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CHURCH NEWS

Rector's Ramblings

What's your favourite Christmas carol? Since childhood I've always had a soft spot for *We three kings of orient are*, especially the chorus, which is the easiest bit to sing:

Oh, star of wonder, star of night, Star with royal beauty bright. Westward leading, still proceeding, Guide us to thy perfect light.



A soft spot probably because, again since childhood, I've always loved looking up at the stars. But stargazing has also served a practical purpose since ancient time – as a means of navigation. And it was for the purposes of navigation that in 1675, John Flamsteed was appointed as the first Astronomer Royal by Charles II. Britain's growing navy and merchant fleet needed a reliable means of measuring longitude and one possible way was by observation of the stars. In the end it was the marine chronometer of John Harrison that solved the problem almost one hundred years after Flamsteed was appointed and after Flamsteed had worked tirelessly for years trying to solve it himself.

In 1684 Flamsteed was also made Rector of Burstow and continued in both posts until his death. With my love of the stars I've always liked the fact that as the present Rector of Burstow I'm following in his footsteps. I often wonder what he'd make of the planes flying low overhead – not to mention the sophistication of their navigational aids! But his role as rector came second to his work at his observatory in Greenwich which took up most of his time, and he only came down to Burstow to collect his tithes at Easter, Harvest and Christmas. For the rest of the year a curate ran the parish. In one letter that still exists Flamsteed wrote to his curate, Mr Sheppey, "Pray have a care of my Cyder, it costs me deare". I hope he was as concerned for the welfare of his parishioners!

Flamsteed died in Greenwich but was buried in Burstow Church on 12th January 1720. At the east end of the church there is a Victorian window in his memory which shows the wise men presenting their gifts to the infant Jesus, held by Mary under a star radiating light on the whole scene. At the bottom of the window are the three kings' words from Matthew's Gospel: *We have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him.*

CHURCH NEWS



John Flamsteed died on 31st December 1719 and so in honour of that tercentenary there will be a special service in St Bartholomew's, Burstow on the feast of the Epiphany, Sunday 5th January 2020 at 10am to which all are welcome. Roger Hind, the organist at Burstow, has written a special choir anthem based on the kings' words for this service.

Details of the other Christmas services can be found elsewhere in the magazine.

Hopefully they will contain your favourite carol, whatever that might be. I'd like to leave you with some words from another of my favourites, *O little town of Bethlehem*:

O morning stars together Proclaim the holy birth And praises sing to God the King And Peace to men on earth

I like the idea of the stars proclaiming the birth of Christ and I'm sure Flamsteed would too. As the morning stars fade from the sky, and Christmas dawns once more, may the light of God's love shine in your heart and in your home this Christmas and always.

With love and prayers for a blessed Christmas and New Year

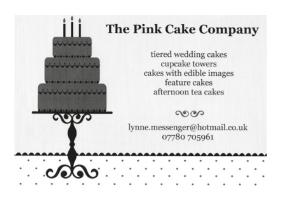
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OUTWOOD WI



NOVEMBER MEETING

It was a very business-like meeting this month as we held our AGM and spent some time revisiting the past year's activities and meetings through reports from our president (Carolyn Last), our secretary (Pearl Ford) and our treasurer (Caroline Durance).

We were reminded of the interesting speakers we had heard, the outings and local events we had enjoyed and the good causes we had been able to contribute to. It was also an opportunity to recognise and thank those who work every month to help our meetings to run smoothly, and who ensure that we have a wide variety of activities planned in order to extend learning and friendships in our WI community. We have acquired new members during 2019, we support several enjoyable regular clubs, and we end the year with a healthy bank balance. Many thanks to outgoing committee members Gill Tucker and Pearl Ford for their contributions over the years; welcome to Jackie Belither and Linda Surridge who are joining our committee group.

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to two long term members, Joy Way and Ida Ingham, who both passed away in October. We carry with us many fond memories of these two lovely ladies.

Our final meeting of 2019 will be our Christmas lunch on 3rd December. As well as celebrating for ourselves, we shall be able to use this opportunity to collect contributions to the local charity Stripy Stork, who work hard to provide seasonal gift boxes for families in need.

Elizabeth Dyke



OUTWOOD WI OPEN MEETING Tuesday 7th January 2.30pm

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NATURE WATCH

he over-riding feature of the period from early October through to mid November has been rain, which, at times, has appeared to be almost non-stop and has often been accompanied by high winds. After heavy rainfall ditches have been raging torrents and surface water has been slow to drain away from fields leaving many waterlogged. A rather unusual feature has been the number of early frosts. Wind direction has been variable, veering from southerlies and then through the other compass points bringing typical autumn gales, which quickly started to strip the leaves from the trees and deposit them everywhere including gutters and drains. Eventually these leaves will rot back into the soil helped by the action of worms - part of the great cycle of nature.

Roe deer are preparing for winter and have suddenly reappeared in large numbers. I have seen them almost daily in the back fields over the last six weeks, happily grazing on grass or the bumper crop of acorns. It has been what is called a mast year, which is when oaks, beech and other plants produce larger quantities of seed than normal, however, 2019 is being referred to as a mega mast year. Roe deer (Capreolus capreolus), which have been hunted since prehistoric times, are reddish brown in summer and the colour fades to grey in winter. They have a black nose, white chin, a cream patch on the rump and adults weigh in at 10-25 kilos; males have erect horns with no more than three points. Roe became extinct in the 18th century but were reintroduced into Dorset and East Anglia in the 19th century and rapidly increased in numbers, so much so that in some areas they are treated as agricultural pests. Fallow deer (Dama dama) are another species that can very occasionally be seen locally and Debbie Best and husband Andrew spotted a group of three adult males, known as bucks, in a field on the south side of Brickfield Road and took a photograph from a distance. Two were light tan in colour, the other was a very dark brown usually referred to as a "black fallow" and each was sporting a handsome set of palmate antlers. Fallow deer originated in SW Asia and were introduced into England by the Normans. They are more than twice the size of Roe deer and adult males weigh between 40-60 kilos.

Conditions this autumn have encouraged fungi, which have been popping up everywhere. A very interesting report, together with photograph, came from Nick Roberts who spotted a Wrinkled Crust fungus (*Phlebia radiata*) growing on the trunk of an oak tree on the side of Bletchingley Lane. The fungus was pinkish red in colour, changing to cream as it aged and 25cms in diameter. I spotted a group of very large field mushrooms, usually called "horse mushrooms" growing on the field bordering Dayseys Hill and some other unidentified fungi growing in the hedgerows.



Common Funnel fungi

One afternoon just as the heavy rain stopped I took Tess for her walk and there alongside the footpath was a patch of Common Funnel fungi (*Lepista gibba*) each of which had a pool of water in the funnel formed by the concave cap, looking just like pixy pools ready for the ablutions of the little people.

In time for Christmas, a couple of recommendations for two excellent books. The first is *The Secret Network of Nature* by Peter Wolheben, published by Vintage Publishing. The second is *Wilding - The Return of Nature to a British Farm* by Isabella Tree, published by Pan Macmillan.

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NOVEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Clir Bourne (TDC) – updated on the progress Tandridge District Council (TDC) are making to rectify their significant financial problems.

Planning – 2019/1686. Cllr Gosling has visited the site and has significant concerns which will be conveyed to TDC.

2019/1668. Objections have been received from a neighbour which will also be conveyed to TDC planning department.

Sawmills/Tone. The Clerk has been in touch with Surrey County Council (SCC) Highways Department to request clarification about their criteria for granting and renewing the HGV operating licence. SCC's response was very unhelpful and Cllr Bourne will seek further information.

Outwood Climate Change Group - Fi Mellington and Liz Peacoock attended and updated the Council on the plans for the village meeting on November 25th. The speakers and stands look very interesting and the sub-committee were commended on the work they have done to get this project up and running. The group are looking for someone to help set up a web site.

Community Matters – Concerns were expressed about the continued closure of the Castle Inn. The Clerk reported that no progress has been made in finding a new leaseholder and the building continues to be surrounded by metal barriers.

The Royal British Legion will be hosting a Hog Roast lunch for the village to commemorate VE day on the May 8th Bank holiday, Friday 2020.

JH

Next Meeting: Tuesday 14th January at 8pm in the Church Room ALL RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND OUR 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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Meetings are held each month except August and December Held in the Church Room, Wasp Green Lane at 8.00pm

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This year has been very worthwhile again, so sincere thanks to my volunteer colleagues for their continued enthusiasm.

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Saturday 14 December

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Sunday 15 December

11 am Morning Worship 2-5 pm Festive Firs

Sunday 22 December

5 pm Outwood Carol Service

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Christmas Eve, 24 December 4.00 pm Crib service with carols11.30 pm
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Christmas Day, 25 December 11.00 am Christmas Communion

Sunday 29 December

10 am Windmill United Benefice joint service of Holy Communion at Smallfield Church Hall

Sunday 5 January

10 am Windmill United Benefice joint service for Epiphany at St Bartholomew, Burstow to mark 300 years since the death of Astronomer Royal John Flamsteed

Sunday 12 January

11 am Holy Communion

Sunday 19 January

11 am Morning Worship

Sunday 26 January

11 am Holy Communion

DIARY OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

Thursday 12th GENERAL ELECTION

Saturday 14th SHOESTRING - 'Alice in Cuckoo Land'

2.30pm & 7.30pm - Lloyd Hall

Sunday 15th 4.00pm - Lloyd Hall (see page 3)

Saturday 14th ST. JOHN'S CHURCH FAIR & FESTIVE FIRS

11.00am-5.00pm - St. John's Church

Sunday 15th FESTIVE FIRS (see front cover)

2.00-5.00pm - St. John's Church

Wednesday 25th CHRISTMAS DAY



JANUARY

Thursday 9th LHMC MEETING

8.00pm - Lloyd Hall

Friday 10th OUTWOOD FILM CLUB - 'Rocketman'

7.30 for 8.00pm - Lloyd Hall

Tuesday 14th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

8.00pm - Church Room

Friday 31st LHMC - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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

LHMC meeting will take place: Thursday 9th January 2020: 8pm in the Chilvers Room, Lloyd Hall

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Outwood Common - Wassail night

DATE STILL TO BE ANNOUNCED for Jan / Feb 2020







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from around 4pm (starting the procession at dusk)
Join in with our annual traditional torch lit
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Wassail night.

We will be starting the procession from The Bell Inn and making our way to the Community Orchard. With traditional music & entertainment throughout the evening. Don't forget gardening gloves if you want to carry a flaming Wassail torch.

Please note: There will be a number of loud bangs occuring in the orchard, making it unsuitable for dogs to attend.

Contact Eleanor Yoxall (National Trust Area Ranger) for more information on 07769 885 991.

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OUTWOOD CRICKET CLUB

www.outwoodcricket.club

There is nothing quite as sad as a cricket ground in winter. The leaves are down, the outfield sodden and the pavilion is closed up and cold and dank inside. So the good members of the OCC have to find their fun elsewhere.

Our women have started their winter league at Boxhill School. They have played some good cricket so far, taking some creditable wins and running the league leaders close in their first match against them. Playing membership is excellent, with a squad of over 12 ladies, taking part in this fast format of the indoor game.

Our men will start their league at Oxted School on 6th December with seven teams competing for the 'Nutwood Premier League' title.

At the end of November we were treated to a tour and tasting at local brewers 'Pilgrim' of Reigate, and in December we go to the White Hart, sponsors of our under 21 development side, for an evening of drinks and canapes.

Finally, our club AGM is planned for 7th February in the Lloyd Hall, starting at 8pm.

OUTWOOD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

This year's AGM saw the entire committee standing for re-election and included a wonderful talk by Margaret Arnott from the National Garden Society. Her lovely pictures of the gardens open in the Surrey area were hugely inspiring and the fundraising that this charity achieves encouraged us to all visit at least one of the gardens next year.

There are slight changes to next year's diary dates – it was decided that the plant sale should be held at the Church to enable coffee and cakes to be available and the Main Show held in conjunction with the Village Show be held on Sunday 6th September to avoid a clash with the Cricket Club and enable the main judge to attend. Thanks were given to everyone who continues to support our events.

DATES FOR THE 2020 DIARY

Supper
Plant Sale
Early Summer Show
Garden Stroll
Main Summer Show

Friday 28th February Saturday 9th May Saturday 27th June Spring flowers? tba Sunday 6th September Thursday 12th November

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