## ST PETER'S CHURCH & TANDRIDGE VILLAGE PARISH MAGAZINE





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## With thanks to all our contributors and the Editorial Team

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

If you have any comments or contributions, including photos, we would love to hear from you. Please send them to: <u>tandridgemagazine@gmail.com</u>.

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR RECTOR, REVD. JAMES ASHTON:



Spring is now fully underway, and as I write we are journeying through a showery April; let us hope and pray that the 'Merry month of May' brings with it more sunshine and warmth. At this time of year we often find joy in the smallest things; a burst of colour in an unexpected corner of the garden or the kindness of a neighbour are good examples. There is much more to give thanks for, may we find these moments of joy as the days lengthen.

That said, there is also turmoil in the world. Our news is filled with frightening realities, that can leave us lost for words. How do we make sense of it all? What can we do? We can be left feeling bereft and concerned – these matters seem beyond us, and so large that anything we might do would have a negligible effect.

It is at these times we are grateful for community: for the friendship and fellowship of our neighbours and friends. Our community is strengthened when we do things together, and we can make a difference! Perhaps in small ways, but through dedication, unity and prayer, there could be small changes for the better.

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR RECTOR, REVD. JAMES ASHTON:



One recent example of a tragic situation, that has sadly disappeared from the headlines, is the earthquake in Myanmar. Many in that nation are in desperate need of help; we could simply say that the situation is beyond us, and too great... or we could do something small to help – why not visit here to find out more:

https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/emergencies/myanmar-earthquakeappeal

In the church this is the season of Easter. The part of the season that is beyond the chocolate and the roast lamb. It is a season of new life and hope. Hope for us, hope for our community, and hope for the world. May God bless you this Easter!

With my love and prayers



James A

## **MEMORY LANE PART III**

## DAPHNE FAIRBRASS REFLECTS ON HER LIFE IN TANDRIDGE, THE "LIFE AND SOUL" OF THE VILLAGE FOR 30 YEARS



## Daphne (far right) on a Tommy Trinder Television programme

Daphne Fairbrass extended a very warm welcome to Annette and myself when we visited her at her home recenty. She regaled us with so many fascinating and quite often hilarious stories of her, and her husband John's, life in the village of Tandridge, and her earlier years.

But let us start at the very beginning - In Daphne's own words, she was born with a bottle of gin, not a silver spoon! Daphne was born at her parent's public house in the Leigh High Road, Canonbury near Highbury. Her parents were a very sociable couple, her mother especially, and they both played the piano. In fact, it was important that everyone in the family, including Daphne, 'did a turn' on social occasions. From an early age, she was taught the piano, but it wasn't for her, so her mother encouraged her to have singing lessons instead, and that is where she found her calling: Daphne became a semiprofessional singer.

One of her first serious performances was, as a little girl, singing with her uncle at the very grand Charing Cross Hotel for the Eyes Right Charity. She sang, 'I was never kissed before.'

The Blitz was very bad of course, particularly where Daphne's family lived. However, Daphne was evacuated just before war was declared. On one occasion, Daphne returned home for a weekend visit, it was on this visit that her mother discovered Daphne's impetigo, (possibly caused by a lack of cleanliness at the home where she was staying). Her mother decided to keep Daphne at home from then on. She stayed at the pub in Canonbury, until one evening, her Uncle Jack returned home bleeding very badly after taking part in fire-watching. Seeing him in this injured, bloodied state caused Daphne a great deal of upset, so her family decided to send her to a boarding school in East Grinstead.

Whilst she was away, Daphne and her mother missed each other a great deal and both of them would cry about it. Her father became so fed up with all the tears, he allowed Daphne to come home each weekend. Daphne would take the bus by herself, aged 9 from East Grinstead to The Swan and Sugar Loaf at Croydon, where her mother would collect her.



Bomb damage to Pentonville Prison, Islington



Winston Churchill's Bedroom, Chartwell

Daphne had an aunt and uncle who had a pub in Westerham. Daphne and her parents would visit there during the war for a bit of peace and quiet. The position of the pub allowed a spectacular view of the various planes flying overhead on their various missions . When the couple first took the pub on, trade was slow - just a few poor farmers and locals. However, once the Canadian Soldiers were billeted at Chartwell, business was booming! One of their customers was the caretaker at Chartwell, who had a bit of a side-line. If you bought him a couple of beers, he would take you on a personal, very private tour of his master's home. He would show you all around the house, including all the secret, private places, including Winston's study and bedroom, where Daphne was encouraged to handle the Prime Minister's monogrammed slippers. All for the price of 2 pints!

Daphne remembers VE Day very well. The family pub was then The Porcupine, Mottingham, and it was heaving. There was a large garden with a piano at the bottom of it. That was being played, along with an accordion and many other musical instruments. Those celebrating went from pub to pub throughout the day, often taking their drinks with them. Daphne had to serve behind the bar to help, (aged 12), as they were inundated. She distinctly remembers serving one man 13 halves of beer! The next day there was a bit of an issue sorting out all the glasses. In those days, the glasses were stamped with the pubs' name on them, but after the VE Day celebrations the glasses were scattered all over London and it took some work to get them all back to where they belonged.

Then, the next day, despite all of that, Daphne's parents decided to have another party!

In her teenage years, Daphne had a few auditions in the West End. At aged 18, Daphne was singing at a large charity event at the Charing Cross Hotel.

After her singing performance, she went to enjoy the rest of the evening with her mother and boyfriend. A theatrical agent approached her and said would you like to audition at the Players Theatre "I can see you now, another Hattie Jacques!"

At that particular evening, Daphne happened to be with a somewhat older, rather glamorous boyfriend, and as they danced around the theatre the theatrical agent happened to dance past, tapped Daphne's boyfriend on the shoulder, and said " Has she told you, I can see her now, another Hattie...." And with that Daphne quickly swept her potential suitor away, before he could hear the rest!

The day of the audition arrived and Daphne sang her song. At the end of her number, the impresario said with some conviction, "I can see you now, in a cage, singing "Only a Bird in a Gilded Cage." Daphne went away feeling quite frightened and never went back. Something she says she's regretted ever since.

Daphne met her husband to be, John, when he came in to her parents pub with some of his bachelor friends. Those friends informed Daphne that John wanted to ask her out to his "firm's do", but he didn't have the courage. Daphne balked at this, a "firm's do" didn't sound at all glamorous and why on earth wasn't he asking her himself? Her sentiments completely changed however, when it transpired that the firms-do was a black-tie ball at The Grosevenor Hotel, and not only that, but John owned his own dinner suit! Daphne very happily said yes!

John and Daphne moved to Step Arbour Cottage in Tandridge from Petswood in the 1980s. They wanted to be in a village and part of a community and almost immediately after settling here, they began volunteering and socialising, even though they were both working at the time.

Daphne worked for the chairman of Unilever in Blackfriars and John worked as a contracts manager in The City.

Daphne joined the W.I. (somewhat under duress, but she came to love it), she joined the Parish Council, eventually becoming the Chairwoman (after Gerry Walkden); she was on the village hall committee, whilst John was the Chair. They were volunteers for Link - which organised cars for people who needed to go the doctors; Daphne managed the telephones and John did the driving. John also drove the OAP bus for 10 years.

Besides volunteering, they loved to entertain, and there was many a party at their cottage, which often spilled out on to the garden.



Step Arbour Cottages 1958 Daphne remembers the Great Storm very well. She found it dreadful and quite terrifying. As night fell, they worried if their little cottage would survive it. One of their neighbours came banging on their door as a tree had come through her roof. As the storm raged on they became concerned for their elderly neighbour at the other end of the row - a retired teacher called Con. John went out to check on her, shouting up at the windows trying to get her attention, but she signalled from an upstairs window to say "I'm ok - go back inside." The storm caused a great deal of damage to the local area.

They had met Con on their first day in Tandridge, That morning, as they moved in with all their furniture, they struggled to get the bed up the stairs, so Daphne popped next door to see if the neighbour could help. Con answered the door and within a few minutes offered Daphne a drink. Daphne said she didn't have time for a tea just at the moment and Con said, "no, no, I mean - *a drink*!"

Con was a pianist and with Daphne being a singer, she would occasionally go next door to rehearse with her. Invariably the gin would come out and extremely generous measures would be poured!

For many years Daphne organised and starred in the Christmas Village Show in the Village Hall. The Tandridge Shows started after Daphne had been performing in music hall performances with a group from Petswood. They would do shows in hospitals and the like and Daphne thought it would be be a good idea to hold one of these performances in Tandridge Village Hall. It was a great success and after that, Daphne decided to organise shows of her own, involving the residents of Tandridge.

The future pop-star, Louise Redknapp, who lived on The Walk, sang and danced as a little girl in 2 of the shows. Daphne had to cajole her to perform, along with so many other people.

Daphne remembers very clearly that the minute someone new moved into the village, she would go and ask them - can you do anything? can you sing, dance?! She admits that she definitely 'pounced' on people to get them to be involved, and this would usually be done 'one on one' in order to improve her chances of gaining another 'volunteer'!



As a result there were the most hilarious acts and the evenings raised a great deal of money for all sorts of local and national charities. There were the farmers dressed in tutus, some of the older ladies singing Stepping Out with their zimmer frames, cleaners singing Hey Big Spender.

There was an occasion where John announced that Daphne was going to sing a serious operatic song (the audience grumbled a bit) "Come Come I Love You Only". Pam made a huge skirt for Daphne to wear, made out a very large satin sheet. They positioned Daphne on a platform and she began to sing her operatic song, in all seriousness. However during her perfomance, from under her skirt there appeared a number of people in their work attire - the gardener with his wheel barrow, the cook carrying a chicken and wearing his chef's hat, a builder with his hard hat, wielding a hammer etc etc.

Sir John Burnett once offered to perform and Daphne, worried about how 'merry' the audience might be later on in the evening, decided to put him on first. He arrived in an old mac and an old hat and sang a song about income tax, and was a terrific success.



The shows were a great deal of fun and quite often got out of hand - for instance, when the girls tried to wrestle Mike's fireman's helmet off him, when he wasn't wearing much else!

Daphne continued her singing career with The Golden Girls, in partnership with Geraldine Horn. Geraldine provided the monologues and Daphne sang. They toured and performed all over Surrey.

Daphne still sings (at 92!) and was the star of the show on her last cruise, doing karaoke to the tune of Adele's "Make me feel my love".

We shall return in the next issue with more of Daphne's memories, particularly concerning the Christmas shows and the people who participated.

Daphne will be planting the commemorative Oak Tree on the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of V.E Day on 8<sup>th</sup> May, at 7pm at St. Peter's Church. Please come and join us.

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## PERSONAL TAX CHANGES 2025/26 : KEY UPDATES FOR SELF ASESSMENT



Key updates from our experts, Adam & James, on the Spring budget that affect self assessment tax returns from April 2025

#### Late Payment Penalties & Interest Rate Adjustments

Implementation of stricter penalties and higher interest rates have been introduced with immediate effect. Late payments will be subject to a 3% late payment penalty with an additional 3% added if overdue by 30 days or more. Anything overdue by 31 days or more will be charged at 10%. There is an overall increase of 1.5% on the interest rates that HMRC charge for late payment of all taxes.

#### Freezing of Personal Tax Thresholds Extended

The freeze on personal tax thresholds has been extended to April 2028. This means income tax personal allowance and higher rate tax thresholds will remain unchanged for a further two years.

## Adjustments to Capital Gains Tax (CGT) Rates

CGT rates have increased from 10% to 18% (for basic rate taxpayers) and from 20% to 24% (for higher rate taxpayers). Additionally, business asset disposal relief (BADR) rates have increased from 10% to 14%. BADR rates will increase further, to 18%, next year. The CGT rate that applies to property disposals remains unchanged at 18% and 24%.

## Making Tax Digital (MTD)

From April 2026 sole traders and landlords with income/turnover (not profit) above £50k, will need to report their income via digital software and on a quarterly basis. From April 2027 this will apply to those with an income of +£30k and from 2028 to those with an income of +£20k. Payment dates for tax owing remain the same.

## Inheritance Tax (IHT) Thresholds Frozen

IHT remains frozen until 2030, this means the nil rate band and the rate at which estates are taxed will not increase with inflation, potentially bringing more estates into the IHT over time.

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## VE DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY AN EVENING OF COMMEMORATION AND CELEBRATION IN TANDRIDGE VILLAGE 8TH MAY

7.00pm - Planting of a commemorative oak tree, on the grass bank between the church and the road. To be planted by Daphne Fairbrass.

7.30pm- A short service of remembrance and thanksgiving by the war memorial. Music provided by the Oxted Brass Band.

8.15pm - Raising of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary flag. The flag will be raised by the Chair of Tandridge District Council, Councillor Sue Farr, assisted by the Deputy Lieutenant of Surrey, Colonel Tony Guthrie.

9.30pm - Lighting of the beacon, by Pam Knight, assisted by Brigadier Mike Cornwell OBE.

## VE DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Parking at Tandridge Village Hall.

Only disabled parking will be permitted on The Glebe Field.

The Glebe Field will be open from 6.00pm and will provide:

Disabled parking & toilets Fish & chip van Bar - Selling beer, wine and soft drinks Live music Fireworks

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## THE BIGWOOD ESTATE UPDATE

**BY KATE BIGWOOD** 



Thanks to a local friend, I heard about a gathering this weekend in Forest Row. As good fortune would have it, I was able to go along despite the short notice and I am so glad I did. The purpose of the gathering: to talk about soil health and compost. Surprisingly to me, the village hall was packed with about 150 people of all ages, all interested in the topic of soil and collaborating for community improvement. Some of Forest Row's enthusiastic residents are trying to create a community composting station, and this event was spreading awareness of the importance and benefits of collecting and using food waste for local improvement. Here is another example of a community based, grass roots venture that I have come across and I hope they succeed. I am repeatedly coming across examples of small groups of people coming together to start great initiatives that require collaboration with like-minded people. I see this as the future of how things need to be if we are to create change.

Part of the evening was watching the excellent and personally befitting film 'Six Inches of Soil', a documentary style film which follows the story of three farmers as they transition to a regenerative approach to farming. The film highlights the need to improve the health of the soil, and the knock-on effects that this then has on the surrounding ecosystem as well as improved yields with fewer chemical inputs. It also highlighted the challenges faced by farmers and how closely we all dance on the line of making a profit or loss. How reassuring to realise it isn't just me finding this dance really hard. We are needing to be dynamic, creative, adaptable, brave and resilient to farm nowadays, but it is reassuring that there is an ever increasing number of people embracing these challenges to bring about the changes that are so needed.

With an estimated 40-50 harvests left in the global top soil, it's crucial that we begin to regenerate and improve soil health. There are lots of us doing what we can, but word needs to spread to others, and pretty rapidly, if we are going to secure our food supply going forward. It needs to not only be farmers, but gardeners and anyone who manages any land, no matter how big or small. We all need to compost, get more microbial activity into the soil by using less chemicals to encourage, amongst other things, more worms. Worms are the engineers of soil. Breaking down plant matter and taking it deep down into the soil. They aerate the top surface and their presence helps to retain water and carbon, but only if they have material to digest. On a farm scale, this is where the livestock come in: to produce the dung to feed the soil. An organic, regenerative soil system needs to have animal dung to feed the cycle and is the foundation for agroecological farming: using biology, rather than chemistry/chemicals, to create health and growth. In a garden, this is where compost comes in.

For us residents in Tandridge, we have collected food waste for more than a decade. I personally have never considered where this goes or what happens to it, despite diligently sending it off each week with the bin men. I compost everything uncooked on site for use in the garden, but as I now understand it, with the right microbial starter culture I can compost all food waste and use it to improve the soil here. This would be far preferable so I want to learn more about this and then spread the word to others. Just like a microbial compost starter culture, we pass on a small amount to others for them to then take it, develop their own and pass on again. Like this we can all spread the good stuff and nourish the soil up to the soul.

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## AN ORDINAND'S DIARY

**BY SAM BAKER** 



## **Worth Abbey**

I wanted to share a little about what's been going on in my journey towards ordination – it's been quite a mix of experiences lately, in amongst all the essay writing!

A couple of months ago, I went on a silent weekend retreat, experiencing Ignatian spirituality. Ignatian spirituality encourages using imagination to engage with the Scriptures and enter into the lives of biblical figures, such as the disciples, to deepen your own understanding and relationship with God. Being completely quiet for a whole weekend felt a strange (to say the least), but it turned out to be such a good chance to really listen to what God might be saying without all the usual noise.

Following up on that retreat, I decided to spend a day at Worth Abbey. What an amazing place! I used the day to engage with 'Practicing the Way', an incredible free discipleship tool from John Mark Comer. The tool helped me to reflect holistically upon nine areas of my personal discipleship and then develop my own tailored 'Rule of Life' for daily, weekly, monthly, seasonally and annual discipleship practices.

And finally, I had my Year 1 'Bishop's Report' completed by the college. It's part of the process, and it was really helpful to get some feedback and encouragement. It was a really encouraging and helpful report.



I just wanted to keep you all in the loop and say thanks for your continued support! God bless, Sam



## GARDENING HERBS FOR EVERY TASTE

#### **BY DOUG KNIGHT**

Everyone can grow herbs, no matter how small your garden. Herbs are a varied bunch of plants ranging from quick-growing annuals to large shrubs and the only thing they have in common is that we use their leaves to flavour our food. The annuals, including chervil, coriander and basil all need rich, fertile soil. The shrubby herbs, which are largely Mediterranean, need full sun and warmth and thrive in dry, poor soils. They include sage, rosemary, bay and thyme.



All herbs will grow in pots so even if you have a small patio or just a window box you can grow some herbs and you may never need to buy bunches of wilted herbs from a supermarket again.

#### The shrubby herbs!

These aromatic shrubs all need well-drained soil and thrive in a sunny spot. If growing them in pots they should be planted in John Innes compost because they will potentially live for many years. The most useful in the kitchen are thyme, rosemary and sage.



All these herbs benefit from being trimmed lightly every year to keep them compact and 'young' or they get bare at the base. The best time to pick them, for the most intense flavour, is in summer and you can preserve any excess crop in oil, frozen butter and by drying.

#### Mint

Mint is something of a troublesome plant, it is a dangerous plant to let loose in the garden. It spreads by creeping stems that wander across the soil, rooting as they grow. The best way to grow mint is in pots. But mint needs to move on and it will decline rapidly if restricted to a pot and old compost for more than a year. So, it is best to replant every spring. There are many forms of mint but if I had to choose just one for a patio pot I would plant variegated apple mint. It is great for cooking and makes good mint sauce.



#### Parsley

Surely the most popular of all herbs, parsley is easy to grow. It can be slow to grow from seed but you can easily buy young plants and these will crop until next spring. Parsley is a biennial, which means that it grows from seed and then flowers and dies in the following year.





#### Coriander

Is best sown little and often because they are more likely to run to seed in hot, dry conditions. If you want lots of leaves you should sow every month or so.

#### Basil

loves warmth and sunshine and they can struggle outside. But you can grow them in pots of multipurpose compost on a warm, sheltered patio. I grow mine in a greenhouse in pots. Keep them well watered and well fed and pick off the flowers, or eat them, to encourage sideshoots and more leaves. Happy Gardening!





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## **SCHOOL NEWS**

As you read this, we hope the sun is shining warmly for you – a lovely reminder that we are stepping into the joys of the summer term.

At St Peter's, this is a truly special time of year. We continue to see our children flourish – not only academically, but also socially and emotionally. Since September, they have grown into confident, curious, and enthusiastic learners, always eager to share their discoveries and experiences. Each day brings new moments of joy as they surprise us with what they've learned, lighting up our classrooms with their energy and enthusiasm.

With the season of growth all around us, it's not just the plants that are shooting up – many of the children are too (I may need to invest in some higher heels, as a few are almost as tall as me!). This term, the children will be getting their hands dirty with planting projects in and around the school. From vibrant flowers to tasty vegetables, they'll be tending to all sorts of plants, while learning about growth and change. In class, they're also observing the progress of beans, tomatoes, and even lemons as they grow from tiny seeds into flourishing plants – we're all keeping our fingers crossed for a bumper crop!

Year 2 are particularly excited to begin rehearsals for traditional maypole dancing, which they'll proudly perform at our much-loved School Fete on Saturday 21st June 2025. Please do save the date – we'd love to see you there!

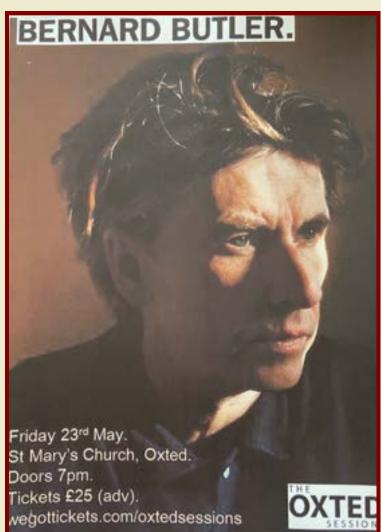
Later in the term, we hope to enjoy some sunshine as we mark several key events, including our Patronal Day celebrations at St Peter's Church, our always-popular Sports Day, and our "Bring Your Dad to School" morning. These will form part of our Health and Well-being Week, packed with fun and engaging workshops focused on movement, healthy choices, and feeling good. Beyond the classroom, our children are also heading out on some exciting enrichment trips. Year 1 will be bringing their learning about castles to life with a visit to Penshurst Place. Our Early Years children will be discovering the fascinating world of minibeasts on their adventure to Gatton Park, and Year 2 will enjoy exploring nature and animals on a trip to Tilgate Park.

There is never a dull moment at St Peter's – and we wouldn't have it any other way!

Wishing you all a happy, sunny summer from all of us at St Peter's.

With warmest wishes, Lenia Greenaway and the St Peter's Team







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## A TREAT TO POOR CHILDREN

Surrey Mirror 13<sup>th</sup> September, 1895



Left and above - Spitalfield 'nippers'

Last week a treat to 200 poor children from Shoreditch was given in Tandridge Park by Mr Max Michaelis and they were joined in their enjoyments by about 140 children from Tandridge and Crowhurst.

The day was fine and the children enjoyed themselves immensely. On arriving each child was given a mug of milk and a bun, while the teachers had an excellent luncheon at the Court. Tea was sat down in a tent where the visitors were joined by the servants and others on the estate. Plenty of amusement was provided, there being roundabouts, donkeys, and ponies to ride, shooting and cocoa-nut shies &c. The catering was well done by Mr A. E. Trotter, baker and confectioner, of Oxted. At the close hearty cheers were given by the children for Mr Michaelis for his kindness. The company were photographed by Mr Sales,



Oxted.

Sir Max and Lady Michaelis





## DAILY NEWS, LONDON, 23<sup>RD</sup> APRIL, 1919

#### LORD COTTENHAM DEAD



## EARL WHO MARRIED HEIRESS AFTER A FORTNIGHT'S ENGAGEMENT

The 4th Earl of Cottenham died at his London house yesterday evening, He was 45.

He came of a great legal family. The first Earl was Lord Chancellor in 1830. He succeeded to the earldom when seven years old. On his 25<sup>th</sup> birthday he was the co-respondent in the divorce suit brought by Mr J. Blundell Leigh against his wife Lady Rose, a daughter of the marquis of Abergavenny, and subsequently married the lady.

In May, 1913, Lady Cottenham was found lying dead against a tree with a gun near her. At the inquest the Earl said that his wife was in buoyant spirits at lunch, and had tried to brighten up the two sons who had that day returned to school. The theory accepted by the jury was that Lady Cottenham had slipped and that the gun went off and shot her.

In August, 1916, the Earl married Miss Patricia Burke, a young Irish-Californian heiress, after an engagement of only a fortnight.



Left - Lady Rose Leigh, later Countess of Cottenham, in fancy dress

Right - Patricia Pepys, nee Burke, Countess of Cottenham



## THREE BROTHERS -THE 5<sup>TH</sup>, 6<sup>TH</sup> AND 7TH EARLS OF COTTENHAM



The Tandridge Estate was owned by the Cottenham Earls for many generations. The estate included Tandridge Court, Tandridge Hall, Southlands, Newhouse Farm, Brook Farm, Perrysfield Farm and extended to Blindley Heath, covering land over Crowhurst, Felcourt, Felbridge and Warlingham. They were significant benefactors to the church and village well into the 20<sup>th</sup> century.

Kenelm Charles Francis, with brothers John and Mark. The 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Earls of Cottenham

Kenelm became the 5<sup>th</sup> Earl in 1919 when he was 18 years old. His father had caused a great scandal by having an affair with Lady Rose Leigh. The details of the divorce were widely reported in the newspapers. At the time it was considered quite a scandal. He subsequently married Rose and they had 3 sons, Kenelm, John and Mark. Sadly, Kenelm died suddenly in January 1923 aged 21 at his aunt's house near Battle, Sussex. His cause of death being pneumonia. He was a lieutenant in the Coldstream Guards and engaged to be married at the time of his death. He is interred in the family vault at St. Peter's, Tandridge.



Kenelm Charles Edward Pepys, 5<sup>th</sup> Earl of Cottenham

Mark succeeded his brother at the age of 20, becoming the 6<sup>th</sup> Earl. He was a racing driver, racing at Brooklands and was reserve driver in the first ever British Grand Prix.

He believed in spiritualism and stated that he was a medium.

During World War 2 he worked for MI5 but resigned when Germany invaded Russia.



He did not agree with the continuation of the war against Germany.

He married Sybil Venetia Taylor (*shown above*) and they had two daughters together. It was widely reported in the newspapers at the time that Sybil had an affair with a cousin of Mark's - the Earl of Devon, and she and Mark subsequently divorced. Mark was granted custody of their daughters.

Mark wrote in his will about "his earnest wish that his daughters shun marriage until 25 years of age and to try to avoid the hasty bestowing of what is not perhaps thorough affection and the troublesome complication of divorce proceedings which might follow the choice of a husband made in

their immature years".

The Earl was divorced on January 13<sup>th</sup> 1939. He wrote his will on January 30<sup>th</sup> 1939. He died in 1949 aged 40. He had been living at the Travellers Club, Pall Mall, but he died in a 'fashionable' nursing home in Westminster. He left the residue of his estate to his brother John, the 7<sup>th</sup> Earl of Cottenham his "best friend among men". He is buried at St. Peter's, Tandridge.





John Digby Thomas Pepys became the 7<sup>th</sup> Earl at aged 32. Like his brothers before him he was educated at Eton and Sandhurst. He was a lieutenant in the Royal Hussars.

He was a breeder of thoroughbred horses, chairman of LIngfield Race Course, a member of Tattersalls and a senior steward of the National Hunt. He married a daughter of the Marquess of Abergavenny and they had 3 daughters and a son.

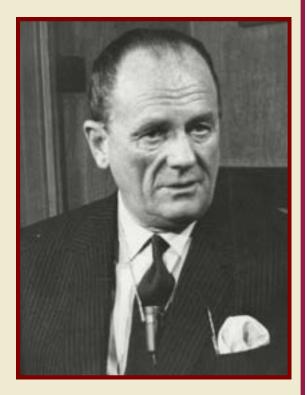
During World War 2, when a stained glass window at St. Peter's was damaged by enemy action, the 7<sup>th</sup> Earl restored it.

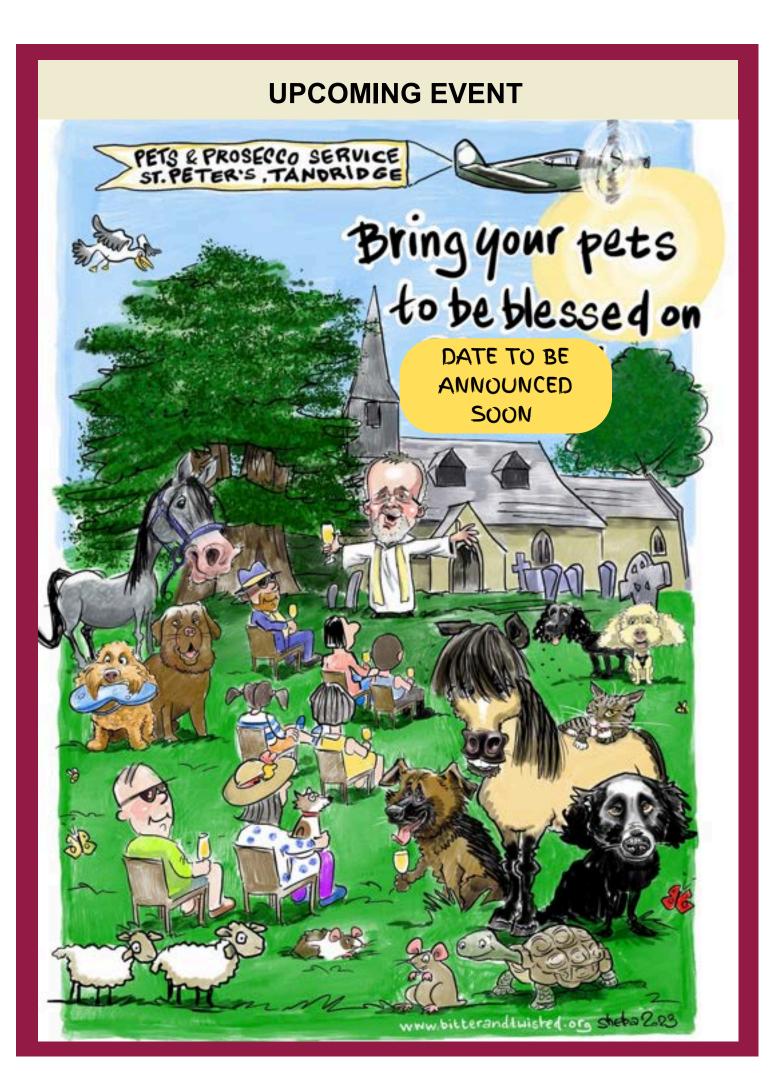
Cottenham was a distant cousin of the diarist Samuel Pepys and was head of the Pepys family.

When asked in 1961 how to pronounce the surname, his secretary told the press "I can assure you that Lord Cottenham pronounces it Peppiss."

In 1968 Digby Pepys died and he too is buried at St. Peter's. Upon his passing, the vicar of St Peter's at that time, Rev'd Dennis Lane, wrote "We have lost a generous contributor in the Earl of Cottenham who now lies peacefully at rest in the family vault in our little churchyard".

His grandson, Mark Cottenham is the current Earl. In March this year, Mark responded to an invitation to join our celebration of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day, to say that he now lives and works in Singapore, so sadly wouldn't be able to attend, but that he would pass the invitation on to his brother and sister.





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## CELEBRATING OUR LOCAL HEROES ADELINE ROBERTS & SARAH NICHOLAS

Adeline wanted to earn some pocket money at the weekend, so her granny (Sarah Nicholas) suggested litter picking alongside New Road from Brook Farm to the brook. Adeline was very thorough with her "picker" and together they filled two bags with plastic and glass bottles, food wrappers, sweety papers, cigarette ends, vape cartons, baby wipes, coffee cups and lids etc etc. **It was a great team effort!** 





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## TANDRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

## Tandridge Neighbourhood Plan

As some residents may be aware, preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish has recently restarted after having been postponed for several years, mainly due to the issues around the Local Plan and the Garden Village. Neighbourhood Plans are an opportunity for a Parish to put forward it's wishes as to the things that matter to them, such as the quantity and form of development they might be willing to see and what assets they would like to protect. A working group of 12 residents is preparing the plan and we hope to be able to publish something later this year.

As part of preparing the Neighbourhood Plan we have been working on a SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) for the parish. A draft of this can be seen on the Tandridge Parish Council website - see link below.

www.tandridgeparishcouncil.org.uk

We would like residents to contribute to this process, so if you have any comments or additional thoughts on any of these four categories, please would you send these to the email address: <u>tandridgepc@hotmail.co.uk</u>



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## ST PETER'S CHURCH, TANDRIDGE - PATRONAGE

#### **BY ANNETTE SCHMIDT**

From 1189 to 99, the time of King Richard I of England (Lion Heart), the Austin Monks founded Tandridge Priory (Now Priory Riding Stables) and associated estate. The Priory itself, was subsequently destroyed by King Henry VIII's Dissolution of the monasteries in the period 1536 - 1541. However, during their time at the Priory, the Austin Monks also built St Peter's Church which survives to today.

During 1538 in Weybridge, Henry VIII decided to build a new palace at Oatlands on the site of a manor house which was owned by William Rede, a London goldsmith. As Henry just happened to be in possession of Tandridge Priory Estate at the time, Rede was given the Priory Estate, which included the church, in exchange.

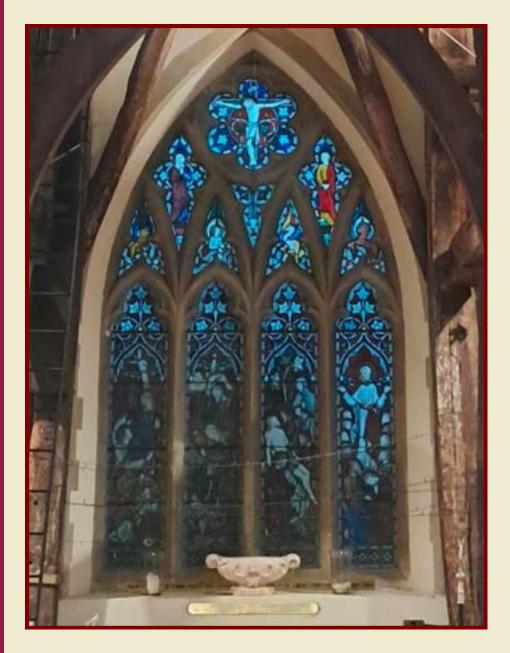




Bostock Fuller coat-of-arms

Rede had little to do with the Estate during his lifetime and left the Tandridge Priory to his nephew Bostock Fuller, who was the justice of the peace of Surrey and died in 1626. The Bostock Fuller branch flourished in Surrey where they were resident at Tandridge Court, and their stone coat-of-arms is mounted high on the southeast wall of the chancel the Church.

William Clayton, was nephew and heir to the manor at Bletchingley, and he bought Tandridge Court and the Priory Estate in 1712 from Francis Fuller. William Clayton did not live in Tandridge Court and as he had not married, when he died his estates passed to his younger brother, Charles Christopher Pepys who was created the First Earl of Cottenham in 1850.



The diarist Samuel Pepys was a seventeenth century member of the family. However, the members mentioned here are of the other branches, more distantly related.

The West Window was given in memory of the 1st Earl of Cottenham who died on 29th April 1851 by his widow and his children. Although he was not buried in Tandridge Church Yard.

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The first Earl Charles Christopher of Cottenham was succeeded by his eldest son, Charles Edward Pepys, becoming the second Earl of Cottenham who did spent the majority of his time in Tandridge Court. He died in 1863 at the age of 39.



Cottenham's tombs are grade II listed. The chest tombs are 15 yards East of the Church of St. Peter, Tandridge Lane. The second Earl's estates passed to his younger brother, William John Pepys, the third Earl of Cottenham who died in 1881 and was buried in Tandridge, and who was succeeded by his son, Kenelm, fourth Earl of Cottenham, aged 7 years,

On coming of age, in 1895, the fourth Earl almost immediately sold his Tandridge estates to M Michaelis who, in turn, sold these estates to the Greenwell family of Marden Park after the first World War.



In 1817 Robert Graeme, a steward of Sir Robert Clayton who owned Tandridge Court and the Priory at the time conveyed the manor to Charles Hampden-Turner, in whose family it remained until 1912.

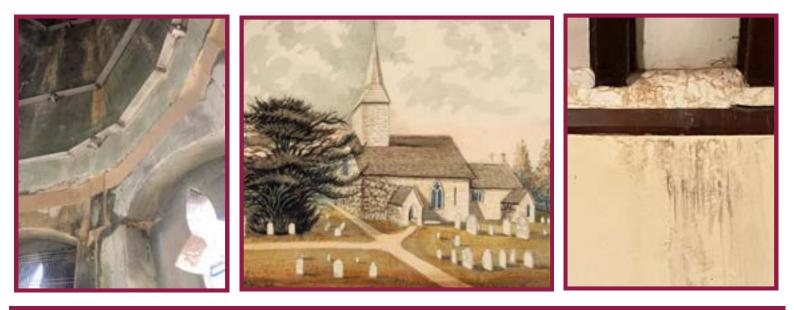


For much of the 19th & 20th Century the Hampden Turners held the patronage of St Peter's Church and are remembered in a brass memorial plaque on the right of the chancel. Major Hampden Turner was killed in action during the first World War and his wife sadly was lost at sea during the second World War when caught in enemy fire.

The Greenwell family continued their patronage till 1997 when St Peter's Church Tandridge came under the union of the benefice with St Mary's Church under the Bishop of Southwark.

Sources: Barbara Chappell Mrs Daphne Collard Mr G L Walkden of Tandridge Court Notes on the Architecture and History of Tandridge Church compiled by G L Walkden A Short History of the Parish of Blindley Heath - Records at Surrey History Centre, Woking

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## **IS GOD LISTENING ?**

#### by REVEREND JAMES ASHTON

What have traffic lights got to do with prayer? Sometimes when we pray, it is hard to discern whether God hears us .. does he even care? We might be praying for a loved one or for world peace or for something to change.



One of the places to discover what God is like, is in the words of the Bible – in Matthew's gospel Jesus speaks about talking to his Father in heaven, and goes on to advise how we should pray. When we pray, it's almost as if we realign ourselves with God. We speak to him; share our lives with him, and ask him to do something in our lives, in our world and in the lives of those we love.

Yet, there are times when it feels like an answer comes, but oftentimes we hear nothing. God appears to be silent – maybe he doesn't care after all.. I believe that God always hears us when we pray; and will always listen. The active decision to pray may help us in various ways – it may give us perspective, it might drive us to action, it might calm us or inspire us. Then there is what God does with our prayers and this is where traffic lights might just help.

Sometimes the answer might be no or stop; the red light in our traffic light. I could pray for something entirely unreasonable (to win an Oscar or to wake up a millionaire) God may well say 'no' these things. We are halted by this answer!

Sometimes we might come across more of an 'amber light' response from God. He might tell us to wait.. and be ready. This can be a frustrating response from God; and leads us to a place of having to trust that there is a better time for the answer we want. Or sometimes God says 'yes', or gives us a green light. We find an answer that cheers us, and makes us feel at peace in good time.

We will not always like the answer to our prayers, but God is always listening, he is always there – it was William Temple, the former Archbishop of Canterbury who said:

## 'When I pray, coincidences happen, and when I don't, they don't'

If you would like to chat more about prayer. please be in touch.

James A



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TANDRIDGE PETS

## **OUR PETS BY IZZY & ROSCOE**







Sometimes we take Maggie on holiday with us in the Summer, she is very good on boats, like this Canal Boat last year. She loves to play with water when she gets the chance, she would splash in a stream or chase waves for hours!



Maggie is our family dog, she is a Border Collie and will be five in May. She loves where we live as she is the happiest when running and exploring the countryside. She can jump really high and jumps over all the stiles.



We also have two Goldfish called Dave and Gill! Once Gill got sucked up the tank cleaning tube, but we saved her! And sometimes Dave eats his own poo!

## **OUR WORKING LIVES**



**By David Ross** 

At my first police station, I was partnered up with an eccentric older officer, whom everyone else avoided going on patrol with....

Together, we were called to a drunk and disorderly male. As we arrived, my older partner told me to deal with the situation, while he witnessed my approach. I tried reasoning with the guy, but he was very drunk and I wasn't getting any where.

All of a sudden, out of the top of my senior officer's tunic, (we were properly dressed in those days), popped Sooty the puppet, (from the Sooty and Sweep show). I kid you not. I was as shocked as the drunk guy!

"Now sir, Sooty thinks you've been drinking?", said my partner, with Sooty nodding along.

"I've only had a few", replied the drunk guy, talking directly to Sooty.

The puppet whispered in the officer's ear, "Sir, Sooty tells me, that if you blow in his face, and he can't smell alcohol, you can go home".

The guy leaned over and blew in Sooty's face, at which point the puppet collapsed backwards.

When recovered, Sooty whispered in the officer's ear again, "Sooty says you're drunk sir and you're coming with us".

Back at the station I'm standing in front of the custody Sergeant, who was sat behind a large elevated desk.

"P.C. Ross please give me the facts of this arrest".

"Well Sarge we attended a location where the suspect was obviously drunk. He was swearing and shouting and his speech was slurred and his eyes red and watery. He was, in my opinion, drunk and also disorderly, so I arrested him".

The Sergeant asked the drunken guy if he agreed with my account.

"No, Sooty nicked me".

"Sorry sir, Sooty?"

"Yeah, he's behind you!", he yelled.

Whilst the arrest was being discussed, my partner had quietly manoeuvred his way to behind the custody Sergeant and had produced Sooty from his tunic. But just as the custody sergeant whipped round to look behind him, my partner tucked him back into his tunic.

The Sergeant faced back to the drunkard. "He's behind you!" he shouted again!

"That's enough of that. Take him to the cells, he's obviously blotto".

I still feel sorry for the guy. Imagine him recounting the story and no one ever believing him!



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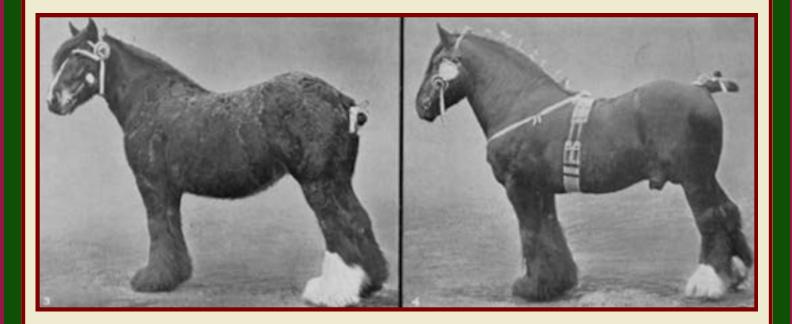
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