

21 Jan 1966 Village Hall purchase details reported to PC.

28 Jan 1966 Venus Field – Tatsfield's oldest inhabitant died at the age of 99. She was cared for during the past 26 years by Yvonne Hutchinson. **PRINTED**

25 Feb 1966 Mr & Mrs Lines, Glendale, Ricketts Hill Road complain about the smell from cess pit lorry emptying into a nearby drain.

6 May 1966 Planning permission granted for five bungalows at Valley Mushroom Farm.

3 Jun 1966 Paynesfield Road Gang capture top awards at Westerham carnival again. **PRINTED**

22 Jul 1966 New noticeboard for Green.

19 Aug 1966 Government announces plans for a 'South Orbital' road – later to become the M25.

26 Aug 1966 Village carnivals at Tatsfield and Brasted. Paynesfield Road Gang had won three times at the Westerham Carnival. **PRINTED**

21 Oct 1966 1967 Sports Centre/1966 Esso oil drilling. Report of Parish Council discussion of apparent plans for a sports centre; letters from Sheila Creasy, Margaret Price and Arthur Boyd protesting about proposed drilling. 3/7/2/29

17 Nov 1967 Report on difficult relations between the Parish Council and the District Council. "The RDC can do no right", says DCllr R.M. Hornby. **PRINTED**; David Bishop finished 4th in the South East Area individual event for radio-controlled model aircraft at Headcorn (member of the Sevenoaks Club – p9)

15 Dec 1967 Only two members turn up for PC meeting – Hallam, Gilmore and the Clerk, Maggie Crofts; Flower Arranging Club had been formed recently.

19 Jan 1968 Instant action wanted on unmade roads. **PRINTED**

26 Jan 1968 'Mystery beam' bounces radio-controlled model aircraft display involving Dave Bishop. **PRINTED**

23 Feb 1968 Not So Young Club's 17th birthday.

22 Mar 1968 Village alarmed over sub-standard work by the RDC – Westmore Road drainage etc. **PRINTED**

19 Apr 1968 Discussion over the need for a sports centre – possibly on the football field, but concern expressed about rivalry with the Village Hall. **PRINTED**

12 Jul 1968 Surrey accused of failing to tell the PC about plans to make up Greenway, Crossways and Paynesfield Road; pond clearance; misuse of Grove Road by motor cyclists and horses; aftermath of Shipfield Close; re-siting of telephone kiosk; denial of development plans at Lusted Hall Farm. **PRINTED**

13 Sep 1968 Unmade Westmore Road suffering from subsidence; discussion of location for phone kiosk; request to extend library hours. **PRINTED**

20 Sep 1968 Detailed coverage of floods in Chipstead etc.

18 Oct 1968 Remedial work in Westmore Road a 'positive disgrace'; phone kiosk to be outside the Bakery; no extension of library hours; drainage of sewerage systems needs to be made more efficient. **PRINTED**

10 Jan 1969 Grasshopper Inn at Moorhouse acquired by Hurlimann and leased to Shorts – bought by Goodhew in 1960. **PRINTED**

17 Jan 1969 Holes in Westmore Road worse after months of work – see 18 Oct 1968 **PRINTED** Plan for new telephone exchange to go ahead now Mr R.W. Watson of the Bakery has agreed.

4 Apr 1969 Most of the parish rate being used to repay Village Hall loan; Bromley turns down plans for 1,800 houses on 200 acres of Lusted Hall Farm.

16 May 1969 No hope of a better bus service –no Sunday service.

13 Jun 1969 No public toilet in Tatsfield.

18 Jul 1969 Subsidence on main road at Tatsfield Court Farm.

3 Oct 1969 United harvest festival services at St Mary's

7 Nov 1969 Frederick Steer's Sorrento Sun Club at Parsons Shaw refused planning permission but nudists planning to appeal. **PRINTED**

21 Nov 1969 Dr Michael Hession planning to take part in England-Australia Air Race– he was PC chairman and Registrar in Psychiatry at King's College Hospital. **PRINTED**

12 Dec 1969 Paynesfield Road to be made up.

19 Dec 1969 Dr Michael Hession now on the way to Australia in air race **PRINTED**

2 Jan 1970 18-year-old unemployed man of no fixed abode stole £59 from the Police House (occupied by PC Seabrook) and £6 from Greenacre in Chestnut Avenue.

16 Jan 1970 PC Seabrook was a recent arrival and had become a “cheery visitor to old lonely folk”.

3 Apr 1970 Church in danger – Rector’s warning – lack of support. **PRINTED**

10 Apr 1970 Old Lane Residents’ Association formed.

16 Oct 1970 Proceeds of previous carnivals used to finance play equipment on Westmore Green. (Lots of planning permissions in Biggin Hill including first pub in the valley)

30 Oct 1970 Public inquiry into M25 Godstone to Wrotham route opens in Oxted – St Mary’s Church Hall.

4 Dec 1970 Villagers ‘revolt’ over plans by Tony Fisher to turn the Parade into a multi-purpose village general store. -- **PRINTED**

15 Jan 1971 John Graham of Lusted Hall Farm fined after cattle stray following vandalism. **PRINTED**

2 Apr 1971 Major firearms incident in Knockholt involving Tatsfield: £30,000 robbery in Gravesend; police stop vehicle in Knockholt; policeman shot and wounded; car hi-jacked; van abandoned in Tatsfield; second car hi-jacked from Tatsfield to Woldingham. **PRINTED**

8 Apr 1971 Paint vandals hit village: yellow paint sprayed on Dickenson’s newspaper shop, windows, van and pub sign, including ‘support your local Jew’. **PRINTED**

28 May 1971 Simon Belatti wins Surrey CC music exhibition to Trinity College of Music. **PRINTED**

30 Jul 1971 Tanglands Castle riddled with dry rot and burnt down –**PRINTED**

30 Jul 1971 Allegations from Limpsfield that £100 will get you planning approval at the RDC. Proposal for planning committee meetings to be held in public voted down.

3 Sep 1971 Successful fete on Westmore Green – **PRINTED**

25 Feb 1972 Fund raising for school pool. **PRINTED**

Feb/Apr 1972 coverage of school transport controversy – travel to Warlingham and Oxted. - **PRINTED**

8 Jul 1972 Public notice about postponement of Public Inquiry into the Godstone to Westerham section of the M25 motorway - **PRINTED**

22 Jul 1972 GoodYear Airship view of Tatsfield - shows ‘controversial village pond - cleaned and repaired by the Old Ship Development Residents’ Association during the past year’.- **PRINTED**

29 Jul 1972 Article about the Grasshopper Inn - built in the 1920s in several stages - originally two cottages- **PRINTED**

2 Sep 1972 Thomas Cooper, Bassetts, fined for commercial licence offence.

14 Oct 1972 Arguments over proposed M25 Westerham interchange involving the Warde family.

11 Nov 1972 Redland Tiles, Moorhouse, faces losses if the interchange links are approved and the Squerryes sandpit is prematurely closed. **PRINTED**

3 Feb 1973 M25 Public Inquiry at Westerham Village Hall 22 Feb – dealing with Westerham Interchange.

1 Dec 1973 Sevenoaks Chronicle review of the Grasshopper at Moorhouse. **PRINTED**

16 Feb 1974 Mrs Huitson's talk to the WI on Tatsfield's history. **PRINTED**

31 Aug 1974 Air crash - Hugh Shrubbs killed **PRINTED**

18 Jan 1975 After several years no solution to wide vehicles using narrow roads such as Rag Hill Road and Church Lane. Greater London Council and Kent Highways refused to introduce limits **PRINTED**

14 Jun 1975 Parish Council agrees to top up costs of bus service to Oxted for a month if receipts do not cover costs. Various other items including fault when dialling Biggin Hill doctors and Crossways Court named. **PRINTED**

21 Jun 1975 Formal handover of the greens by Richard Leveson Gower to coincide with visit by the Bishop to mark the 900th anniversary of the church. (Titsey had also handed Limsfield Common to the National Trust). **PRINTED**

13 Sep 1975 Couple killed in collision between coach and car in Clarks Lane. Four OAPs in coach injured. **PRINTED**

8 Nov 1975 - Old Bakery to be replaced by homes – includes photo. Permission granted for a shop and five houses. 3/7/2/30

28 Aug 1976 Beaver Water World comes to the rescue – undertakes to sort out the pond. **PRINTED**

4 Sep 1976 The Browns of Grey Gables supporting Bihar child. **PRINTED**

25 Sep 1976 Wild boar bred at Tor Croft Farm for Marquis de Montcalm restaurant. **PRINTED**

2 Apr 1977 Nigel Shaw, 21, to hold painting exhibition at Oxted Library **PRINTED**

17 Sep 1977 Tatsfield Parish Council 'horrified' at the idea of losing 40 acres to a Motorway Service Area at Titsey – quote from Chairman, Roger Pearce. **PRINTED**

10 Dec 1977 CATSA meeting 150 people attend a meeting to protest against plans for a Motorway Service Area at Titsey. **PRINTED**

24 Dec 1977 TDC Planning Committee votes against proposed Motorway Service Area.

4 Feb 1978 Jim Pennock of The Wood, Paynesfield Road pictured as winner of pipe-smoking competition. **PRINTED**

10 Feb Death at 74 of Violet Stroud, an original member of the Primrose League (young Conservatives under Disraeli) of Westcombe, Ricketts Hill Road. She was the mother of Heather Dunn who later became Tatsfield's District Councillor. **PRINTED**

17 Feb 1979 Concern over plans for a building at Thomas Cooper's Bassetts, next to the Village Hall to house waste paper and lorry maintenance. **PRINTED**

24 Feb 1979 Marriage at St Mary's to Australian Neville Rayward of Lyn Wedgwood from Sydney on her 21st birthday –parents, Brian and Valerie had emigrated to Australia. **PRINTED**

10 Mar 1979 Doris Geary kept her false teeth in a tobacco tin which caused a security alarm when she was searched at the Royal Tournament. **PRINTED**

10 Mar 1979 Tatsfield awaiting fourth annual exchange visit with twin village, Vern d'Anjou. **PRINTED**

17 Mar 1979 Questionnaires to be distributed for Village Appraisal. **PRINTED**

31 Mar 1979 District Council to clean the pond. **PRINTED**

21 Apr 1979 Simon Dothie (Conservative) and Roger Pearce (Liberal) to contest District Council election. **PRINTED**

21 Apr 1979 Controversial plan to re-build the Working Men's Club to include underground car park and steward's accommodation. Provision for a further storey later. **PRINTED**

19 May 1979 Tatsfield at risk of losing its bus shelter – maintained by the District Council - through vandalism. **PRINTED**

19 May 1979 Two daughters (in their 70s) of Thomas Hurst visit the school. **PRINTED**

19 May 1979 Ten candidates for the May 24th parish election. **PRINTED**

26 May 1979 Doris Geary and Rev Michael Unwin walk to raise money for Christian Aid. **PRINTED**

2 June 1979 Maggie Crofts tops the parish election result. **PRINTED**

2 June 1979 Leslie Brown, former parish councillor, walking to raise money for Indian children. **PRINTED**

9 June 1979 Tatsfield's third annual reunion. **PRINTED**

16 June 1979 Punch and Judy at school fete. **PRINTED**

30 June 1979 Scout fete raises more than £800. **PRINTED**

14 July 1979 Residents of Hillside Road complaining about 'unauthorised' riding stables. **PRINTED**

21 July 1979 Jackie Garnham, owner of the riding stable, explains the issue to the Parish Council. **PRINTED**

18 August 1979 Shortage of volunteer drivers for taking people to hospital etc. **PRINTED**

25 August 1979 60th anniversary of the Watson family coming to Tatsfield. **PRINTED**

1 September 1979 Tatsfield pensioners visit Vern d'Anjou. **PRINTED**

8 September 1979 Jumble sale raises money for children's ducks on the pond. **PRINTED**

22 September 1979 Jackie Garnham – at the Parish Council -denies mismanagement of stables. **PRINTED**

29 September 1979 Record number of entries at the Autumn Horticultural Show **PRINTED**

6 October 1979 Tatsfield now without resident police officer. **PRINTED**

13 October 1979 Smaller homes needed for Tatsfield. **PRINTED**

13 October 1979 Rag Hill Road closed by water works. **PRINTED**

20 October 1979 Sucklings leave their newsagent and tobacconist shop. **PRINTED**

24 November 1979 Percy Reid retires as Parish Clerk. **PRINTED**

8 December 1979 Delay to construction of underground gas installation. **PRINTED**

3/7/SC/1980 Jan 19^a Working Men's Club entertained by '**dancer on broken glass**'.

3/7/SC/1980 Jan 19^b Protests against proposal for Tatsfield **merger with Warlingham in County Council division.**

3/7/SC/1980 Jan 19^c **Roland Payne co-opted** onto Parish Council

3/7/SC/1980 Feb 2 **Call for extra buses** to Oxted

3/7/SC/1980 Feb 16 Sevenoaks Chronicle – Not So Young 28th birthday – **Joan Dothie and Rose Tapsell**

3/7/SC/1980 Feb 23 Extension for **Working Men's Club**

3/7/SC/1980 Mar 8 Complaints about horse riders riding on greens. **Jackie Garnham calls for bridleways.**

3/7/SC/1980 Mar 8^a **Village clear-up and 'Vicars and Tarts'** in the Ship organised by landlord Brian

3/7/SC/1980 Mar 8^b - **Guide Fund boosted by dance** – Beryl Taylor and Sheila Cook

3/7/SC/1980 Mar 8^c **Charlie Higgs dies** at 66

3/7/SC/1980 Mar 22 **John Boyce killed** (the Square) in head-on crash.

3/7/SC/1980 Apr 12 **'Ideal Home' house** and Greenway Cottage for sale.

3/7/SC/1980 May 17 **PC calls for inquiry into plan to merge with Warlingham County electoral division, claiming link with Oxted is closer.**

3/7/SC/1980 May 24 Hang glider lands on Westmore Green.

3/7/SC/1980 Jun 7 Golden wedding of William and Elsie Tapsell X

3/7/SC/1980 Jun 7^a More on hang glider crash

3/7/SC/1980 Jun 14^a Frank Watson smokes a pipe for charity.

3/7/SC/1980 Jun 21 Doris Geary arranges for **grave of Timothy Burgess** (clerk and church warden for much of the 19th century) to be cleaned

3/7/SC/1980 Jul 8– Arthur Boyd to climb Snowdon to raise £10,000. X

3/7/SC/1980 Jul 19 Stephen Menham (Shipfield Close) commissioned in the Royal Navy

3/7/SC/1980 Jul 19a Parish Council proposes to **create horse rides**

3/7/SC/1980 Jul 19b Derek Heather to be **Tatsfield's new policeman.**

3/7/SC/1980 Aug 9 Cash coming in for **Snowdon climb by Rev Michael Unwin and Arthur Boyd.**

3/7/SC/1980 Sep 13 Rev Michael Unwin and Arthur Boyd **complete their climb of Snowdon.**

3/7/SC/1980 Sep 20 Golden Jubilee of **Tatsfield Scouts** – Jack Skinner founder member

3/7/SC/1980 Oct 18 Complaints about 'nuisance' from **Lusted Stores**

3/7/SC/1980 Nov 3 Rector **Michael Unwin leaving** in March 1981

3/7/SC/1980 Nov 3^a Road improvement at the school and Water Board works on Rag Hill.

3/7/SC/1980 Nov 3b Opposition to Surrey **electoral boundary changes failing.**

3/7/SC/1980 Nov 8 Paynesfield Road Gang star at **Motorway race** charity event

3/7/SC/1980 Nov 15 Proposed **local health authority changes** raise fears of lengthy trips to hospital.

3/7/SC/1980 Nov 15^a Review of Drama Group production – leading actors: Mike, McEwen, Paul Leslie, David Clubb, Barbara Aylett, Liz Askew, Terry Cartwright, Neil Jupp

3/7/SC/1980 Nov 15b Sponsored fast by Rev Michael Unwin, Pat Crothers, Doris Geary, Valeria Kendall-Wallis – donation by hypnotist Bob Neill.

3/7/SC/1980 Dec 20 Golden rule of '**superspy**' **Donald MacLean** not to give an interview to Tatsfield resident and Chronicle reporter Mathew Diebel.

3/7/SC/1981 Jan 17 Donald Stevenson, Long Reach, Ricketts Hill Road, killed in chainsaw accident.

3/7/SC/1981 Jan 17^a Aileen McHugo sets up Italian earthquake fund

3/7/SC/1981 Feb 7 40 redundancies at **Redlands, Moorhouse**

14 Feb 1981 Licence for Lusted Stores renewed despite Tatsfield neighbours' objections. Playing field pavilion had recently been completely and now needed a bar. Parish rate kept at 1.2p despite plans for work on the village hall.

21 Feb 1981 Enid Garrard raising money for a kidney machine.

3/7/SC/1981 Feb 28 Sheepshed Cottage demolished by lorry

3/7/SC/1981 Feb 28^a Inquest on Donald Stevenson killed by chainsaw

7 Mar 1981 League of Friends at St Mary's formed; not to be confused with Friends of Tatsfield Church Music Society.

3/7/SC/1981 Mar 21 Rev Michael Unwin leaves Tatsfield

3/7/SC/1981 Mar 21^a Paul Natal, Oakdene, Ricketts Hill Road on 'That's Life' TV programme over car sale fraud.

3/7/SC/1981 Mar 21b Plan for cheaper housing – **Wedgewood's**.

28 Mar 1981 Rose Tapsell retires after 20 years as Not So Young Club secretary – sister of Doris Geary and Frank Watson.

4 Apr 1981 Roy Savery, insurance salesman, completes the London Marathon donating money to Valence School.

11 Apr 1981 Horticultural Society starts children's workshops.

3/7/SC/1981 Apr 25 Review of Drama Group production: Lynda Wylie, Chris Addison, Paul Leslie, Ann Jupp, Ian Robertson among the cast.

8 Aug 1981 URC church badly damaged by fire. 200 children on the green for royal wedding party on 29th July. **PRINTED**

29 Aug 1981 Protest meeting over plans for Wedgwoods Yard. **PRINTED**

19 Sep 1981 Outline planning permission granted for Wedgwoods scheme. **PRINTED**

26 Sep 1981 Fund-raising for repairs to URC church; Annie Beagley reaches 99. **PRINTED**

17 Oct 1981 Sponsored treasure hunt by the school raises £100 for Help the Aged; URC repairs start next week; Youth Club and Scouts adopt bus shelters; gates stolen from Ricketts Hill Road home of the Edwards (Chalk Croft?); Stan Cope (33 Paynesfield Road) finds his car windscreen has been smashed.

24 Oct 1981 Gale damage in Tatsfield. **P RINTED**

31 Oct 1981 Decision imminent on whether Doris Geary has a right to keep ducks on the pond; by-law bans metal-detecting on the green; **PRINTED** URC church restoration proceeds.

7 Nov 1981 Mention of the Times report on the inauguration of the public five minutes (mistakenly says 1946 instead of 1956); £21 raised at Ship Halloween Night goes to the pond fund via the landlord, Brian Garth.

28 Nov 1981 Theft of equipment from E&B Motors, Old Lane.

12 Dec 1981 URC church to be used on 20th December for the first time since the fire.
PRINTED

19 Dec 1981 Heavy snow blocks some roads.

9 Jan Two ducks on the pond killed by a fox.

16 Jan 1982 PC tries to settle the status of Crown Road as a public right of way.

23 Jan 1982 Dogs killing sheep, including those of James Beagley at Clarks Lane Farm.

6 Feb 1982 John Garrick of 4 Rag Hill Close in court over his dog's (Bugsy) barking. Magistrates ordered dog to be destroyed. **PRINTED**

20 Feb 1982 John Garrick of 4 Rag Hill Close accused of driving at a team coming to repossess his car. **PRINTED**

27 Feb 1982 Redlands at Moorhouse 'just about holding its own' as the recession hits the building trade; Terence William Waite, the Haven, fined £50 for criminal damage at the Ship on 31st October 1980 [sic]

6 Mar 1982 £100 and cigarettes stolen by two armed raiders – baseball bat and a gun - at Lusted Hall Stores last Wednesday. Saida Karim threatened – her brother was Naeem Karim.

6 Mar 1982 David McMullan and Jeff Smith taking part in 3,0000 mile motorcycle rally across the Sahara. **PRINTED** Alan and Stephen Staveley (13) achieve the British Junior Alpine Three Star Advanced Skiing Award. **PRINTED**

3 Apr 1982 Jeff Smith retires from Sahara Rally.

4 April 1982 John Surtees fails in a bid for the private prosecution of a man who abused him whilst parking at a restaurant in Tatsfield in the snow.

13 May 1982 Notice in The Stage for Barry Watson theatrical employers registration proposal. **PRINTED**

15 May 1982 David McMullan and his son soldier on in Sahara Rally. **PRINTED**

22 May 1982 Geoff and Pauline Renshaw refused permission by the parish council for tables and chairs on the 'Bakery triangle'. **PRINTED**

10 Jul 1982 Basil Carey, Rectory Lane, stands down as St Mary's treasurer after 23 years. Chaired the appeal at the time of the extensions and alterations in the 1960 – remains on PCC.

24 Jul 1982 15yr old Graeme Roberts of Grenawn, Rag Hill Road reaches the final of the Young Engineer for Britain competition. **PRINTED**

31 Jul 1982 Beaver Water world open day.

7 Aug 1982 The Renshaws of the Old Bakery complain about the PC erecting bollards around the Bakery triangle. **PRINTED** Doris Geary organises Tatsfield reunion.

28 Aug 1982 PC Derek Heather leaves Tatsfield after two years. **PRINTED**

18 Sep 1982 Annie Beagley's 100th birthday. **PRINTED**

23 Oct 1982 Pond receives county award for volunteer activity.

13 Nov 1982 Music licence refused for the Old Bakery – Geoff Renshaw. PC objected on noise and parking but refusal was on safety grounds and needs for emergency lights and panic bolts.

18 Dec 1982 Not So Young Club Christmas dinner.

8 Jan 1983 PC Duke is Tatsfield's new policeman. **PRINTED**

15 Jan 1983 Opposition to concrete plant at Moorhouse. **PRINTED**

9 Apr 1983 Brenda David resigns as Guides and Brownies leader. **PRINTED**

23 Apr 1983 Roy Savery runs for charity. **PRINTED**

14 May 1983 Peter Atkinson becomes vicar and marrying in September.

18 Jun 1983 Shortage of trainers threatens future of three junior football teams.

25 Jun 1983 Fire at the Bakery restaurant. **PRINTED** Who remembers 'Paper Jack'? **PRINTED** Fire front page of Westerham edition **PRINTED**

6 Aug 1983 Clacket Lane one of six possible sites for M25 service area.

19 Aug 1983 Plans for concrete plant at Moorhouse turned down **PRINTED**

16 Sep 1983 Parish Council buys land behind the village hall. **PRINTED**

7 Oct 1983 Feature on Stock car racer Trevor Jenkins of Johns Road **PRINTED**

11 Nov 1983 Botley Trident protest. **PRINTED** Youth club to re-open after closure following broken windows and damaged car two months ago. Les Jackson in charge and club splits into under and over 14s.

1983 Burnt out Bakery Restaurant sold for £85,000

1984 Marathon knitters – Doris Mitchell and Monica Russell – knitting jumpers for Ethiopia. 3/7/2/32 **PRINTED**

6 Jan 1984 £60 raised by carol singers for Action Research.

3 Feb 1984 Tatsfield Covenant to reaffirm CofE/RC/URC unity under leadership of Revd Peter Atkinson. **PRINTED**

10 Feb 1984 Church repairs fund reaches over £1,000.

17 Feb 1984 Son et Lumière history of Tatsfield planned by Cedric and Joyce Oliver for October at St Mary's Church. **PRINTED**

24 Feb 1984 Planning permission granted for BT and SEGAS radio station at Beddlestead Lane. **PRINTED**

4 May 1984 Horticultural Society spring show – picture of Katherine Malone and Derek Weller. **PRINTED**

11 May 1984 Beating the Bounds on May 27th

15 Jun 1984 Annual village clean-up.

10 Aug 1984 CATSA – anti M25 Service Area group – prepares its case **PRINTED** Cyclists, Adam Cartwright and Gregory Kirk complete charity ride to Brighton. **PRINTED**

17 Aug 1984 Richard Gibbs letter opposing M25 Service Area **PRINTED**

24 Aug 1984 Village pond dry **PRINTED**

12 Oct 1984 Son et Lumiere planned for Tatsfield **PRINTED** Gordon Reeve closes Bluebell Wood path **PRINTED**

9 Nov 1984 Son et Lumiere success **PRINTED**

23 Nov 1984 Woman defies Gordon Reeve's path closure. **PRINTED**

14 Dec 1984 M25 collision in fog **PRINTED** Leak in pond baffles experts.

21 Dec 1984 More on M25 pile-up in fog.

28 Dec 1984 New look for Old Bakery under the Boadellas **PRINTED**

1985 Pond face-lift under Frank Watson; 3/7/2/31

FROM AUGUST 1985 SEE ALSO 3/7/85 ETC

23 Jan 1987 Coverage of Tatsfield snow.

14 Mar 1992 £40,000 cost of new roof for village hall.

1999 re Village Hall floorboard (See Ref. 2/2/14) Message written on piece of floorboard when the hall was built in 1909 discovered during renovation in 1999. 3/7/2/35 Southeast in Bloom result 1999 – second place, having started in 1996. 3/7/2/36

2000 Tatsfield football hooligans – referee quits over alleged abuse 1999/2000. 3/7/2/37 Old Ship review 2000 on return of the Boadellas as landlords. 3/7/2/38