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Twenty First Annual Village Meeting

Monday 20th April 2020

7.30pm - Lloyd Hall

Speakers:

Alison Murphy

SES Water "Every Drop Counts"

William Mace

Tandridge D.C. "Climate Emergency Strategy"

There will also be short updates from a range of Outwood groups and societies including:-
*WI; Lloyd Hall Management Committee; St. John's Church;
Horticultural Society; MUGA Committee;
Royal British Legion; Cricket Club and Outwood Film Club*

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

If you have any questions either for the Parish Council
or for any of the speakers please advise
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Rector's Ramblings

It feels strange sitting down to write this letter in time to meet the magazine printing deadlines with Easter four weeks away. Strange because just at the moment so much seems to change in a day let alone in a month. Just where will we be as individuals, as a local community, as a country and as a world in a month's time? There is so much uncertainty around at the moment.



But I cannot help but think of how, as I look ahead to Easter, the first disciples and followers of Jesus felt on that first Easter Day. Mark's Gospel ends with an account of the women visiting the tomb and discovering it empty, with the final words of the Gospel being:

Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

In fact, in all four Gospels 'fear' or 'being afraid' is mentioned at some point during the accounts of the first Easter. And what did those followers do with their fear? For one of them, Peter, his response was *I'm going fishing* (John 21:3). A strange response one might think – what was Peter thinking and feeling when he said those words? His life had been turned upside down – not just by what had happened in the last few days, but in the three years he had been with Jesus. He'd seen Jesus briefly on the evening of the first Easter but now he was no longer to be seen and night was coming. Peter was facing not just a real night but what St John of the Cross was later to call the Dark Night of the Soul, a time when faith seems dim and God seems far away. He was afraid, he was confused, and he wasn't sure what to believe any more. And what did Peter do when he felt fear, confusion and doubt? He went fishing. He did what he knew he could do. That was a good choice - both for him and for us when we feel such things. He didn't try to do what he couldn't do, nor did he give up and do nothing. He simply got on with what he knew he could do.

When Peter went fishing, on a superficial level he was simply carrying on with his routine before he'd met Jesus. And when things hit us that throw us into fear, confusion or doubt, carrying on the routine of life, even at times when we don't feel like it, is important. But it was more than that for Peter. It wasn't just *what he did*, it was *who he was*. He was a fisherman; his father would have been a fisherman. At a deeper level he was doing something that reminded him of who he was. And in difficult times we need to do those things, be they to do with family, friends, hobbies or pastimes, that remind us of who we really are.

CHURCH NEWS

When the darkness lifted, his fishing had sustained Peter through the night. Although it was not much good in terms of catching fish, it had brought him through the dark night of his soul. He didn't find God, but God found him – while out fishing the risen Jesus called to him from the shore. Jesus came to where he was. To put it another way (using a quote from a book called *Rule for a New Brother* by Henri Nouwen):

*To seek God means first of all to let yourself be found by Him.
He is your God not because he is yours but because you are his.
The question is not: How am I to find God?
But: How am I to let myself be found by God?
The question is not: How am I to know God?
But: How am I to let myself be known by God?
The question is not: How am I to love God?
But: How am I to let myself be loved by God?*

With love and prayers as we journey through uncertain times together and look forward to celebrating the timeless truths of Easter

With love and prayers

Nicholas

Revd Nicholas Calver

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CHRISTMAS TREE STANDS

The Christmas tree festival seems a long way behind us, but there are still one or two tree stands out there. So that we don't lose track of them, please return them either to the Church, or if it's easier, to my porch - Carillon, Bellwether Lane.

Many thanks, Helen Winter

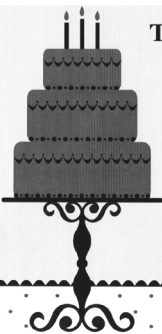
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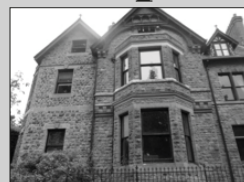
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MARCH MEETING

Spring is here and decorations of bright flowers brought a touch of sunshine (much needed!) to our March WI meeting at Lloyd Hall. We were happy to welcome a most striking-looking speaker this month: the artist Helen Pointer. Helen began her art career as a portrait painter, but she now delights audiences by creating lively caricatures. In the past she has had several well known subjects (including Prince Charles, Roger Bannister, Joan Collins) and she can create a large party portrait including forty people at one sitting! She is also a popular addition to weddings and conferences, as well as entertaining the passengers on cruise liners. We were treated to a demonstration on how to draw a face that is proportionally correct, but then we watched her manipulate the features and 52 muscles of the human face to create an exaggerated expression which captured the subject perfectly. She then added accessories to match the characters being presented: garden equipment, hats, drinks. Several of our members were treated to her humorous interpretations accompanied by howls of appreciation from the audience. Luckily, the subjects chosen were as pleased with the results as the rest of us...

Helen has donated her fee to St. Catherine's Hospice which we are always very happy to support.



As the weather improves, we are planning some trips to local places of interest. Due to popular demand, we are also hoping to introduce some new monthly clubs as our membership and scope of interests increases. Feel free to come and join the learning, friendship and laughter which are our backbone.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 7th April when we shall be enjoying some harmony singing from a barbershop group.

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NATURE WATCH

With the sun rising ever higher in the sky, one of the very few benefits recently of the almost continual heavy showers of rain, interspersed with bright sunshine, has been the regular appearance of rainbows. Walking over the back fields with Tess just a few days ago we were caught in a sudden, heavy downfall and stopped to shelter up against the hedge. The sky was dark to the south western horizon but the strong wind, which arrived with the rain, quickly blew the clouds away and the sunshine burst through. As I checked to make sure that the deluge was finished I looked up and my gaze was transfixed by one of those rare, perfect rainbows that curved upwards from the woods on Outwood Common, over the church and landed squarely enveloping Wasp Green Farm, with all the colours bright and clearly visible from one end to the other. It was an absolute joy and this feeling is so beautifully captured in the opening line of William Wordsworth's poem *My Heart Leaps Up*:-

"My heart leaps up when I behold a rainbow in the sky."

(This same poem also contains the often quoted line "The Child is father of the man")

Continuing on the joys of an early spring, the Marsh Marigold (*Caltha palustris*), a native wild flower but more commonly seen locally around garden ponds, have bloomed earlier than usual. This flower which was in existence before the last Ice Age, is usually found on marshy ground or around pond and stream edges. The plant has mid-green, fleshy leaves and bright yellow, buttercup shaped flowers, which are 4cms across. They also have a host of old dialect names such as Billy Buttons and Carlicups in Somerset; Crazy Lilies in Dorset; May Flowers in Wiltshire and Horse Blobs in Surrey and Northants. "Blobs" is believed to derive from another dialect word "bleb" meaning blister and almost certainly refers to the fact that the plant contains a number of toxic substances and in particular the juice from the stem or roots causes blisters on the skin.



As one of the first wild flowers to bloom in the early spring and one that cannot be missed it has been referred to in writings over the centuries. It was listed and described in Gerard's Herbal of 1597 and was referred to by both Shakespeare and Charlotte Bronte. However, once again, it is one of our great poets Alfred Lord Tennyson who so beautifully captured the essence of the flowers in a line from his poem *The May Queen* -

"And the wild Marsh Marigold shines like fire in swamps and hollows gray"

Daylight hours are getting longer and when the sun shines it is getting warmer. In gardens cherry trees, magnolias, camellias, narcissi and snakes-head fritillaries are coming into full flower, and out in the wider countryside the white blossom of blackthorns are beginning to brighten the woodland edges and hedge-lines. Five male Mallard ducks on a local pond are constantly pursuing one female and other birds are busily collecting nest building material. Roe deer are generally keeping themselves hidden but at this end of the village a number of people have complained about a new deer habit of chewing the emerging leaves of scillas and bluebells. Another sign of spring appeared in mid March whilst sitting in the sunshine enjoying a late morning coffee - a peacock butterfly feeding on the blossom of Japanese cherry, *Kojo No Mai* - and there is so much more to come.

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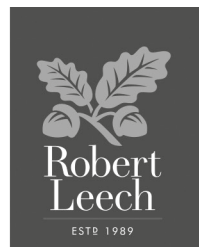
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OUTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

MARCH MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Tandridge District Councillors – Cllr Keven Bourne talked about the provision for Gypsy and Traveller pitches in the Local Plan (LP) as the current number is inadequate. 100% of the suggested sites affected are within Burstow, Horne and Outwood. The existing sites within Outwood might suggest Moats lane increase from two to four pitches and Green Lane increased from 14 to 26 pitches. 21 new pitches are needed to satisfy the LP requirement. Last month's TDC Council meeting agreed steps for the Council to tackle climate change across the district, including declaring a climate emergency.

Planning: There was some discussion around the planning application(s) for Toftrees at the west end of Millers Lane

The National Trust are installing waymarking in time for the bluebell walk on the 12th of April.

The volunteers continue to clear fallen trees. The hibernaculum project has been put on hold until the return of dry weather.

MUGA & Wells field. New goal posts have been purchased and fixed in place. Surface needs another clean.

Neighbourhood Watch needs a new coordinator.

Lloyd Hall - Password for Wi-Fi to be made available to hall users.

Aviation & Transport Emergency runway has potential to become Gatwick 2nd runway.

Highways - Scotts Hill damaged road and signs to be reported and discussed options to prevent further damage to **Dayseys Hill meadow**. Both matters to be reported to SCC highways

The Climate Change Committee to make an application for feasibility study funding.

Annual Village Meeting in the Lloyd Hall

20th April 2020

includes refreshments

Speakers on "Every Drop Counts" about water saving and "Climate Emergency Strategy"

Next Meeting: Tuesday 14th April at 8pm in the Church Room

ALL RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS MEETINGS

For more detailed meeting reports and any current planning applications please visit the website at www.outwood.org and click on Parish Council.

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St John the Baptist, Outwood

Services and activities for April

Please note these services and activities may need to change according to coronavirus guidelines. For up-to-date information, please check the website, www.windmillchurches.co.uk, the church noticeboard or contact the churchwardens Nick Case-Green (842373) or Rosie Yeldham (844642)

Palm Sunday, 5 April

10 am Benefice Service of Holy Communion with palms and dramatised reading of the Gospel at **Burstow Church**

Maundy Thursday, 9 April

7 pm A special service and vigil in **Smallfield Church Hall**, Redehall Road, Smallfield

Good Friday, 10 April

2 pm Good Friday Liturgy at **Horne Church**
3 pm Tea and hot cross buns in **Smallfield Church Hall**, together with all-age craft activities

Easter Eve, 11 April

8 pm Easter Vigil and Lighting of New Fire at **Outwood Church**

Easter Day, 12 April

7 am Early Easter service on **Outwood Common**
11 am Holy Communion at **Outwood Church**

Saturday, 18 April

2-4 pm Afternoon teas in Outwood Churchyard

Sunday 19 April

11 am Holy Communion at **Outwood Church**

St John the Baptist, Outwood is part of the Windmill United Benefice with St Mary the Virgin, Horne and St Bartholomew, Burstow
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DIARY OF EVENTS

APRIL

- Tuesday 7th** **WI MEETING 'Catra' Barber Shop Group**
2.30pm - Lloyd Hall
- Friday 10th** **OUTWOOD FILM CLUB "The Good Liar"**
7.30 for 8.00pm - Lloyd Hall
- Sunday 12th** **EASTER DAY**
- Sunday 19th** **BLUEBELL WALK - SCH (See page 27)**
2pm - National Trust Car Park Outwood Common
- Monday 20th** **ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING**
7.30pm - Lloyd Hall

MAY

- Friday 1st** **OUTWOOD FILM CLUB**
7.30 for 8.00pm - Lloyd Hall
- Tuesday 5th** **WI MEETING**
- Friday 8th** **75th ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY**
12.30-5.00pm - Lloyd Hall
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**ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDANT
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OUTWOOD VILLAGE WEBSITE
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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: If you can spare some time on either **Wednesday 17th June** or **Sunday 21st June**, we need volunteers.

On the 17th we will have a massive “bulk bake” at the Lloyd Hall from 11 am until 5 pm, split into two 3 hour shifts, we will need about 5 volunteers for each shift. Come help with the measuring, stirring and inevitable washing up! Very social gathering and a great way to meet people if you are new to the village. (Obviously if you can't stay for the whole 3 hours, any time helping will be greatly appreciated.)

On the 21st we will need volunteers on the stall or to walk around the grounds of the Dog and Duck selling from a tray. If you have never helped on the day, it is great fun. The atmosphere is fantastic and many of the regular cyclists look forward to our flapjacks every year.

CONTACT:

**Michelann Pollard on 01342 841601 or 07845 154862
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THANK YOU

I wish to set on record my most grateful thanks to all who prepared such an enjoyable surprise for my 90th Birthday.

I should like to thank Paul Daniels in particular, aided by Caroline Durance, for arranging the most unexpected presentation from the Surrey Royal British Legion and for organising so many folks who I am privileged to call my friends, to attend the party.

Doubtless there are several others, unknown to me, who contributed to the enjoyment and especially Mary Peters who, I believe, made the delicious Birthday Cake.

Thank you all - thank you very much, for giving me such a thoroughly enjoyable party that will remain in my memory for ever.

Julian

OUTWOOD CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE – UPDATE

The committee have made progress on the two initiatives that generated most interest from those who attended the successful public meeting last November. Following the approval of our pre-application submission by the South East Energy Hub, we can now progress the first of these by applying for a grant from the Rural Community Energy Fund. This will pay for a feasibility study to explore the implications of a renewable energy source for the village, thereby reducing our carbon footprint.

Carbon Smart, an organisation who are highly experienced in this field, have put us in contact with Swaffham Prior, a rural community in Cambridgeshire with broadly comparable aims. They are just over a year away from connecting their first houses to their renewable network and you can find out more by visiting their website www.heatingswaffhamprior.co.uk. In parallel, we are developing an invitation to tender, and will invite three organisations to submit their proposals to conduct the feasibility study which will include technical options, benefits, finances, operation and scheduling. We anticipate this will take a number of months and will share the outcome with the Outwood Community in a public meeting to receive feedback and comments.

Our second initiative focuses on the recycling of waste items that are not currently acceptable through the council recycling facilities. Again, we are drawing on the experience of other communities who have successfully done this, and will keep you updated via the outwood.org website and our facebook page – www.facebook.com/Outwood-Climate-Change-Community

We would strongly encourage others in the community to progress some of the other ideas proposed at the meeting - which included tree planting, composting, community grow your own and a repair shop.

If you want to get involved in anyway please contact us through the facebook page or directly to climate.change@outwood.org.



OUTWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEEDS YOU!!

I have been the village's Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator for a number of years now and the time has come to step down from this role. Therefore I'm looking for someone to take over the role.

I think Neighbourhood Watch is a valuable information tool for communities like ours, to counter crime and antisocial behaviour. The role of coordinator is rewarding and interesting but not onerous.

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For three consecutive Wednesdays in February, (believe it or not), the weather smiled down on us enabling the Outwood Volunteers and I to crack on with pond restoration by Little Elm Bungalow on Outwood Common.

We felled several oaks on the south side to allow more light into the pond. This will stimulate plant and invertebrate growth leading to a much healthier body of water. The felled trees will be put to good use. When the ground dries out we are going to use them to build Toad Hall, otherwise known as an amphibian hibernaculum. In a nutshell, that's a mound of logs covered with a geotextile sheet followed by a layer of earth for insulation against the worst of our winter temperatures. Toads, frogs and newts should safely see out many winters in our hibernaculum.

We also commissioned a contractor to de-silt around a third of the pond. We wouldn't have wanted to de-silt the whole thing at once. It's important to leave two thirds as valuable habitat to re-colonise the third we cleared out.

If you have a pond, think about building a small hibernaculum somewhere in your garden. It really helps our cold blooded garden friends to get through the winter. Numbers of amphibians are declining, so every little helps. Give me a call if you'd like any help or advice.

And news hot off the press, as of 29 Feb, there's frogspawn in the pond, for which the volunteers and I take full credit!!

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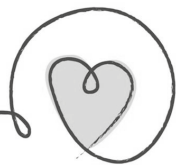
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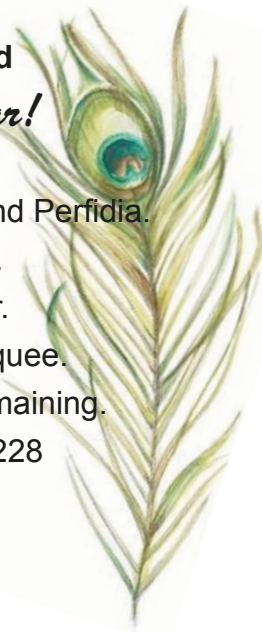
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