

NEWS ROUND-UP ~ NOVEMBER 2004

BOUNDARY CHANGES.

The proposed Boundary Changes that have been the subject of much comment and debate over many years have finally been resolved by Tandridge District Council, who have submitted their **"Parish Review 2004: Final Recommendations in respect of the Parishes of Bletchingley, Burstow, Nutfield and Outwood"** to the appropriate Government Department. (The Office of the Deputy Prime-Minister)

A copy of this Document is held by the Parish Council and is also available on the Tandridge Council website at www.tandridge.gov.uk.

The main changes are that persons who live in areas that have locally for years be called "Outwood" e.g. Woolborough Lane, parts of Prince of Wales Road, and Green Lane, Harewoods House and Gay House will become part of the Parish of Outwood. Likewise "The Bell", which has in the past been in the Parish of Bletchingley, although always has been known, (and still is!) as "The Bell at Outwood". In total 57 properties will come into the Parish and two (in Coopers Hill Road) will go into Nutfield.

A reliable source at Tandridge has indicated that the changes should be implemented by the end of the year.

These changes will see the culmination of a lot of work over the years by various people and organisations for which the community should be thankful, including the instigators of the idea - the Outwood Society, who were hoping that these changes could be put into effect when the original Outwood Parish Council boundaries were being discussed. Unfortunately this was not possible under existing legislation, and it was left to the initial Outwood Parish Council, under the Chairmanship of Mike Johnson to push for these changes which had the support of all the concerned Parish Councils, but not apparently some other local politicians. We should like to thank all those that worked for this project and for the people who wanted to be called "Outwoodians".

HOW TO GET OUT OF OUTWOOD

In view of the comments in the above paragraph this may not be an appropriate heading! But the "HOW TO ESCAPE FROM OUTWOOD (Without a car or raising a sweat)" report issued with the November issue of Outwood News, will, we hope of interest to residents. We would ask that you give feed back as requested to Ian Frow. Unless this is forthcoming we can do nothing to try to change the system.

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