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The film choice will be shown in next month's Outwood News.

We have found that not all the films we might like to screen are obtainable on DVD/Bluray, especially some of the newer ones.

We are keen to know if there are any particular films, or favourites, that you think might be suitable to show in future. If you happen to have a DVD we could borrow, that would be even better. Genre doesn't matter so long as it has general appeal.

Suggestions can be made at each Film Club evening, but if you'd like to get in touch beforehand please feel free to do so.

Nigel Shaw (01342 842743)



OUTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

GATWICK AIRPORT

Proposed Changes to Route 4

You can get more information through the following ways :

ATTEND THE VILLAGE MEETING TUESDAY 7th APRIL 7pm

before the Outwood Parish council meeting.

If you can't attend, we hope this will be live on teams (link to follow in subsequent email) and a recording will also be sent via the Outwood Matters email.

LOOK AT THE GATWICK AIRPORT CONSULTATION WEBSITE

MAKE SURE YOU RESPOND TO THE CONSULTATION BY 28th APRIL

Outwood Parish Council and the Route 4 Action team have been working hard on behalf of the village to gather information and represent our interests and will circulate suggested responses to make it easier for YOU to respond.

CHURCH NEWS

ALAN'S AMBLINGS

Dear friends

As I write this article for the April magazine, I am conscious that we are still in the season of Lent and the great drama of Holy Week and Easter lies ahead. Holy Week and Easter form the climax of the Christian year when we focus again on those remarkable events that are recorded in all four of the Gospels and tell the story of the last week of Jesus' life. They culminate in his death on the cross on Good Friday and his resurrection from the dead 3 days later on Easter Day.



Holy Week begins with the joyful entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on a donkey which we celebrate on Palm Sunday and receive palm crosses in church. This year we will be celebrating Palm Sunday at St Bartholomew's Church in Burstow when we will be processing into church singing hosannas and waving our palms as the crowd did in Jerusalem over 2000 years ago. In the evening at 6pm, there will be a very moving rendition of Stainer's Crucifixion by the Benefice Choir at St Mary's in Horne.

Later in the week we will hear of the growing plots against Jesus including his famous attack on corrupt practices in the temple and the religious leaders which would lead to his arrest, false trial and death on a cross.

On the night before he died, Jesus shared a final meal with his closest friends. This became known as the Last Supper. This year we will again be joining together in the Church Hall in Smallfield, as in previous years, on Maundy Thursday for a special Seder meal to commemorate the Last Supper and its roots in the Jewish Passover. You are all welcome to join us for this very special meal. If you intend coming, please contact Cathy Arnold or Kay Hammond so we can plan effectively for numbers.

On Good Friday, morning there will be an informal Café Church session in the Hall at 10:30am where we will be looking at the meaning of Good Friday and Easter for Christians and making Easter Gardens for each of the 3 churches. We will also be marking the last hour of Jesus' life on the cross with a special service called The Liturgy of Good Friday at St Mary's Horne at 2pm.

However, the story doesn't end there! On Easter Day we celebrate the great Christian hope that Jesus conquered death and rose again from the dead. We will be gathering on Outwood Common at 7am for a short open-air service to celebrate Easter followed by Easter Communion with their joyful Alleluias at each

CHURCH NEWS

of our 3 churches at the normal times of 9:30am at Burstow, 10am at Horne and 11am at Outwood.

So then lots to look forward to in the life of the Church as we enter April.

At this time of the year, we are also conscious of the beautiful colours of the flowers and blossoms that fill our gardens, churchyards and country lanes and the newborn lambs frolicking in the fields. April begins this year with the joyful celebration of Easter with its focus on new life and hope through the resurrection of Jesus. It is the time of the year when the clocks have sprung forward and long summer evenings beckon. I would like to share some words of a well-known Easter hymn that links the new life we see coming back in spring-time to the death and resurrection of Jesus.

*Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

*In the grave they laid Him, Love who had been slain,
Thinking that He never would awake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

*Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,
Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead the risen One is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.*

In this dark war-torn world with so much death and destruction raining down across the Middle East, Ukraine, the Sudan and elsewhere, I believe the hope that Easter brings is more relevant than ever. Whether you are Christian or not, I hope and pray that you might be able to connect in some way with the powerful story of Holy Week and Easter and that it will give deeper meaning and purpose to your lives and of this world that God made through love and still loves so deeply, in spite of all we've done to ruin it!

Christ is Risen

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Happy Easter when it comes, **Alan, Rector.**

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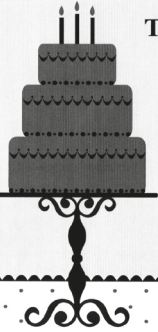
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Our world today seems to be an increasingly troubled place with conflicts emerging that threaten to destabilise our own lives. The old maxim of “Keep calm and think of England” no longer applies and we all need to find ways to maintain our mental wellbeing and inner peace. Our visiting speakers in March, therefore, were very welcome indeed: Kate Gollow and Jane Shufflebotham are local therapists who practise yoga as a means of stabilising the body and the mind in harmony. Kate uses clinical massage to treat patients with sports injuries, as well as those who have pre-natal and oncology issues. Jane specialises in supporting women with health issues, as well as those suffering from trauma following life changing experiences. They both communicated empowering messages that encouraged us to have self-compassion and they encouraged us to listen to the rhythms of our own bodies in order to tackle signs of stress. The session ended with us all taking part in some chair exercises which developed healthy breathing and cross body stretching for balance.



The Outwood postbox has been given a spring-like makeover. Jemima Puddleduck is avoiding the puddles!



Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 7th April at 2.30pm. We shall be enjoying some bellringing led by Milica Reardon who is a Surrey Association member and who is an expert on the history and practices. THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING so please come along and enjoy it.

Elizabeth Dyke

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NATURE WATCH

By early March the rain finally stopped for a while, the sun came out, the skies were blue and the temperature rose. Finally, a taste of spring and as a result of a relatively mild winter nature responded with early appearances, some at least two weeks ahead of normal. In gardens, flowers were bursting forth aplenty with hellebores in a range of colours from white to deep burgundy, the blues of Turkish squill, spring snowflakes like giant snowdrops, magnolias and camellias in white, pink and red and daffodils in shades of yellow, lemon and white were to be seen everywhere including on the verges of Millers Lane. Meanwhile, out in the countryside there were primroses galore and a striking show of the yellow, starlike lesser celandine as well as the white, six petalled cup shaped wood anemones followed, in the third week of March, by the standalone blue of bluebells.

In the woodland a green haze started to develop in mid-month as the buds of hawthorns and brambles began to break into leaf followed by hornbeam and hazel plus the white flowers of blackthorn, and geums the wild cherries. The birds also welcomed the warmer weather and their song was, at times, almost nonstop as the competition for mates started to warm-up. I used the Cornell University app Merlin on a number of occasions, which recognised long lists of bird calls some of which I knew but many that I didn't or couldn't hear because the phone has better hearing than me.



Wood Anemomes in Hornecourt Wood

In one recording of about two minutes the list of bird song included robin, blue and great tits, wren, blackbird, song thrush, chiffchaff, blackcap, magpie, rook, nuthatch, green woodpecker and an Egyptian goose, which I referred to last month. I subsequently met a dog walking acquaintance who told me that he had seen a pair in the woodland between the church and the cricket club. The insects were also not to be left out with the early appearance of a lot of the heavyweight garden bumble bees and a tortoiseshell butterfly that popped up on a warm afternoon in the second week of March. Tortoiseshells normally migrate in the autumn but due to milder winters small numbers now hibernate here in the UK.

Reports this month included one from Shan Daniels via Paul, who was sitting in their garden enjoying the sunshine one sunny afternoon when she was suddenly aware of an owl calling. From the description it sounds as though it was a tawny owl, which are normally nocturnal but rarely can be heard during daylight hours in the spring and once again it seems likely that it was a male bird seeking a mate – as the old saying goes “desperate times call for desperate measures”. In early March, Mary Baldock reported that she had seen and heard skylarks on the fields to the east of Dayseys Hill. Like many of our songbirds their population, which is currently between 1.5-2 million breeding pairs, has declined by over 50% since the 1970's due to climate change and farming practices including the change from planting wheat in the winter to the spring I can't get out in the fields in the same way that I used to but I have the joyful memories of watching them as they took off from the ground in full song and started their climbing, soaring flight, no wonder the collective noun for a group of larks is an “exultation”.

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Beth also brought her dog Willow with her and went on to show photos and film of individual dogs and tell of their journey from being caught, rescued and rehomed. At the end of the talk many of us were feeling emotional at the trauma the dogs experienced. The CAMEO group raised £56 for Evermore Dog Rescue.



Our next meeting is on Friday 10th April at 2pm when we'll be entertained by Rev. Charles Sargent and the hand-bell ringers.

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ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING

A reminder to all residents about the forthcoming Annual Village Meeting, which will be held on Monday, 20th April at the Lloyd Hall, starting at 19:30. This meeting is an excellent opportunity for you to engage with your Parish Councillors and contribute to discussions affecting the community.

The agenda will include presentations from:

- Cllr. Patrick McIntosh – Update on the Gatwick Airport Route 4 Consultation
- Revd. Alan Bayes – News and developments concerning the Church
- Ollie Seal, Area Ranger – Information regarding the National Trust

CHANGES IN PARISH COUNCIL

Please note that I will be stepping down from Outwood Parish Council on 31st March. It has truly been a privilege to serve both the Councillors and the residents of Outwood over the last four years. I am delighted to announce that your new Clerk will be Angela Baker, who brings a wealth of experience in parish council affairs, as she also serves as the Clerk for Horne Parish Council.

COMMUNITY UPDATES AND NOTICES

GATWICK AIRPORT ROUTE 4 CONSULTATION

You may remember the village fought against changes to Gatwick flight paths (Route 4) implemented in 2016.

After a judicial review which was successful because it was supported by the majority of Outwood residents, the route was returned to normal.

Unfortunately, WE NEED TO TAKE ACTION AGAIN.

Gatwick are consulting on new satellite navigation options for Route 4.

GATWICK HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY MUST HEAR FROM AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE IN OUTWOOD IF THEY ARE TO SELECT AN OPTION SIMILAR TO THE CURRENT ROUTE.

One of these options (option D) is identical to the 2016 route which caused the village a problem. It is vital that everyone in the village responds to the consultation so that this option is not selected.

OPC INTEND TO PROVIDE SUGGESTED RESPONSES TO MAKE RESPONDING AS EASY AS POSSIBLE - an email from Outwood Matters will be sent in the next couple of weeks.

You can get more information through the following ways :

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings are held each month except August and December

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Friday 3rd April 2026 - Good Friday

- 10.00am Walk of Witness - Smallfield Church Hall
- 10.30am Café Church - Smallfield Church Hall
- 3.00pm Good Friday Service - Horne

Sunday 5th April - Easter Day

- 7.00am Service of Light - Outwood Common
- 9.30am Holy Communion - Burstow
- 10.00am Holy Communion - Horne
- 11.00am Holy Communion - Outwood

Sunday 12th April

- 10.00am Joint Benefice Holy Communion - Smallfield Church Hall

Sunday 19th April

- 9.30am Holy Communion - Burstow
- 10.00am Holy Communion - Horne, followed by APCM
- 11.00am Holy Communion - Outwood

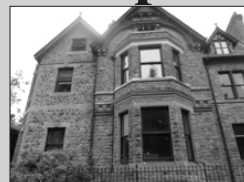
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- 10.00am Morning Worship - Horne
- 11.00am Morning Worship - Outwood

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Tuesday 7th	WI MEETING - OPEN MEETING "History of Bellringing" 2.30pm - Lloyd Hall
Tuesday 7th	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING With Village Meeting @ 7pm regarding Gatwick Airport's Route 4 Consultation. 7.00pm - Lloyd Hall
Friday 17th	ORBL - SPRING LUNCH 12.30 for 1.00pm - Lloyd Hall (See Cover)
Saturday 18th	OHS - VISIT TO GRAVETYE MANOR
Sunday 19th	SCH - BLUEBELL WALK 2.00pm - Outwood Common (See page 11)
Monday 20th	ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 7.30pm - Lloyd Hall

MAY

Saturday 2nd	OHC - Plant Sale 10am-noon -St Johns Church
Tuesday 5th	WI MEETING "How to solve a murder" 2.30pm - Lloyd Hall
Tuesday 5th	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

OUTWOOD VILLAGE WEBSITE
www.outwood.org

The website Diary page, maintained by Outwood News, lists all village events (*of which we are aware*) taking place up to a year in advance.

Why not take a look to avoid a clash of dates!



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Do not put vapes, batteries or electrical items in your recycling bin - they can cause fires.

We collect your blue lidded recycling wheelie bin or clear recycling sacks, from the edge of your property nearest the road every other week.

Put the bin/sacks at the edge of your property by 6am on your recycling collection day.

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Glass bottles and jars

Plastic bottles

Plastic pots, tubs and trays

Aerosol cans

Food and drink cartons

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Please check our website if you have any queries regarding recycling.



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I always like to keep my columns focused on what's happening here in the constituency, but I know many of you will be worried about the conflict in the Middle East and what it means for your families. With the fast-paced nature of this conflict, it may have come to an end by the time of reading, but the consequences will continue to be felt in the weeks and months ahead.

Naturally, as Shadow Energy Secretary, my role is to hold the Government to account on how this conflict is affecting energy prices here at home.

MPs from across the country have received a deluge of messages from constituents feeling the pinch from the rising price of fuel. If there's one thing we can take away from these past weeks, it's that our energy resilience is vital to our national resilience.

To use just one example, it's clear heating oil suppliers are using the war to rip off vulnerable families in rural communities. For weeks I've called on the Energy Secretary to get a grip on price gouging. With over 50 of my Conservative colleagues, we sent a letter to the Competition and Markets Authority urging them to launch an urgent investigation to protect consumers. I'm glad the watchdog has now done so on exactly the issues we raised with them. But it should not have taken this long.

Whether it's heating oil or gas for boilers, families should not be facing hundreds of pounds just to keep their homes warm. We need to reduce our reliance on imports by backing the North Sea and building out our nuclear power capacity. We need to protect consumers by making electricity cheap again and taking on rip off heating oil suppliers. These are the policies I will be pushing in Westminster.

Back here at home, you will hear me say this often, but it's such a joy to visit our future stars at schools across East Surrey. On my visit to Burstow Primary School recently, the students kindly showed me around their new lunchtime equipment. Up against smartphones and social media, outdoor play can give children freedom and confidence and challenge them to try new things.

Kemi Badenoch has started a national conversation about the impact of social media on young people. I have lost count of the number of times parents and teachers have told me they feel they have lost the battle with social media and feel powerless against it. I ran a survey asking constituents for their views, and almost 90% agreed that under-16s should be banned from social media. This is the same position I hold. The Government must come to its senses, bring forward a ban as soon as possible and finally give children their childhood back.

At the time of writing, I'm getting ready to join a public meeting I have organised in Godstone to discuss the options and ideas for traffic management when the road does eventually reopen. There's a clear appetite for change, and I hope if we come to a consensus, Surrey County Council will begin to listen to residents. I will share any updates from this meeting on my Facebook page.

Similarly, it's also important local business rates reflect that the disruption has changed people's habits. With the community effectively split in half, those who would have previously popped into the village are no longer doing so. Those habits will not readjust immediately. I have written to the Valuation Office Agency to ask that they work with the local authority to introduce a cushioning period so businesses have enough time to get back on their feet.

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11.00am Coffee Morning ukmikie@hotmail.com
13.30pm Yoga jdyson7@hotmail.com
18.00pm Dance Classes harmonydancing@hotmail.co.uk

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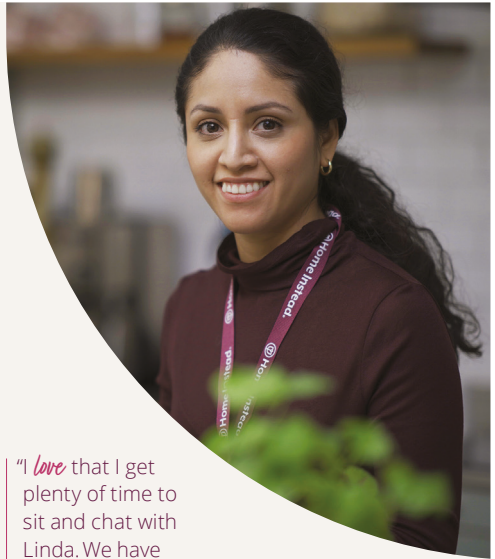
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