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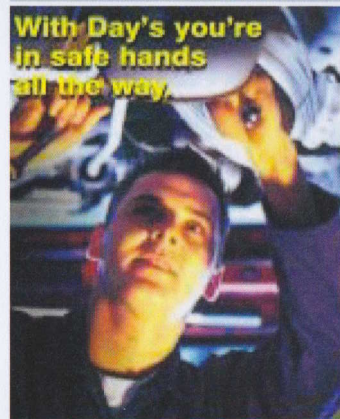


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October	Morning Services
4th	8:00am Holy Communion
4th	11:00am Harvest Service: All Age Worship
11th, 25th	11:00am Family Communion
18th	11:00am All Age Worship
	Evening Services
4th, 11th, 25th	6:30pm Evening Prayer
18th	6:30pm Holy Communion
November	Morning Services
7th	8:00am Holy Communion
7th, 21st	All Age Worship
14th	10:55am at the War Memorial for Remembrance Service
28th	11:00am Family Communion
	Evening Services
1st, 8th, 22nd, 29th	6:30pm Evensong
15th	6:30pm Holy Communion
Every Thursday	2:00pm Toddlers' Praise —30mins, a couple of songs, a story, some prayers and a small craft activity each week

Dates for your Diary

October	
3rd	7:30pm Harvest Supper in Village Hall. Ticket only
4th	Harvest Sunday
5th	7:30pm Tandridge Parish Council in St Peter's Church
20th	School half term holiday begins
November	
2nd	School half term holiday ends
2nd	7:30pm Tandridge Parish Council in St Peter's Church
18th	7:30pm St Peter's PCC meeting in St Peter's School Hall

Front Cover: Revd James Ashton preaching at the pet service while two boys look on with their pets

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From the Editorial Team

By the time you read this, Sunday morning services will have a new pattern. Please see pages 3 and 25 for more details. Over the next few editions, a series of promotions will appear in this magazine to encourage people to give more to St Peter's church. Several weddings have brought in much-needed into St Peter's church, but the PCC are still struggling. If you are not a regular churchgoer, please do consider a donation by Standing Order which can be Gift Aided—worth another 25p for every £1 given.

As ever, if you have any comments or contributions, including photos, we would love to hear from you, so please send them to: tandridgenews@gmail.com. We aim to include as much as possible in the space available in future editions. The magazine is free because the advertisers support us. Please support them and tell them where you saw their advert.

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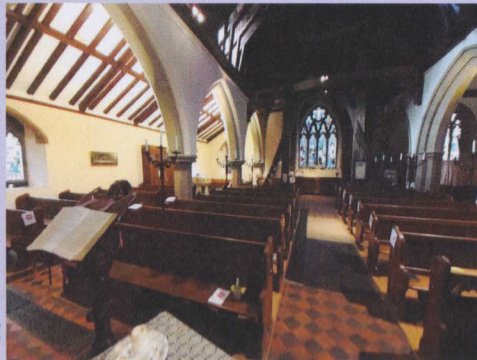
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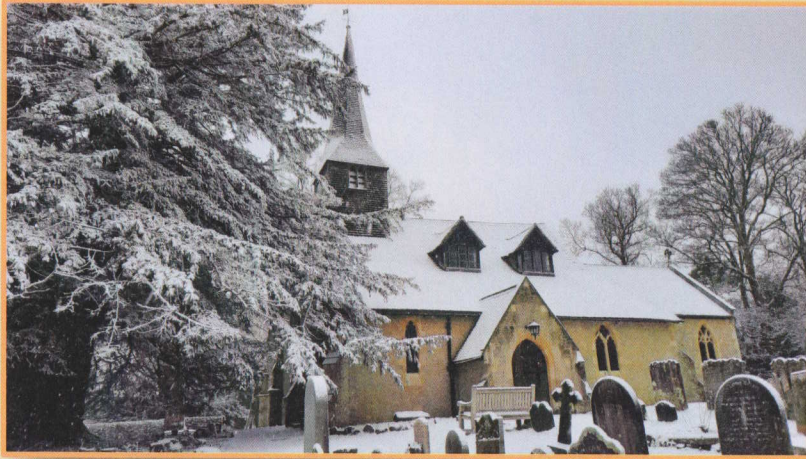
on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd June
If you would like to get involved in the
organisation of this event in Tandridge,
please contact

Mike Barratt on the number below.

- Thursday 2nd June: Trooping the Colour and beacon lighting
- Friday 3rd June: Service of Thanksgiving
- Saturday 4th June: Race Day and Party at the Palace
- Sunday the 5th: June Jubilee Lunch and Pageant

**For more information,
contact Mike Barratt on 01883 715373**

Church funds: Pre-order Our Christmas card



This lovely picture will be available as a Christmas card this year.

This will be in colour with a simple message of "Seasonal Greetings" including an envelope.

To order & more information please email: Annette.c.schmidt@hotmail.com

St Peter's Harvest Festival—Sunday 3rd October 2021

As well as contributions of garden flowers, greenery, vegetables and fruit, you are invited to bring your contributions of non-perishable foods suitable for 'harvest boxes' and for 'family meals'. NO fresh food please. Harvest food gifts will be taken to:

Caterham Foodbank: you can give food to Caterham Foodbank via the Sainsbury's Local in Oxted.

Welcare in Redhill: Welcare are once again requesting money and/or supermarket vouchers for harvest this year as many of the families they support benefit from being able to buy fresh food, which Welcare are unable to store on site. However, if you prefer to donate tinned goods, you can do this via the local food banks as follows: www.caterham.foodbank.org.uk or www.redhillfoodbank.org.uk/

From our Team Vicar

A Season of Creation

September is a month where we begin to see the world around us change before our eyes; leaves start drifting downwards, those pesky daddy long-legs lope airily around the lounge, the nights are a little bit shorter. Change is all around us. This is before we think of the changes in our human life too – new school terms, new jobs, alterations to our Covid regulations, preparations for Christmas (well, maybe for some!!) During September we are encouraged to celebrate the Season of Creation.



This is a combined initiative between church denominations, charities and international aid organisations to inform, educate and inspire us to be more involved in striving for justice for the climate and the earth. I wanted to commend one particular part to everyone this month.

'Letters for Creation' is a wonderful idea, brought to us by Christian Aid – please see <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/get-involved/schools/letters-creation> for the specific details. It is an opportunity for all of us to get involved, in a creative and fun way. What will you write or design? Perhaps we could work towards having a display of these letters or designs, in time to take to Southwark Cathedral on Saturday 23rd October, where a prayer vigil will be taking place, to pray about the COP26 conference.

In Mark's Gospel, chapter 16, Jesus tells his followers to proclaim the good news to 'the whole creation'. I believe this should extend to how we treat the earth and the climate. We ought to treat it with sacrificial acts of love and kindness as Jesus did for us. And we are reminded that this is an emergency – it is now. May we get involved where we can; here is a prayer from the 'Season of Creation' project:

Creator God, enlighten us with the grace to respond to your covenant and call to care for our common home. In our tilling and keeping, gladden our hearts to know that we participate with your Holy Spirit to renew the face of your Earth, and safeguard a home for all. AMEN

With my love and prayers to all.

James



Autumn Pumpkin Trail

Tandridge village residents are invited to display pumpkins in their front garden, door or window over Halloween. The pumpkins can be carved, decorated or displayed any way you like, but there will be a prize for the most creative judged by artist Wendy O'Mahoney. Displays need to be within walking distance of the school and church and in place from Monday 25th October until judging on Saturday 30th October.

Diane Hammond

Tandridge Village Harvest Supper Saturday 2nd October 2021 - 7:30pm Tickets £15 each

After such a long absence of a community event, lets come together to celebrate the wonders of Harvest time

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To book: call Clare 07775 852546 or Annette Schmidt 07397 978567

When booking, please indicate dietary requirements

Note changes may occur due to COVID9 status

Summer outdoor services

St Peter's held a number of outdoor services during the summer, one of which was a Pet Service held on 1st August. The weather was changeable, but remained warm and sunny for the duration of the service (picture below). There were several dogs, three tortoises, a couple of guinea pigs and a hamster. All were well behaved—and so were the pets. Other services were held outdoors, which many people found refreshing and made us think that one does not need to pray inside a church, but one can pray wherever you are.



Inside Out: The Croydon Area Lay Conference

Saturday 6 November 2021
10.00am – 3.30pm
Zoom



A day to celebrate all that lay people do beyond the walls of their churches. The keynote speaker is broadcaster and writer Andrew Graystone, author of the bestselling *Faith, Hope and Mischief*.

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For more information and to register for this free online event, visit croydonlayconference2021.eventbrite.co.uk. Bookings close on 25 October.



From the Registers of St Peter's Church, Tandridge

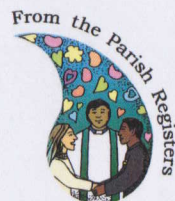
Baptisms

We welcome into God's house:

Poppy Barnes—30th May 2021

Charlotte Peggy Goldsmith— 7th June 2021

Xanthe Leggett—15th August 2021



Weddings

We pray for the couples united in their love:

Philippa Louise Stephney and Lee David Walker 24/7/21

Megan Charlotte Williams and Samuel Alexander Adams 13/8/21

Katie Elizabeth Hobden and Alex Normande 28/8/21

Funerals

We pray for families and friends of the departed:

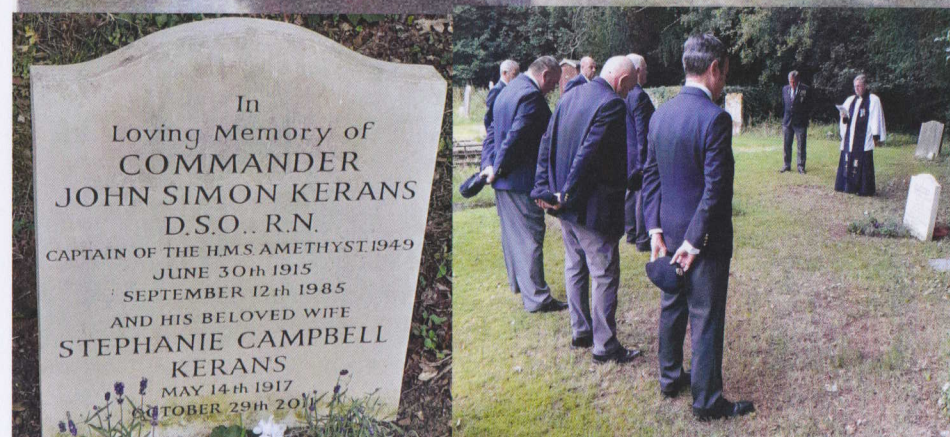
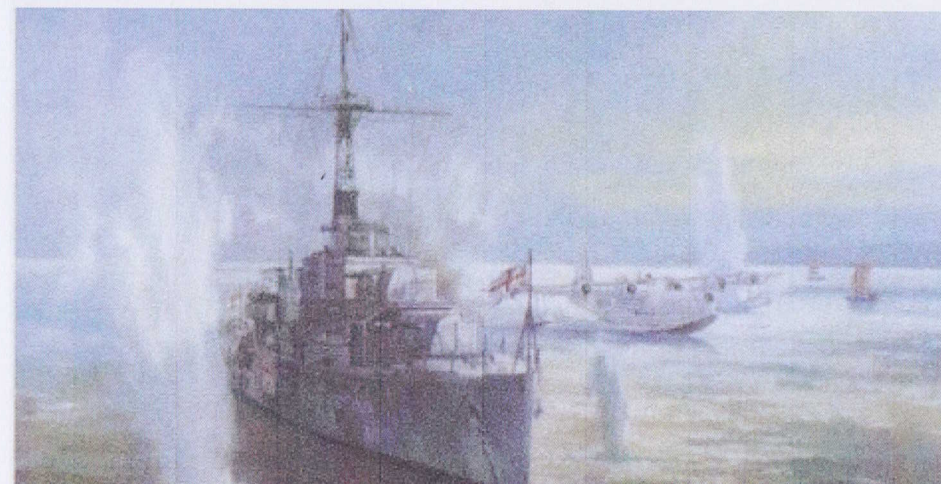
Jill Ellaline Perry on 29th March 2021

followed by cremation



HMS Amethyst and Commander John Kerans DSO RN remembered—25th July 2021

Members of the Reigate Branch of the Royal Naval Association (RNA) attended a graveside commemoration on the 72nd anniversary of the Yangtze Incident. Commander John Kerans RN, who died in 1985, aged 70 was being remembered for his audacious escape in July 1949 from under the noses of the Communist Chinese whilst trapped on the River Yangtze for three months. The epic tale was immortalised in book and film "The Yangtze Incident" starring Richard Todd as Commander Kerans. This is now an annual event for the RNA. The painting below was presented to the Reigate RNA on behalf of the Amethyst Association which was wound up in 2019.



Anyone for Bulb Lasagne?

I was asked to write about 'bulb lasagne' as someone wanted to try it. So to be clear, this isn't a food, but a method of planting bulbs in layers, for example in a



tub, so that the emerging flowers appear little and often over a couple of months rather than a full display for a week or two.

The principle is that the larger bulbs that flower last (invariably a tulip) go into the deepest layer, the middle layer could be any bulb that flowers in March to April (perhaps a daffodil) and the final layer just below the surface is the earliest flowering (small bulbs like a dwarf iris or crocus).

Tulips are the most versatile bulbs for layering as there are types that flower in each month of spring: early, mid-season and late. So you can layer just with tulips

and as there are many colours and shapes with new varieties appearing each year: this is why some of us get obsessed with tulips! Sarah Raven's latest catalogue and online has sumptuous photographs of tulip combinations for pots, which you can use for inspiration (you don't have to buy from her, just use the variety names to shop locally or order from a bulb supplier of your choice).

Bulb lasagne comes into its own in paved areas or balconies with no soil bed to plant in. It's a great project to do with children; bulbs are easy for them to handle and there's plenty of opportunity to talk about the different types of bulb, that a daffodil's point end is called 'a nose', that some have two noses and the outer skin on a tulip is 'a tunic' which might be on, half off or even bare ... and so on.

On the other hand, some experts, such as the highly respected Anna Pavord writes in her excellent book 'Bulb': *'Do not be tempted to plant in the 'layers' that are so much written about, with for instance crocus, daffodils and tulips all planted at different depths in the same pot. It is a ghastly idea.'* Well that's us told. To be fair, she has a point, if you give each type of a bulb its own pot it will look best at peak flowering time.

This is demonstrated by a pink tulip scheme of mine from this spring. The large blue pot had a mix of tulips in layers but smaller pots around it just had a single variety. On the day the photograph was taken, the smaller pots had most impact. The blue pot had a lot of bulbs in but only a few were in flower with others finished and some in bud. Overall though I had a longer season of interest from the bigger pot. This sums up some of the pros and cons of bulb layering.



On the other hand, for many years I have added a layer of dwarf iris bulbs over the top of a single variety of tulips. The iris flower in early spring and in no way interfere with the late spring tulip which just at the first leaf stage (as seen in the photo in mid-March 2016), By the time the tulip is in flower the iris leaves just like thin grass and don't distract. Later the iris can be replanted in an alpine bed or rockery to flower again. There are lots of demonstrations of bulb planting in containers in the autumn (and online) to show it is easy to do.

However, a couple of essential points to finish with: first when planting bulbs for containers start with fresh quality ones from bulb suppliers each year. Second, you need a deep container with a good drainage layer so the bottom layer of bulbs is not sitting in waterlogged compost. Finally, by all means buy tulips early, but don't plant them until November – December.

GILBERT— A 'good friend and fellow farm labourer'

There are just a handful of people in my life whom I would call totally amazing in the face of adversity and definitely one of this select band of my heroes has to be Gilbert, whom I was proud to call my good friend and fellow farm labourer in the 1950s.

Gilbert was a 'Tommy' in the First World War, a British Infantryman who volunteered and then was ordered with his regiment to The Front to fight the invading Germans at the Belgian town of Ypres (pronounced Eeps), which the Allied troops fondly or mistakenly called 'Wipers'. A staggering 124,000 Allied troops died or were seriously injured there just on that one single front around Ypres in the course of the four terrible years of war. Did you know there were 20 MILLION military and civilian deaths and 21 MILLION injured in that war alone? (Google). Just horrendous.

Nasty little Adolf Hitler was at the first battle of Ypres in that war too, as what we then called a "Hun' or 'Kraut', the term for our Bavarian German soldier enemy. Hitler's rank was 'Gefreiter' (Corporal), thus in World War II just several decades later, our own (Sir) Winston Churchill from Westerham often called him "That nasty little Corporal!". Churchill was also in Gallipoli and for a while the war at the trenches in Ypres, as Battalion Commander of the 6th Royal Scots. Churchill is another hero of mine.

So our Gilbert and 10,000 or more of his British and Colonial soldier colleagues waited that dark night, frightened, shivering, praying to their God and their dearest loves to live, sodden in the pouring rain, heavy swirling mist and knee-deep, freezing muddy water of their three metre deep, hand dug clay trench. The British officers checked their issue silver pocket watches. The hour-long fierce bombardment from the Allied guns and mortars, miles to the rear of the British trenches, suddenly ceased as one. Silence fell over the killing fields for a full painful 30 seconds.....

Then the infantrymen were sharply ordered by multiple shouts along the line of "FIX BAYONETS! GAS MASKS ON ... FOR KING AND COUNTRY! "Three - Two - (the officers counted down the seconds to the attack) - One" and 'PEEEEEEP! PEEEEEP! on their lanyard whistles, waving their loaded revolvers and urging the riflemen forwards and upwards towards the dug in, evil entrenched and also scared and drenched waiting enemy and perhaps ultimately their sudden annihilation within moments

Then, as thousands of terrified men flung and scrambled themselves up the cobbled-together wooden ladders, up and out of the slippery dirt banks and 'Over the Top' as it was called (and if you didn't you were court-martialled and shot by firing squad) the Hun opened up with their dozens of heavy machine guns, hand grenades, chlorine gas, and their own heavy artillery.

Within moments, hundreds of our brave fighting souls were killed, injured and horribly disfigured for life, as with the latter was my friend Gilbert. He recalled that the earth around him just rose up from below into the heavens like a massive dirt storm, wave after heaving speeding wave (we would perhaps call it a tsunami now), completely blacking out the sky and with an enormous CRRRUMMMP! of an explosion that rendered him unconscious, gassed, deaf, burned, bleeding and half-buried in a water-filled shell hole for hours. His nervous system was irreparably damaged in part as a metal fragment embedded in his skull.

For it wasn't a bomb, hand grenade, rocket, mortar or yet HE shell that did it, but hundreds of tons of high explosives that the German mining engineers had tunnelled long and deep under No Man's Land as the smashed and cratered now bare, torn and deforested area between the opposing forces was called. As the German officers heard the enemy whistles and saw the attacking Allied forces running and shouting towards them, the electrical circuit was simply completed and tens of thousands of tons of mud, rock and soil erupted high into the heavens, taking hundreds of now instantly dead Allied souls with it. We did the same to them often, too, using volunteered and conscripted Welsh miners.

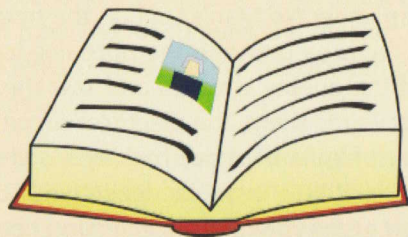
My great uncle Fred Crowhurst was a War Correspondent and died there in the trenches.

Roger Crowhurst



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St Peter's C of E Infant School - September 2021

We do hope you have all managed to have some 'you' time over the summer period and enjoyed some of the late sunshine. How wonderful it has been to finally see and feel it!



As you may know, St Peter's school was very badly flooded at the beginning of the school summer holidays, which resulted in a lot of work being done over the summer and some adjustments now as we start the new term. We thought we would have to welcome children back in pairs onto the Ark, but solutions have been created! No one can ever say we don't stay on our toes!

As we welcomed all our children back to school, we also welcomed the arrival of four portacabins on

to the playground, for the school offices and our reception class. The children found this hugely exciting as they saw the first one being lifted in via a crane. They have all taken this in their stride



and been fantastic with our new 'site'. We are hoping that the restoration works to the 'older' section, front building of the school are completed as soon as possible and before Christmas.

In the meantime, this does not stop the drive and determination of all the staff to offer an exciting and creative learning environment and experience to our children. It has also been truly fantastic to see our lovely new reception class. It has been even more exciting to know that we can finally mix again. It was wonderful to experience our first collective worship with all the children together after such a long time. We are also really looking forward to more events where we will be able to welcome parents and other visitors in too. We are already planning for our Harvest Festival at St Peter's Church where we will have parents with us for the first time in 18 months. We can't wait!

We hope all our parents and children thoroughly enjoy their first term back at St Peter's School. Happy Autumn Term!

With best wishes,

Lenia Greenaway and the whole St Peter's school team



Tandridge

Parish Council

Tandridge Parish Council Update meeting held on 7th September 2021 in St Peters Church, Tandridge.

District Council Issues:

Green bin collection in Tandridge Parish will resume in September. The suspension was due to a national shortage of HGV drivers.

Tandridge District Council has written to the governments Local Planning Inspector. A sound plan had been due by end of August; the letter outlined a Local Plan spanning 15 rather than 20 years.

Neighbourhood and Local Plan:

Progress on the Neighbourhood Plan continues to be on hold pending the outcome of the Local Plan.

Planning Applications Reviewed:

2021/258 Off Oxted Road (A25), Oxted - Erection of crematorium facility with associated memorial areas, landscaping, parking and infrastructure

2021/1049 Knights Garden Centre, Nags Hall, Oxted Road, Godstone, RH9 - Erection of glasshouse extension and open sided canopy to existing Garden Centre

2021/1282 Ashdown, The Walk, Tandridge, Oxted, Surrey, RH8 9NY - Erection of single storey side extension, single storey front extension and conversion of garage to habitable accommodation

2021/1194 School Plantation, Barrow Green Road, Oxted, Surrey, RH8 9NE Certificate of Lawfulness (CLEUD) Access and egress from site to Barrow Green Road and through site to storage area and woodland. (Certificate of Lawfulness for Existing Use or Development)

Future Statutory Parish Council Meetings: 5th October, 2nd November, 7th December

Your Parish Councillors are: Mr Ivor Stamp (Chairman), Mr John Hammond (Deputy), Mr Colin David, Mrs Anne Stocker, Mr Andrew Nosworthy, Mrs Sylvia Pocock, Kay Moynihan (co-opted).

Contact details for the Parish Council can be found on page 24. Please get in touch if there is anything that you have a concern about. Councillors are always interested in comments you may have about such things as the Parish environment, planning issues/ concerns, improvements and suggestions etc.

Colin David

Farming News September 2021

The 2021 harvest is done, finished, safely gathered in. Much like us, we are done and finished. It was hard work this year because of the weather which has belatedly decided to do what we needed it to do a month ago, namely settle into a warm dry spell.

Yields were reasonable, a comfortable average, but quality has taken a knock. Prices are up though so I don't think we will be too far off budget, and we will have done far better than I might have predicted at various times through the past 10 or 11 months.

We have already made a start planting oilseed rape for next year, twice over to be exact. I had a moment of panic, which I disguised as inspiration, about a month ago and bought a 20-year-old machine which allowed me to spread oilseed rape seeds over into the wheat before it was combined. The thinking being that because it was so wet, we would struggle to plant any rape in time. It nearly worked and there were quite a lot of rape plants starting to grow in the wheat within a few days. By the time we cut the wheat, most of them had died because the wheat blocked out the light. I spent last weekend replanting most of the fields, a month later than I would have liked, and now I would like it to rain, just enough to help get it away. The first week to ten days of September is the peak migration time for flea beetles so my newly replanted rape seedlings will probably provide a substantial starter course for them.

Luckily, we used our own seed saved from this year's crop, so the cost was kept down. We are having quantities of wheat, barley and oats cleaned to reuse this year. The oats and barley have been cleaned and bagged without any form of seed treatment. We have cleaned more than we need, but because it is not treated we can always put it back on the pile with the rest if we don't use it. Equally because most of the effective chemical seed dressings have now been banned, we are using bare seed and hope by upping the seed rate it will compensate for any losses.

Some seed wheat has been dressed with a fungicide to prevent soil borne diseases carrying over to infect the new crop. As harvest was delayed there is a greater chance of this happening as fungal infections built up in the damp and wet weather prior to harvest. As the seed has been treated it should remove the need for one of the fungicide applications in the spring.

The field by the school and some others have been planted with a two-year legume mix, five species of clover, which will help to improve the soil, attract loads of bees, birds and insects. They will look a bit wild on occasions, but if they are treated with respect and left undisturbed, they will provide a significant ecological habitat.

One of the main jobs now is testing the grain stored in our sheds. We normally try to harvest grain at about 15% moisture. Some of what we cut this year came in at 18% or more. We have fans in the main store which push air through the stored grain

that removes the moisture, but only when the relative humidity is below 60%. We have a couple of high output space heaters which run off Calor gas that allow us to use the fans when the humidity is higher, but that gets expensive. We have used 4,000 litres of gas so far this harvest. Once the grain has dried out enough we then have to monitor the temperature and as the nights get cooler we try to blow cool air through the grain, again at low humidity, to stabilise it. If we leave damp and/or warm grain in the store for too long, various weevils start to invade, multiply and their conjugal activities cause the grain to heat up even more.

With it being the season of morning mists, turning leaves and all that, it is also the season of muck spreading. Well it was, but won't be next year. Despite having a shiny new guide book from a clever man in the Ministry on how to improve organic matter and fertility in soils, the nice man in the next office has sent out a decree telling us to stop spreading organic manure in the autumn. Lots of well-intentioned and knowledgeable people are all examining their flow charts and statistics and make important decisions, but often don't speak to the next office or department. I often wonder whether people in government departments are not unlike the code breakers at Bletchley Park in WW2, all working for a common good, but they don't know what the bod in the next room is doing. Then again Bletchley Park deciphered gobbledygook, government departments create it.

Everyone spreads muck in the autumn when we have bare dry fields and the ability to coincide the timings with our usual cultivations. Sometimes it rains which can cause run off, leaching, of nutrients from the soil into the water courses which benefits nobody. Apparently, now, we should only use organic manure in the spring, but not if it rains.

This not only affects agricultural manure, but also the treated waste which has to be cleared out from sewage farms just as regularly. Some bright spark will start posting out corks to households before long and loos will have locks on the seats, either that or they will be issuing little green bags for everyone to hang up on someone else's hedges.

A friend of mine is seriously looking at spending £200,000 to install a slurry separator on his dairy unit, on top of the £500,000 he spent on modernising it four years ago, just so he can carry on farming. It would allow him to split out the solids from the liquid which will allow him to 'export' the component parts to other farmers who can store it until a suitable chance to spread it legally arrives. He had calculated that he would be debt free in 10 years, now it will be 15, by which time he will be 70.

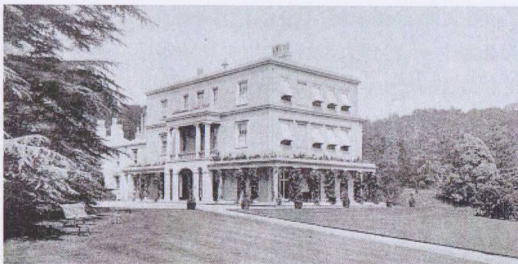
There will also be additional costs to fund for the extra handling and haulage as well as the spreading. None of this will have occurred to the earnest office eco warrior on £75,000 who complains if milk costs more than water in the shops. First world problems, I guess.

Alastair

Gold and Diamonds

An article in the Parish News for April/May edition referred to how the major houses in Tandridge and their owners had profited and prospered in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries as a result of their trading and other transactions with the West Indies, America and India.

By contrast, however, the following years in the second half of the nineteenth century and the early part of the twentieth century could well be described as 'the age of Africa' because of the enormous flow of wealth coming here from the development of gold and diamond mines in the south of the continent. Those mining engineers, prospectors and investors who had made and consolidated successful mining claims became extremely rich and came to be known collectively as 'Randlords'. Many of them came to England using their wealth to buy large country estates and aspiring to form part of the English social scene.



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One of these was Maximilian Michaelis, originally from Germany, who in 1896 bought the Tandridge Court estate from the family of the Earls of Cottenham, who in turn had purchased it from Matthias Wilkes in 1829. And so, once again, Tandridge found itself supported by riches coming from overseas.

Although Mr Michaelis followed fashion in commissioning portraits of his wife and himself from the most famous painter of Edwardian society, John Singer Sargent, he is understood to have been much less socially ambitious than other Randlords and as leading a comparatively secluded life on his country estate. This he proceeded to improve with energy and expenditure.

Tandridge Court itself was lavishly refurbished and the surrounding parkland ringed with an iron fence, of which many rather corroded remnants can still be seen. Little Court Farm was built with its distinctive arched entrance, and also the farm buildings at the foot of the bridleway to Broadham Green, which have now been converted to a pleasing private house. The row of neat semi-detached cottages at Chathill was put up and the stud stable for heavy horses built at Brook Farm. (Picture this page: Tandridge Court circa 1917)

Horses, too, seem to have been principal beneficiaries of the largest and finest building project undertaken by Mr. Michaelis in creating the splendid stable and accommodation block at Tandridge Court with its impressive archway, extensive courtyard and imposing clock tower.

The 1914 – 1918 war had an unexpected and unfortunate impact. Waves of anti-German hysteria swept the country, people of German origin were harassed and shops were vandalised. Many with German names tried to change them into something less Germanic: Two notable examples being the Royal Family becoming Windsor (in 1917) instead of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, and German shepherd dogs finding themselves re-labelled as Alsatians.

Even though Mr Michaelis had become a naturalized British citizen and despite all he had spent on improvements in Tandridge, it is said he was regarded with some hostility and that windows were broken at his home in Tandridge Court. In 1916 he decided to return to South Africa and the Tandridge Court estate was put up for sale. It then consisted of over 2,000 acres including also Tandridge Hall, Southlands, Stone Hall at Hurst Green (subsequently destroyed by fire in 1949), Perrysfield farm and all the intervening farms as far as Mansion House Farm in Crowhurst.



Those who now live in the property built by Mr. Michaelis can still take comfort from the quality of its construction, financed as it was by the wealth from gold and diamonds. For the rest of Tandridge, however, with the final sale of the estate at the end of 1918, the 'age of Africa' was over.

Gerald Walkden

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11:00am (1st, 3rd Sun) Family Communion
(2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday) All Age Worship
6:30pm Evensong except:-
(3rd Sun) with Holy Communion

Thursday's Toddler Praise at 2pm See page 16

New pattern of services for 11am service

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