

## **NEWS ROUND-UP ~ FEBRUARY 2004**

### **LITTER**

The litter problem in the village has been present for some years and we are pleased to announce that we will shortly be in a position to provide a more frequent litter picking facility.

Talks with private contractors, although providing a potentially good service, proved to be well outside our budget and Tandridge District Council who, since October 2003, now provide the street sweeping/litter picking service in the area are unable to increase the frequency of their operation. In Outwood this is calculated on some roads being "picked" every 13 weeks and the remainder every 26 weeks. This is a totally inadequate timetable in view of the vast amount of litter deposited in the village, most of which would appear to come from "through traffic".

We are finalising arrangements whereby we will increase the services (on a frequency to be agreed – dependant on cost). The cost, which will include Full Public and Employers Liability, will be met from our Precept but we feel will be welcomed by the residents. It is a question of if you want a clean and tidy village in 2004 you are going to have to pay.

### **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

Book this date now! **THURSDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2004, IN THE LLOYD HALL, AT 8.00PM.**

This event, which is an open meeting, is where the Council reports on its activities for the previous year and residents can raise issues they think would be of interest to the community.

We are hoping to have as our Chief Guest the recently appointed Chief Executive of Tandridge District Council, Mr Stephen Weigel.

We shall be offering refreshments, including wine – the cost of which comes out of the Precept! We are allowed to provide this service and it is your opportunity to have a "rebate" of your Council Tax!

### **LLOYD HALL**

At the Annual General Meeting of the Lloyd Hall Management Committee the Parish Council was confirmed as being a Trustee of the Hall. **The Councillor appointed as Trustee is Patrick Jenn.** Before Outwood had its own Parish Council a representative of Burstow Parish Council had been appointed to the Hall Management Committee.

### **FLOODING AND DITCHES**

Over the Christmas period a major flooding of a public footpath and adjacent gardens etc. took place. The water at one point was over five feet deep! Photographic evidence is available. Could we ask all landowners and residents to check that their ditches are clear and are flowing freely?

**GRL**