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Saturday 23rd August 2-4.30

CHURCH NEWS

ALAN'S AMBLINGS

Dear friends, as we enter August the Summer is fully upon us and most of us, I hope, are enjoying the sunshine and opportunities for rest and relaxation that this time of the year can bring.



We are very fortunate to live here in Smallfield, Horne and Outwood surrounded by such beautiful countryside with many walking routes along country paths and lanes. When I first started my Ministry among you last September, I did a 12 mile walk circular walk around the Benefice starting at the Rectory and stopping off at each of the 3 churches for prayers and blessing the local area. I hope to do something similar again in September. Walking or cycling around our local countryside is not only a good way to exercise but makes us slow down and notice things we wouldn't always see when we are driving.

The pace of modern life is very hectic, and we are often rushing to the next appointment without being aware of the people and the world around us. An important spiritual practice is that of being still and being attentive to God's presence in the natural world that is around us. I remember visiting a monastic community in the north of England many years ago when training for Ministry in the Church of England and being told by one of the monks there of the importance of paying careful attention to the world we inhabit and of valuing each moment of the day. He encouraged me to go for a slow walk in the countryside in silence, stop regularly and take note of the sights, smells and sounds all around me. As I did this, I found myself slowing down and tuning in more to the rhythm of the natural world, becoming more present and not just thinking about all the things I had to do in the future which can often fill our minds with anxious thoughts. I commend this practice to you to help you become more focussed and present to other people in our daily lives.

I find the psalms to be a great source of comfort and challenge and often draw on this ancient wisdom when seeking guidance in life. Psalm 46 contains the wonderful line:

Be still and know that I am God.

CHURCH NEWS

If we say this verse quietly to ourselves, pausing and reflecting on each part then then can help to still our minds and bring us to place of quiet contemplation and become much more attentive.

So many of the psalms draw on the beauty of the natural world around us and how we can draw closer to God by reflecting on the world he has created for us to enjoy and learn from.

In September, the church's calendar takes us into the season of creation where we focus particularly on the ways in which we encounter God through the natural world. It also reminds us of the importance of caring for this world and making sure that future generations can also enjoy this wonderful world that God has created by not taking it for granted. Unfortunately, we have not been very good stewards of creation and see more and more the terrible effects of climate change resulting from human greed and arrogance towards the natural world. We need to live more in harmony with nature and learn to tread more gently on this good earth we have been given.

I hope that you will be able to appreciate more the beauty of nature that is so abundant in our fields, rivers and forests during the Summer and find time to slow down, reflect and be thankful for the wonderful gift of God's creation in this place where we live.

I end with a poem by Gerald Manley Hopkins called Pied Beauty:

Glory be to God for dappled things –
For skies of couple-colour as a brinded cow;
For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim;
Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings;
Landscape plotted and pieced – fold, fallow, and plough;
And all trades, their gear and tackle and trim.

All things counter, original, spare, strange; Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how?) With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim; He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change: Praise him.

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OUTWOOD WI

THE MINSPIRING WOMEN

JULY 2025

The 1950's musical "Kiss Me Kate" advised us to "brush up your Shakespeare!" and that is just what our ladies did at our July meeting. Our visiting speaker was Gary Miles (a cruise lecturer who is used to entertaining the masses) and he regaled us with quizzes, readings and colourful informative slides about the life and works of William Shakespeare. He even persuaded three of our members to perform the witches' spell from the Scottish play.





Gary made it clear that the Bard of Avon is far from irrelevant today and we were fascinated to learn how many modern phrases he originated. So the next time you "go on a wild goose chase", or "break the ice" in a conversation, or "wear your heart on your sleeve", remember whom to thank.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th August when we shall be enjoying our summer lunch social.





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NATURE WATCH

vernight on 18th July the long drought ended with overnight rain followed by heavy showers on Saturday and even more heavy showers on Sunday. You could almost hear nature's sigh of relief as lifegiving rain began to soak into the ground to be taken up by the whole plant kingdom. Suddenly, grass took on a brighter sheen, and trees such as field maple and hornbeam lost dying leaves which were blown down by the wind and heavy rain leaving the woodland floor looking like autumn had started very early. Along the local lanes, wild carrot and honeysuckle looked refreshed as was rosebay willowherb, even though it survived the drought in better condition than most, and the common areas round the windmill were awash with the dark-pink, tinged with purple, flowers of common knapweed (centaurea nigra) aka hardheads. Knapweed is a great food source for many insects and especially butterflies. Despite the warnings relating to the decline in fifty percent of our 59 butterfly species the long dry weather certainly seems to have been good for them. As well as letters to the press, the evidence of our own eyes has confirmed the appearance of lots of butterflies such as common whites, gatekeepers, meadow browns red admirals, commas and peacocks – I even saw a brimstone in the garden last week clearly attracted by the pink phlox. Butterfly Conservation .org are conducting their annual Butterfly Count survey currently and full details on how to take part are to be found on their website – the count takes just 15 minutes of your time and identification guides are free to download.

Recently I came across a fascinating diary entry which I would like to share with you. It is taken from the journals of the Reverend John Wesley who, together with his brother Charles, founded the Methodist movement and concerns a most unlikely friendship he encountered in Altringham in Cheshire on 5th April 1790. "I met with one of the most extraordinary phenomena that I ever saw, or heard of. Mr Sellars has in his yard a large Newfoundland dog and an old raven. These two have fallen deeply in love with each other, and never desire to be apart. The bird has learned the bark of the dog, so that few can distinguish them. She is inconsolable when he goes out; and, if he stays out for a day or two, she will get up all the bones and scraps she can, and hoard them up for him till he comes home." One occasionally hears of associations between different species but this is a real one off and demonstrates how the sense of affection and consideration towards other living things is universal.

The prolonged dry weather and high temperatures are not favourable to the growth of most fungi but a report from Lewis and Natalie Ashby has provided details and photograph of a magnificent species of a bracket fungus growing on a decaying oak on the side of the pathway, behind the church, through to High Styles.

The fungus Lactiporous sulphureas, is more commonly known as Chicken of the Woods, which is usually found growing on oak trees; it is bright yellow with white flesh and when young and fresh it is said to make good eating – but don't take risks unless you are an expert. Summer to autumn they can be seen growing with the spores produced on the undersides and, often multilayered as in the case of this excellent specimen.

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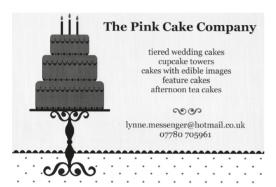
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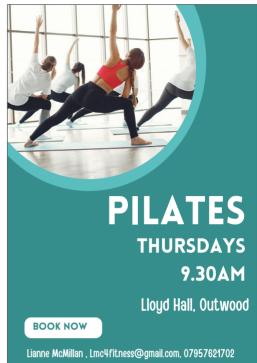


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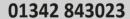
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Arrive – 1.45pm and enjoy a complimentary glass of fizz.

Tickets £25 from Mary; mary-briggs@outlook.com Mobile 07595 678680

Please mention any dietary requirements when booking. We hope you can join us for what promises to be a very entertaining afternoon. Don't miss out! Book early to avoid disappointment as numbers are limited.

For more information about Margaret - www.harpmusic.co.uk or scan QR code below.

Thank you from the girls of Burstow group.



OUTWOOD VILLAGE SHOW

Saturday 30th August

We will be selling raffle tickets door to door prior to and at the show. If you wish to buy tickets please have cash ready £1 per ticket/£5 a book.

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Come And Meet Each Other.

On 4th July, the CAMEO group met in The Rectory garden for a cream tea, by kind invitation of Rachel and Rev. Alan Bayes. It was a sunny 24 degrees and thanks to two gazebos and umbrellas, we all managed to keep in the shade and relax in the warmth.

Cheese, fruit and plain scones were enjoyed with cream, jam and much needed teas and coffees.

We meet again on the 1st August in the church hall and again on the 4th for our trip to Denbies vineyard.

On 5th September there is a talk from a representative from AgeUK on Living Well. All are welcome. Any queries to Helen: 07762 632620



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'Burger Off!' with barbecues, camping stoves and open fires in the countryside.

They can quickly spread and get out of control

Extinguish smoking materials properly. Throwing cigarette ends on the ground out of a car window can start a wildfire

Take your rubbish with you! Bottles and glass can start wildfire as they magnify the sun We do not condone the use of flying lanterns, these can start wildfires, and pose a danger to animals as they can ingest the metal wire.

If you see a fire on our countryside

Immediately call 999 and ask for the fire service, giving your exact location Do not attempt to tackle the fire yourself, get out of the smoke and into clear air Follow the advice and guidance from the emergency services call handler Get far away from the fire, it can spread incredibly quickly.

Your safety is the most important thing

Be wildfire prepared

Wildfires can threaten businesses, and homes. It may seem unlikely that your home or business may become threatened by wildfire, but it pays to be prepared!

Reduce or remove areas of high fuel close to your home (vegetation, bushes or piles of leaves)

Be aware that dense areas of vegetation, hedges, timber fences or sheds, and dry undergrowth will allow a fie to spread from an open space to your home.

Create an evacuation plan, including a list of essentials you and your family would need in an emergency

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Meetings are held each month except August and December

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Sunday 3rd August

8.00am BCP Holy Communion - Horne 9.30am Holy Communion - Burstow 10.00am Family Service - Horne 11.00am Holy Communion - Outwood

Sunday 10th August

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

Sunday 17th August

9.30am Holy Communion - Burstow
10.00am Holy Communion - Horne
11.00am Holy Communion - Outwood

1.00pm Community Lunch - Smallfield Church Hall

Sunday 24th August - St Bartholomew

9.30am Patronal Festival - Burstow
10.00am Morning Worship - Horne
11.00am Morning Worship - Outwood

Sunday 31st August

9.30am Holy Communion - Burstow 10.00am Holy Communion - Horne 11.00am Holy Communion - Outwood

Sunday 7th September - St Mary the Virgin

8.00am BCP Holy Communion - Horne 9.30am Morning Worship - Burstow 10.00am Family Communion - Horne 11.00am Morning Worship - Outwood

Sunday 14th September

9.30am Holy Communion - Burstow
10.00am Holy Communion - Horne
11.00am Holy Communion - Outwood

3.00pm Café Church - Smallfield Church Hall

Sunday 21st September - St Matthew

10.00am Said Communion with hymns - Horne 1.00pm Community Lunch - Smallfield Church Hall

4.00pm Choral Evensong - Burstow

Sunday 28th September

9.30am Holy Communion - Burstow
10.00am Morning Worship - Horne
11.00am Harvest Communion - Outwood

DIARY OF EVENTS

AUGUST

Tuesday 5th WI MEETING - SUMMER LUNCH

12.30pm - Lloyd Hall

Saturday 30th OUTWOOD VILLAGE SHOW

From 1.00pm - Lloyd Hall

with

OHS SUMMER SHOW

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 2nd WI MEETING - Magicians and the Music Hall

2.30pm - Lloyd Hall

Tuesday 2nd PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

7.30pm - Lloyd Hall

Friday 5th A SEPTEMBER SONG FOR OUTWOOD

7.00pm for 7.30pm - Lloyd Hall (See page 3)

Saturday 12th W.I. QUIZ in aid of ST.CATHERINES HOSPICE

7.00pm - Lloyd Hall (See page 6)

Saturday 23rd SCH - CONCERT HARPIST - MARGARET WATSON

1.45pm for 2pm - Lloyd Hall (See page 13)

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!

LLOYD HALL

£1700 RAISED FOR THE LLOYD HALL FROM THE BIKE RACE BAKE SALE

Thank you to everyone who sponsored a batch of flapjacks, the cost of all ingredients was covered.

Thank you to Waine and Donna at the Dog and Duck for all their support in allowing us to set up our stall again this year.

Lastly, a huge thank you to all the volunteers who baked an amazing 79 batches of flapjack at the Big Bake and helped us to sell on the day, sold out by 11:30!

Richard and I have run the Bake Sale for several years now and are looking to stand down. I am happy to continue to organise the Big Bake, but we need someone else who will coordinate the sale on the day. If you might be interested, please contact Michelann Pollard at ukmikie@hotmail.co.uk

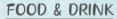


NEW YEAR'S EVE AT THE LLOYD HALL SAVE THE DATE AND START ORGANISING YOUR TABLE

Following the huge popularity of last year's event, we will again be holding a "bring your own" dinner on New Year's Eve at the Lloyd Hall. More details to follow in the next Outwood News. In the meantime, if anyone is willing to take charge of decorating the Hall for the evening or to help organise the event, please contact Michelann Pollard at ukmikie@hotmail.co.uk.

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This month I had the enormous pleasure of crowning the winner of the Limpsfield Chart Fair's most handsome dog competition. This is an event I look forward to all year round. Luckily for me, this was my fourth year as a judge. The doggo of the day was Twix - a very good boy and the proud winner! A big thank you to Limpsfield Parish Council and everyone who made it such a wonderful day for local families (and their dogs!).

A few weeks ago, when I was out knocking on doors and chatting to residents in Netherne, lots of people told me that some houses in the area are in council tax bands that don't match their type of property. I sent letters to all residents in Netherne, inviting them to take part in a survey to gather evidence on how widespread the issue is. I have now written to the Valuation Office Agency (VOA), the organisation responsible for adjudicating council tax bandings, to request they investigate and consider adjusting the banding to better reflect homes in Netherne. I will update readers on the outcome of this letter and the progress of the campaign in next month's article.

Last month I also visited Flower Farm in Godstone to see Farmer Patrick and Veasey & Sons Fishmongers. There is a war on which will affect many of you in East Surrey. Farmer Patrick told me how difficult this important industry was finding the Government's recent changes on farming. We discussed a range of topics, from changes to Sustainable Farming Incentives, the closure of local small abattoirs and increased regulation. I will be raising these points with Steve Reed, the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

Stef and Tim from Veasey & Sons Fishmongers also shared how recent changes are impacting their business. So if seafood is your thing, they have a banging selection - do pop down between 9am and 2:30pm on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and support British fish. And I can't forget to wish Flower Farm a happy 50th birthday. The team there have certainly created something very special.

In Oxted, I am backing Councillor Cameron McIntosh's campaign for increased access to cash. From businesses telling me that local cash provision is inadequate, to vulnerable residents unable to access face-to-face meetings, it is simply not good enough that LINK UK continues to show the door to those raising genuine concerns. I have written to the Economic Secretary to the Treasury to push them to listen to locals, for LINK UK to share their Banking Hub assessment criteria in full and to request that the next assessment takes into consideration the population of the entire urban area, including Limpsfield and Hurst Green. You can read my letter and the questions I have put to them on my Facebook page or website.

And finally, as we wished The King a very happy birthday, it was wonderful to see so many incredible East Surrey residents recognised in his Birthday Honours. Mark Holmes was awarded a CBE, Peter Chan and Sophie Epstone MBEs and Emma Phillips a BEM.

OUTWOOD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Outwood Horticultural Society Membership is open to all and new members are very welcome. Only £5 per year. Please contact us at outwoodhortsoc@gmail.com if you are interested in joining.

A huge thank you to everyone who entered exhibits into our Early Show on Saturday 21st June.

Prize winners were as follows:

Sweet Pea Cup Mary Baldock

Rose Cup Linda Lodge

Cavendish Cup (5 stems any flower) Mike Johnson

LATE SUMMER SHOW

The Late Summer Horticultural Show will take place in the Lloyd Hall on Saturday 30th August in conjunction with the Outwood Village Show.

Entries are welcome from members and non-members alike.

The schedule and entry form is distributed with this edition of the Outwood News.

Even if you don't enter any produce do come along to admire the exhibits.

Dates for your diary:

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14.30pm W.I. carolinedurance@me.com (1st Tuesday of month)

Wednesday

9.30am Yoga reigatemassageandyoga@gmail.com

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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