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CHURCH NEWS

WARDEN'S WARBLING



Dear Outwood News Readers,

At the end of March we altered our clocks to Summertime. Now we are in April. Moving that one-hour forward has certainly made a difference in giving us lighter evenings. We are glad to leave behind the signs and experiences of winter as we welcome in the brighter and warmer spring days. We respond to that change. Other changes around us lift our spirits with flower blooms, tree blossom, bird song and warmth.

We meet our friends and relations both adults and children. We happily greet them and catch up with all the news. Perhaps one of them has adopted a new hair style or changed its cut. We are quick to notice, and even comment on how nice it looks and what a difference it makes!

There is a famous song, in fact considered one of the best written and recorded over half a century or more ago by Dinah Washington, called "What a Difference a Day Makes". That song is an expression we use on many occasions - when tears turn into smiles, when worry has been lifted and when torrential rain on one day is followed by sunshine the next. We acknowledge that, over two consecutive days, situations can radically change for the good and we are quick to recognise the upturn.

How many of us have sat with a pencil and played the game called "Spot the Difference"? At different levels of difficulty, two sketched pictures are presented side by side, set to test one's power of observation to find the differences the artist deliberately made between them.

In our homes and gardens changes and improvements are often undertaken. Afterwards the comment is frequently made about what a difference has been made, the implication being a good difference and that it would have been an idea to have made the change sooner.

How often do people within a family get compared with one another? A remark is sometimes said that they are "as different as chalk and cheese".

CHURCH NEWS

One of the big grocery store chains has a slogan attached to its superior brand, that of "Taste the Difference".

A chair might be a bit uncomfortable in height or sitting angle. A cushion strategically placed could make all the difference. Similarly, it would be helping one's eyes from the sun's glare by putting on sunglasses - so making all the difference.

There is also the word "indifference" which presents another angle on things and I believe that to present a less positive outlook - one of apathy, showing little interest or concern. The word 'difference' brings in comparisons when it is suggested to us that one thing or situation is different from another.

So, what is this "warbling" all about?

Making a difference is something that each of us, young or old, adults and children alike, can do; something to make where we live and our own and others' circumstances better. The extra smile passed on could be the moment of warmth received by another person. Words of praise given, acknowledging something well done, could be the encouragement that triggers further progress. A 'thank you', recognising even a small kindness, lifts the spirit. Many of the most cherished things in our lives are not simply bought in a shop. They are not in a cupboard to be accessed whenever wanted. They are often not seen, yet they are recognised. These are namely the kindnesses we can offer, that we can give to others, when we remember "to do unto others as you would like them to do unto you".

Whoever we are, wherever we are and whatever our circumstances, each of us can, through small kindnesses, make a difference to those with whom we "live, work, move and have our being".

This is something within our power to adopt and implement right away and in so doing we will have contributed to making our little part of the world a better place - yes, to make a valuable difference.

Wishing you warm spring days.

Ann Sheppard

(a Burstow Church Warden)

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**OUTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL
ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING
MONDAY 8th APRIL 2024
LLOYD HALL @ 7pm**

**There will be a video presentation on carrying out a
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

**Do you think this would be a good idea?
Do you have other views on this?**

Please come along and participate in the discussion.

There will also be presentations from
village organisations such as:

Cricket Club, National Trust, WI, Coffee Morning, Shoestring,
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Don't forget, this is YOUR meeting.

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MARCH 2024

Yes – yet another rainy day, but not wet enough to deter the ladies of Outwood WI, giving us an impressive turn out for, amongst other things, our speaker David Chave. The title of his talk: 'Murderous Women' may have added further encouragement, and we were not disappointed. David is a former senior detective, involved in many investigations, and took us behind the scenes to the police work involved, and on to consider witness reliability and the death penalty.

We had of course the usual notices beforehand, and the presentation of pots of daffodils and cards to no less than eight 'birthday girls'. The various clubs are flourishing, and a board went round to sign up for the social lunch – a recent and very popular addition to the other activities. Notice was also given for the forthcoming outing in June to the Priest House in West Hoathly – to include tea and cake, needless to say.

The meeting rounded off with the door prize and...lots of tea and delicious cake.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday April 2nd when Debbie Lewington will talk on "The History of Ballroom Dancing".

Sara Rapaport

JUST DOING MY JOB!

I would like to say a massive THANK YOU to the Outwood community. It was a pleasure to be your postman and serving the area for all those years.

The presentation at The Bell on Monday 4th March was overwhelming. I am humbled at how many people turned out, very much appreciated.

Thank you to Nick and his team for hosting.

Thank you to Harriet Crichley for the write up in Outwood News (February edition).

Thanks to Michelann Pollard and Anna Malley for their organising of the occasion.

A massive thankyou to everyone around the village for their cards wishing me well for the future and the numerous gifts I was given.

I look forward to seeing you all at various events around the village in the future.

Bryan



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NATURE WATCH

Spring has sprung the grass has riz
I wonder where the birdies is.
The birds are on the wing,
But that's absurd
The wings are on the bird.
Anon

This piece of doggerel, often known as the Bronx poem, seems to me to be an apt link to the absurdity of the constant rainfall and mild temperatures of this spring. Record rainfall in February followed by what looks like becoming another record for March, very mild conditions and spring a good three weeks ahead of itself. We have tulips flowering in mid-March – now that is absurd or more likely a taste of climate change. However, we should be grateful that it has not been like the winter snowstorm of 1962/63. It was our second Christmas in a small cottage in Mugswell near Lower Kingswood, when it started snowing on Boxing Day and by the time the blizzard conditions eased, we found that we were snowed in with narrow lanes blocked with two metre drifts and we had to take a sledge down to the local pub to collect milk for families in our small hamlet. The council eventually cleared a single track through the snow leaving walls of icy snow each side, which did not clear until the big melt came half way through March. Tulips and daffodils were a little late that year. Back to the present and on the bright side plants have been flowering much earlier than usual and lighting up the dull wet days we've been having. The soft, butter yellow primroses have been everywhere, peeking out from under hedgerows, scattered along footpaths, amongst light woodland and, as mentioned last month, on the common, at the top end of Millers Lane, where they have been putting on a better show than ever. Wood anemones started showing locally in early March and by the end of the month will be carpeting our woodlands with their white bell like blooms. Also, at the time of writing, the flower buds of lesser celandine (*Ficaria verna*) are beginning to break giving patches of glistening deep yellow stars. Lesser celandine is native to Europe and western Asia. The plant prefers damp, shady, conditions and spreads very easily – it was introduced for its decorative value to a number of countries including North America where it is now treated as an invasive plant. Like many other wild plants, it was included in the lexicon of folk medicine as a treatment for eye, throat and skin diseases as well as piles which gave it the local name Pilewort. I've yet to spot a dog violet in bloom, unlike Pat Hewitt who told me she had just seen one when we met whilst dog-walking.

Like most other gardens ours has been bursting with spring blooms. Daffodils are already going over but tulips, blue and white scillas, grape hyacinths and polyanthas are continuing the show together with flowering shrubs such as the yellow blooms of forsythia and kerria japonica, plus the magnificent flowers of magnolia and camellias. The magnolia (*soulangeana*), which we bought 50 years ago years ago, now stands at over 15 metres and is covered with pink flowers. Because of the mild conditions this is the first time in years that the flowers have not been tinged with brown edges or completely burnt by frosts.

Magnolia soulangeana



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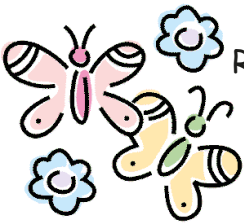
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I would like to write something about the family that played such a big part in Outwood's history.

The Outwood History Group meets on the first Tuesday of each month.

If you can help us, please ring David on 01342 843661

Claire Coutinho MP

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We are very grateful to Peter for this opportunity and for his support of St Catherine's.

Arrive – 1pm and enjoy a complimentary glass of fizz in the pavilion overlooking the Japanese garden.

Demonstration by Peter starts at 1.30pm followed by afternoon tea. There will be an opportunity to purchase plants and bonsai accessories from the nursery.

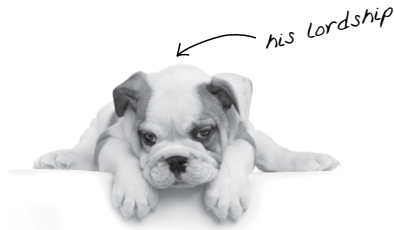
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- Wheelers Lane will become no entry at the Post office end and the pavement extended out to fill half the Lane.
- The width restrictor in Wheelers Lane will be replaced with one that covers one side of the road to make it clear who has priority.

To minimise disruption a new carpark, Smallfield Village Car Park, has been opened on Redehall Road just beyond the shops heading towards Copthorne. Surrey County Council will be providing street signs to direct drivers. The car park will be open during the day and locked at night.

Centenary Hall carpark will be used for contractors resulting in less parking at the Hall and we are encouraged to use the new car park.

A business loading bay has been assigned on Wheelers Lane and car drivers are asked not to occupy these to prevent congestion from delivery vehicles having to park on Redehall Road.

IT'S ALMOST TIME TO ELECT SURREY'S NEXT POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER

The election will take place on 2nd May at the same time as local elections in the Tandridge district. There's a few new changes voters need to be aware of.

This is the fourth time Surrey residents will go to the polling stations to vote for their Police and Crime Commissioner since the role was introduced across England and Wales in 2012.

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) oversees how crime is tackled in the county and holds the police force to account on Surrey residents' behalf to make sure they are providing an effective and efficient service. The Commissioner also works with the Chief Constable to set the overall direction for the force through the Police and Crime Plan and proposes the amount of Council Tax that will go towards policing from Surrey residents.

To vote on 2nd May, residents must be registered by Tuesday 16th April. It's only necessary to register once unless your details have changed – including name or address. Young people who have recently turned 18 need to register. It only takes a few minutes and can be done online at gov.uk/register-to-vote.

Another important thing for residents to remember is to bring a valid Voter ID/Photo ID to the polling station. This was introduced last year. A wider range of ID is accepted including a passport, driving license, disabled or older person's Bus Pass funded by the UK Government, and a biometric immigration document. Residents without an accepted form of photo ID can apply for a free Voter Authority Certificate (VAC).

This year PCC elections will also use the first past the post voting method rather than the supplementary voting system used in previous years. This means voters will vote for only one candidate as in other elections.



OUTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

The Annual Village Meeting will be held on 8th April in Lloyd Hall at 7pm.
Please note the change of date.

There will be a speaker on Neighbourhood Planning and the Parish Council will be seeking a view on whether this would be appropriate for Outwood.

Refreshments will be served.

See page 6.

Not sure how many are aware, but OPC now has a Facebook page - do look us up for the latest information.

A little reminder to use your local bus services - use it or lose it - as the saying goes. Once these services are gone they will not be reinstated.

From Tandridge DC

Club 4 Activity Camp is a facility which can be used by parents for children of school age.

Note that the majority of camps are being funded for a maximum of 4 days over the Easter period - [Club4 camps \(club4camps.com\)](http://club4camps.com)

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If you have already set up regular monthly payments with your bank, please amend the monthly payment by adjusting your standing order. Don't forget to use the invoice and billing or account number(s) when making a payment.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND ALL OUR MEETINGS

Wednesday 3rd April 2024, 7.30pm in the Church Room

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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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR APRIL

Sunday 7th April

- 8.00am BCP Holy Communion at Horne Church
9.30am Morning Worship at Burstow Church
10.00am Family Service at Horne Church
11.00am Holy Communion at **Outwood Church**

Sunday 14th April

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Burstow Church
10.00am Holy Communion at Horne Church
11.00am Holy Communion at **Outwood Church**
3.00pm Cafe Church in Smallfield Church Hall

Sunday 21st April

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Burstow Church
10.00am Holy Communion at Horne Church
11.00am Morning Worship at **Outwood Church**

Sunday 28th April

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Burstow Church
10.00am Holy Communion at Horne Church
11.00am Holy Communion at **Outwood Church**

St John's Annual Meeting - Sunday 19th May

St John's Church, Outwood, Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting will take place on Sunday 19th May at midday at the back of the Church.

All welcome.

This is the annual meeting to elect a committee, receive reports and approve finances.

If anyone is interested in joining the PCC which involves only 3 meetings a year, please contact Rosie Yeldham (rosie.yeldham@gmail.com) or Catriona Knight (knightsfive@aol.com) or Nick Case-Green (nickandjose@btinternet.com)

DIARY OF EVENTS

APRIL

- Tuesday 2nd** WI MEETING - "History of Ballroom Dancing"
2.30pm - Lloyd Hall
- Wednesday 3rd** PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
7.30pm - Church Room
- Monday 8th** OPC - ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING
7.00pm - Lloyd Hall (See page 6)
- Friday 19th** A SONG FOR OUTWOOD (See Front Cover)
- Tuesday 23rd** ORBL ST GEORGE'S DAY LUNCH
12.30 for 1.00pm - The Bell (See page 3)
- Tuesday 30th** FILM CLUB
7.30 for 8.00pm - Lloyd Hall

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- Wednesday 1st** PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
7.30pm - Church Room
- Saturday 4th** HORT. SOC. - PLANT SALE
10.00-Noon - St Johns Churchyard
- Tuesday 7th** WI MEETING - "Cheese Please!"
2.30pm - Lloyd Hall
- Sunday 19th** ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
Noon - St John's Church
- Tuesday 26th** FILM CLUB

OUTWOOD VILLAGE WEBSITE
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Outwood Horticultural Society aims to enrich members' lives through plants and gardening to make our community a greener and more beautiful place. Membership is open to all and new members are very welcome.

Please contact us at outwoodhortsoc@gmail.com if you are interested in joining.

If you are sowing seeds, we'd be very grateful if you could set aside a few seedlings for our plant sale. Tomatoes and courgettes are particularly popular.

Dates for your diary

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Early Summer Show	Saturday 22nd June 2024	St John's Church
Late Summer Show	Saturday 31st August 2024	Lloyd Hall

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One special mention has to go to Brian, our Postman for all these years. You’ve become a friend to all of us and something of a local legend. Enjoy your well-earned retirement Brian!



April is here!

Thank you all for a fantastic beginning to the Outwood new year and with Wassail, Burns Night, Chinese New Year, Valentine’s, Mother’s Day and now all now memories, we are now looking forward to a great Spring & Summer here at The Bell, including our annual Royal British Legion St George’s Lunch on Tuesday 23rd April. To join us for a two course meal, £25pp, please contact Jo Barber on 07967 157402 or jombarber@hotmail.com

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COFFEE MORNING NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Could you spare 2 hours roughly every other month? Our regular Wednesday Coffee Mornings need a few more volunteers. Alternatively, if you have a friend that you “just don’t see often enough”, it’s a great way to spend a couple hours catching up while giving back to the community.

We have several regulars who really count on Wednesday Morning Coffee as a chance to get out once a week.

It is a great way to invest in our community and get to know some of your neighbours.

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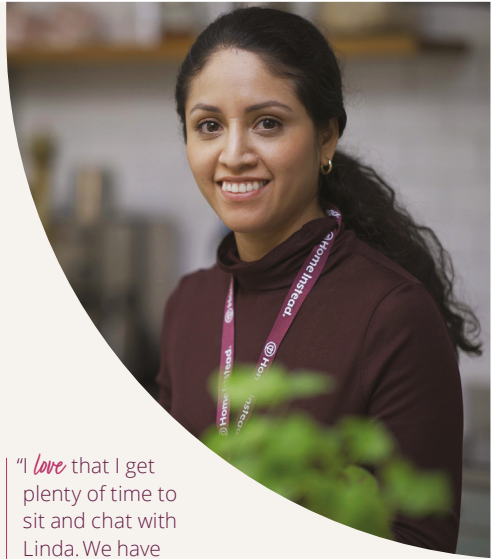
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