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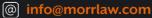
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# CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EVENT

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We can't wait to celebrate another successful year for We Love Plants with you all!



## CHURCH NEWS

## **Rector's Ramblings**

"At Christmas, our attention is drawn to the birth of a baby some two thousand years ago. It was the humblest of beginnings, and his parents, Joseph and Mary, did not think they were important. Jesus Christ lived obscurely for most of his life, and never travelled far. He was maligned and rejected by many, though he had done no wrong. And yet, billions of people now follow his teaching and find in him the guiding light for their lives. I am one of them because Christ's example helps me see the value of doing small things with great love". Not my words but those of our Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth in her 2016 Christmas Broadcast.



As some of you will know, each year I produce an Advent Calendar booklet with a reflection for each day in Advent and this year I have used a selection of extracts from the Queen's broadcasts – a task that meant reading and watching all the Queen's 69 Christmas Broadcasts, from her first one in 1952 (she didn't do one in 1969 as a documentary on the Royal Family was shown on Christmas Day instead). One of the things that struck me as I watched them was how they changed over the years, not just because The Queen aged but also how less formal her manner and pronunciation became and also how, as the years went on, she became more open about herself and her personal Christian faith.

Christmas, as the Queen said, is the celebration of a very ordinary event, the birth of a child. On another level it is, as she goes on to say, the celebration of a very special event, the light of God coming into the world. But this light of God did not come in a blinding, dazzling way, but from, as the The Queen said, "the humblest of beginnings". You could say like a candle flame rather than a floodlight, which reminds me of a modern carol by Graham Kendrick that goes like this:

Like a candle flame flickering small in our darkness, Uncreated light shines through infant eyes. Stars and angels sing, yet the earth sleeps in shadows. Can this tiny spark set a world on fire? Yet his light shall shine from our lives, Spirit blazing, as we touch the flame of his holy fire.

## **CHURCH NEWS**

More than once in her Christmas Broadcasts The Queen talks about the way ordinary people can make a difference. It's a theme she comes back to again and again over the years. In her 2015 broadcast The Queen spoke about Jesus's unchanging message of love and encouraged us to be thankful for the people who bring love and happiness into our lives and to look for ways of spreading that love to others whenever and wherever we can. She ended that broadcast with these words: "There's an old saying that 'it is better to light a candle than curse the darkness".

There's something special about candlelight, a specialness that electric light doesn't have. Candlelight is a living thing, it moves and needs air, it can grow and spread and as such it reminds us of life; and also, it gives off warmth and so reminds us of love. Light, life and love, all things that God is and which we think of as coming into the world at Christmas. And just as candlelight can be shared so, too, we can share the light and life and love of God when we do small things with great love.

May each of us think of little ways we might make our world just a little bit brighter, this Christmas and always.

With love and prayers for a blessed Christmas and New Year

#### **Nicholas**

PS If you would like a copy of my Advent Calendar booklet you can pick one up from the back of the church (which is always open) or just let me know and I can drop one round to you.

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#### **COME AND SING FOR CHRISTMAS!**

The Outwood Carol Service will be held at the church on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 5pm. As before, there will be an augmented choir for this service, led by Emma Denny, and all are most welcome to join in. Practices will be held at the church from 10-10.45am on Sundays 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> December, as well as before the service itself. If you would like to know more, get in touch with Emma (willowdenny@aol.com).

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## **OUTWOOD WI**



#### NOVEMBER REPORT

#### "Last year was a year of success"

November's meeting was our AGM and it was our opportunity to review the past year and to confirm the committee members who will be taking our group forward into 2023. Our president, Caroline Durance, reminded us of the high-spots of our last year: celebrating our one hundredth birthday; enjoying interesting and varied speakers; having creative fun with a snowman Christmas tree and several muchadmired post box toppers; catering for local Outwood events.

2022 has seen us boosting the numbers of our membership and increasing the number of clubs and activities that we share. Building on these successes, we look forward to more learning and laughter through the coming year; each month we have planned visitors to both educate and entertain us.



Some crafting members work hard to create elegant beaded decorations for their Christmas trees.





Outwood residents can enjoy our latest post box topper - a tribute to victims of war and Remembrance Sunday.

On 6th December we shall be enjoying our Christmas lunch – the last event of the year. If you are thinking of joining our thriving group, come along to our first meeting in 2023: on Tuesday 3rd January at 2.30pm we shall be welcoming in the new year with some musical entertainment.

Elizabeth Dyke



# MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE OUTWOOD NEWS TEAM





## NATURE WATCH

Just a few weeks ago we were all wishing for rain, following the prolonged summer drought but, as the old warning goes, be careful what you wish for, and of course rain swept in from the Atlantic. For many parts of the country severe flooding was a major problem with some getting 75mms in twenty-four hours. Locally ponds have refilled, streams are running and with the continuing unseasonal, warm weather it has been more like spring than autumn. Leaf fall has been delayed and lengthened so that in mid-November many oaks had dropped their orangey, bronze leaves whilst others were still in the green. However, due to the persistent rain and the lack of

cold sunny days, we have been denied one of the great joys of autumn, which for me, has always been the pleasurable activity of scuffing and kicking through drifts of fallen leaves on a walk through the woods. The warm weather has not only delayed leaf fall but has played tricks on many plants, some of which have flowered early. A friend told me he had crocuses poking through and we had two pots of narcissi both with leaves emerging. Some birds have also been showing signs of confusion, with blue tits inspecting bird boxes, as though they were looking for a nesting site. However, as is often the case, a cold snap will quickly bring things to a halt. In the third week of November cooler nights are now setting in and the birds around the feeding stations are really beginning to show they are fattening-up ready for the colder months ahead. Will we get snow?



Picture: Oak, on snow covered Outwood Common

Talking of feeding stations brings up the subject of the current outbreak of avian flu, which was first reported in China in 1997 and affects all birds. However, an American study has reported it mainly affects sea birds and poultry but ducks appear to be carriers and that song birds are not as badly affected because they carry a less virulent strain. The precautionary advice is to ensure all feeding areas and equipment are regularly cleaned to keep down the risk of spreading this disease.

In mid-November I had a call from Jean Bristow. Her conversation began with a mysterious question "What do you think I saw when I was walking in the garden today". The answer was a pair of hawfinches. The hawfinch (*Coccothraustes coccothraustes*) is our largest finch and is related to the Chinese and Japanese grosbeaks. They are between 15-18cms in length, have a wingspan of between 28-33cms, with a strong head and large powerful, metallic looking beak, which they use for cracking the shells of cherries, sloes and plums. Their plumage is predominantly light brown with a black throat and eye patch and white on wings and tail feathers. Hawfinch are rare and, on the Red List and, although the south east is one of the UK hotspots, they are still difficult to find. They often pair-up for life and tend to be found around mixed woodland particularly if it contains hornbeam. Other recent reports included one from Yvonne and Tony Cooper who saw the white squirrel in Wasp Green Lane, which was first spotted last year. Yet another is that the National Trust is planning a further phase of felling ash trees affected by the die-back disease, which I believe has become more widespread this year perhaps due to increased susceptibility due to the summer drought. Thankfully saplings are already appearing in clearings and we still have our oaks, field maples and hornbeams.

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Our RBL Remembrance this year, the first under the reign of King Charles, started at 11.00 a.m. on 11th November at St Mary's church, Horne with the reading of the names of the fallen and the lowering of the Legion Colours to a bugle rendering of The Last Post, followed by Reveille after a two minute silence.

On Sunday, 13th November Outwood Royal British Legion paraded to St John's church where many gathered while we read the names of the fallen and laid wreaths. The church service was well attended as we prayed and sang and remembered the sacrifice of those who fell.

Our Poppy Lunch in Lloyd Hall seated 55 people where we all thoroughly enjoyed a superb lunch made by Jan Sturges and her team. Many songs were sung heartily by all, led by the Windmill Songmen, and lots of raffle prizes were won.



If anyone has not yet seen the magnificent memorial knitted top to the Royal Mail postbox in Millers Lane, please do so before it gives way to the next seasonal creation. We so appreciate the wonderful crafts(wo)manship of its creators led by Jackie Belither and Liz Dyke on behalf of Outwood WI. See page 7 for photograph.



#### Christmas Word Search Puzzle



Courtesy of Christmas-Projects.com

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Jolly
Nativity
Peace
Rudolph
Sleigh
Three Wise Men
Wreath



## Burstow Group of St Catherine's Hospice



Many thanks to everyone who came to the Call My Bluff Wine Tasting evening in October, and helped us raise over £1400 for the Hospice.

Next year we will see the opening of the new Hospice at Pease Pottage, and we will continue to support and raise funds for it. We will be hosting a **Moveable Feast on the 4**th **March** next year. If you have not been before, or are new to the village, this is a great way to meet your neighbours and make new friends. We are looking for someone to host coffee for everyone at the end of the evening. If you would like to offer, please contact Libby (843451/<u>fivepeters@btinternet.com</u>). Full details in the next Outwood News.

We wish you and yours a very Happy Christmas and thank you all for your continued support of our Hospice.



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## **OUTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL**

It is time for all local councils to look at their finances for the year ahead and plan their budget for the next financial year. It cannot be denied that times are going to be difficult going forward with many services provided by principal authorities such as Tandridge District Council and Surrey County Council coming under severe constraints because of Government cutbacks due to the current financial crisis.

It may well be that some of these services matter to local communities and that Parish and Town Councils feel compelled to pick them up to make communities better and more sustainable. Grants from community organisations need to be considered and necessary financial assistance provided if certain criteria are met.

As we all know, inflation is higher than it has been for decades, costs are increasing exponentially and even small parishes like Outwood face increasing costs. It is with this in mind that the budgets will be set for the next financial year. The Council's reserves need to be built up in order to protect it from unknown and unplanned eventualities.

Just trying to prepare our residents for the inevitable increase in your local Parish Council tax. It will be considered carefully with all the above in mind.

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Rodabe Rudin

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#### Wednesday 4th January 2023, 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

#### **CONTACT DETAILS**

#### PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings are held each month except August and December

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## **St John the Baptist, Outwood** Services in December and January

**Sunday 4 December** 

11 am Holy Communion

Saturday 10 December

**10 am - 1 pm** Christmas Café in the Church Room (see front cover for full details)

**Sunday 11 December** 

11 am Morning Worship

**Sunday 18 December** 

5 pm Outwood Carol Service

(no morning service today)

Christmas Eve, 24 December

4.00 pm Crib service with carols

11.30 pm Midnight Mass at St Mary, Horne

Christmas Day, 25 December

11.00 am Christmas Communion

Sunday 1 January

10 am Holy Communion in Smallfield Church Hall (no service at Outwood today)

Sunday 8 January

11 am Holy Communion

**Sunday 15 January** 

11 am Holy Communion

**Sunday 22 January** 

11 am Holy Communion

Sunday 29 January

10 am A joint Windmill United Benefice service of Holy Communion for Candlemas at St Bartholomew, Burstow

(no service at Outwood today)

#### DIARY OF EVENTS

\*\*\* Events planned subject to current Government guidance. \*\*\*

#### **DECEMBER**

Tuesday 6th WI MEETING - Christmas Lunch

12.30pm - Lloyd Hall

Friday 9th DICK WHITTINGTON - Shoestring (see page 23)

8.00pm - Nutfield Village Hall

Saturday 10th 4.00pm - Nutfield Village Hall

Saturday 10th CHRISTMAS CAFE (see Cover)

10.00am-1.00pm - St Johns Church

Friday 16th DICK WHITTINGTON - Shoestring (see page 23)

8.00pm - Lloyd Hall

Saturday 17th 4.00pm - Lloyd Hall

Sunday 18th CAROL SERVICE

5.00pm - St John's Church



#### **JANUARY**

Tuesday 3rd WI MEETING - Adeste Duo

2.30pm - Lloyd Hall

Wednesday 4th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

7.30pm - Church Room, Wasp Green Lane

Friday 27th LLOYD HALL AGM

8.00pm - Lloyd Hall

## 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

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 27th January 2023 8.00pm

Lloyd Hall, Brickfield Road, Outwood RH1 5QZ

At the AGM officers of the Committee will resign and stand for re-election.

Current nominations for these posts are:

Chair: Richard Pollard Treasurer: Peter Brackett Secretary: Jane Forbat Booking Secretary: Vacant

If you would like to join the Committee please email Richard Pollard (richardjpollard@me.com) or speak to us at the meeting.

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We'll serve our dining menu from 6-8 on the night, (book online or give us a call on 01342 891 835) with canapés served, to keep you going, later in the evening.

For our full seasonal opening times, please keep an eye on our social media pages or give us a call.

Oh; and then there's **Wassail** in January. Plans are already in place, with Andy Wright, to make this the evening of fun and tradition that it always has been.



Our Christmas tree, for the village, is up outside the pub and we're decorated to the rafters inside.



After Nick and I had to close The Bell over Christmas, (the first time since Oliver Cromwell did it) in 2020, then the nasty Omicron pretty much wiped-out Christmas in 2021, we're all set to have the fun we deserve here this year!

Scott Currie, our Head Chef, with his team have been serving up delicious Christmas Fayre and being "sold out" within days of advertising, Christmas Day is going to be a busy one for them all. Jose Petho (our general manager) has her team drilled and ready to look after you all & being one of those with their birthday on Christmas Day, we're especially appreciative that Jose is here.

Our Christmas Fayre Menu is available until Friday 23rd December, with the menu posted on our website, if you'd like to have a look, then just call to book. We'll do the rest!

Also; we'd like to thank everyone was able to attend our firework night, and for supporting the H-A-M Charity, supporting adolescents at The Royal Marsden. The organisers raised over £4,200 for their very deserving charity and every penny will be used for this great cause.

Finally, we are open now for food every day of the week and plan to keep it that way.

Now that Helen Chong has joined Scott as his Sous Chef, this is finally possible.

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