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CHURCH NEWS

ALAN'S AMBLINGS

Dear Friends

At this time of the year as we approach the season of Christmas, we seem to be incredibly busy. We often spend our time rushing around buying last minute presents, writing Christmas cards, decorating the Christmas tree, attending Christmas lunches and Carol Services and doing all the usual things in preparation for the day itself. During all this activity it is easy to lose sight of what it is we are getting ready for and why this season is such an important part of the year. We need to slow down, take a deep breath and learn to spend more time waiting and watching for the coming of Christmas.



As we enter December in the Church's calendar, we begin the wonderful season of Advent which is all about watching and waiting for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Advent gives us an opportunity to pause and reflect on what Christmas really means and to prepare ourselves in heart, mind and spirit for the birth of Christ afresh in our hearts at Christmastime.

During Advent we look back to the prophets who not only foretold the birth of Christ, but often spoke challenging words to those in authority warning of the need for justice and peace, words that are still very relevant today in our broken and divided world today. We also give thanks for Mary, the mother of our Lord whose willingness to say yes to the Angel Gabriel made everything possible and without whom there would be no birth to celebrate.

The birth of a child is always a very wonderful occasion as anyone who has children or grandchildren will know only too well. Each birth is unique and brings out the deepest caring instinct in us to want to look after and tenderly care for this tiny, vulnerable person that emerges into the world completely dependent on all who will be responsible for her welfare and safety. It never ceases to amaze me how in the Christmas story, the God who is the maker of all that is would have humbled himself so completely to be born as a fragile human child in a cattle shed surrounded by animals on that first Christmas morn.

As the poet Christina Rossetti wrote:

**Love came down at Christmas,
Love all lovely, love divine;
Love was born at Christmas,
Star and angels gave the sign.**

CHURCH NEWS

I pray that each one of us would experience afresh the birth of love again this Christmas as we gather to sing carols, to offer up gifts and share this wonderful season with our families and friends.

Many others have written poems in praise of Christmas, and I would like to end this short seasonal reflection with familiar words from a former poet laureate Sir John Betjeman, words to ponder during this time of preparation for Christmas:

**And is it true? And is it true,
This most tremendous tale of all,
Seen in a stained-glass window's hue,
A Baby in an ox's stall ?
The Maker of the stars and sea
Become a Child on earth for me ?
No love that in a family dwells,
No carolling in frosty air,
Nor all the steeple-shaking bells
Can with this single Truth compare -
That God was man in Palestine
And lives today in Bread and Wine.**

A Happy and Blessed Christmas to you all and a Peaceful New Year.

**Alan
Rector**

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2025 OCC AGM Dinner (Non-Member)

NOVEMBER 2024

The November meeting is traditionally time for our AGM and our president Caroline Durance was able, once again, to keep formal business as succinct as possible, as well as supplying the members with an interesting review of our past year's activities and successes. A swift re-election of nearly all committee members followed. We are very sad to lose Sara who has been our well-loved secretary for several years, but her new house is proving a distance too far. We welcome Helena as our new secretary and we are sure she will step up to the mark with style and efficiency.

Once the official business was over, our members enjoyed a convivial time with some lively games of bingo – the top prize of a free ticket for Christmas lunch was hotly contested but nabbed by Tricia!



The new post box topper in Millers Lane reflects once more our desire to pay homage to the fallen soldiers from past conflicts.

Our 2025 programme of speakers and visitors is now booked and confirmed, so we have another year of friendship, learning and entertainment to look forward to.

Our final meeting of the year (our catered Christmas lunch) will be on Tuesday 3rd December at the Lloyd Hall.

Elizabeth Dyke



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OUTWOOD HISTORY GROUP

Does anyone know about the Lloyd Family, any stories about them personally? How did they take part in village life, or maybe prop up the bar in the Bell?

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 second Tuesday of each month.

David

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NATURE WATCH

We do seem to be having a long period of leaf-fall. What seemed to start at the end of August, after a period of very hot, dry and sunny weather, continued slowly as leaves took on their autumn tints, started to fall and woodland paths began to look like golden streams. As we progressed through October into November the weather remained settled in the grip of an anticyclone that gave us mild conditions but trapped us under a canopy of low, grey cloud. It wasn't until the third week of November that low pressure took charge bringing cold northerlies and our first ground frosts followed by storm Bert and its gusty high winds. However, many trees were still hanging onto their green summer coats and it is likely it will be mid-December before all the leaves have fallen. As usual, in the garden the relatively mild weather has also benefited the autumn flowering cherry and surprisingly the buds of magnolia stellata, which normally produces its white, star shaped flowers in early spring, were showing colour in the last week of November.

As a reminder of the summer past, the Butterfly Conservation Society published the results of their annual Butterfly Count, now in its 14th year, in which 85,000 took part. Unfortunately, the results paint a sad picture in terms of a decline in 81% of species compared to 2023, as well as a reduction in the average number of butterflies counted in 15 minute segments, which against 12 last year were down to 7, the lowest ever recorded. The main contributory factor was the wet weather throughout the summer months, which resulted in a very poor year for insects, which was echoed by Bumblebee Conservation that recorded "the worst year ever", nevertheless it is part of a longer-term pattern of decline in the populations of insects as a whole. The Butterfly Conservation Society called on the government to ban the use of nicotinoid pest killers. The survey also showed effects of climate change with both the gatekeeper and the white letter hairstreak being recorded north of the border for the first time.



Gatekeeper butterfly

With Christmas coming I thought I would share details of a couple of very good books I've read both with ghosts in the title but not at all creepy. Firstly, a good friend recently gave me a copy of *Ghost Trees* by Bob Gilbert. The book was fascinating and told the story of the natural history entwined with the social history of the London parish of Poplar. Bob Gilbert is clearly an experienced naturalist and quickly discovered it took its name from the many black polars that used to grow in the parish but now were, like Outwood and elsewhere in the country, rather rare. He seamlessly moves from dandelions growing in pavement cracks to talking about George Lansbury the great social reformer and first Labour MP for Poplar, back to trees again. The second is *Miss Wilmot's Ghost* by Sandra Lawrence, which is a very interesting biography of Ellen Ann Wilmot, a renowned horticulturalist in the Victorian era. However, her reputation became overshadowed by her excentric behaviour and at a time when men dominated the field of horticulture, she faded into the background. Ellen Wilmot had a strong personality, dedicated to plants and gardens. She transformed the family estate, set up by her father, into a horticultural marvel and was responsible for the introduction of many new species, influenced garden design and wrote a number of books, some illustrated with her own excellent photographs.

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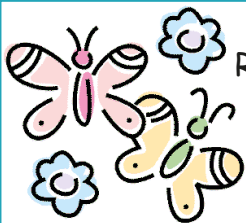
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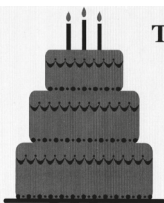
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OUTWOOD WINDMILL

Dear Outwoodians - Past and present

I want to thank you most sincerely for your massive reaction and the mountain of mail, plus emails to Tandridge District Council, which followed my request regarding the appalling condition of the Outwood Mill. I can do no better than to quote from the latest update received from John Langdown at TDC:

"I have received a huge quantity of emails from concerned residents about the condition of the mill and it's great to see its value and importance are highly regarded. This historic importance is shared by the Council and taking the appropriate action to ensure its condition is maintained is of the utmost priority."

John Langdown, Senior Planning Enforcement Officer at Tandridge District Council

I attended the Outwood Parish Council meeting on 5th November where it was agreed, encouraged by the strength of feeling in the village, that the Outwood Parish Council will do everything in its remit to encourage Tandridge District Council to take the action most likely to achieve an acceptable outcome. Our MP Claire Coutinho is also backing us.

The Outwood Parish Council will no doubt keep us all updated in their section of the Outwood News. Emails should from now be addressed to the parish clerk Rodabe Rubin address parish.clerk@outwood.org

Again, thank you very much to all those who responded.

Paul Daniels

Damage made worse by storm Bert



THE OUTWOOD CALENDAR 2025

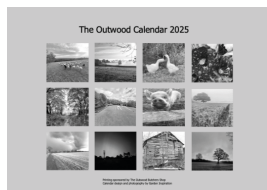
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OUTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

There will be no Council meeting in December. So, the next meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

Jane Weston has sadly resigned from the Parish Council. All Members, and I am sure all residents, are thankful for her 8 years of service to the community. Thank you, Jane.

There is, therefore, a vacancy on the Council. So, if you would like to participate in local affairs, please send a brief resume of yourself to the Parish Clerk on parish.clerk@outwood.org. There will be a co-option process, if an election hasn't been called.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.



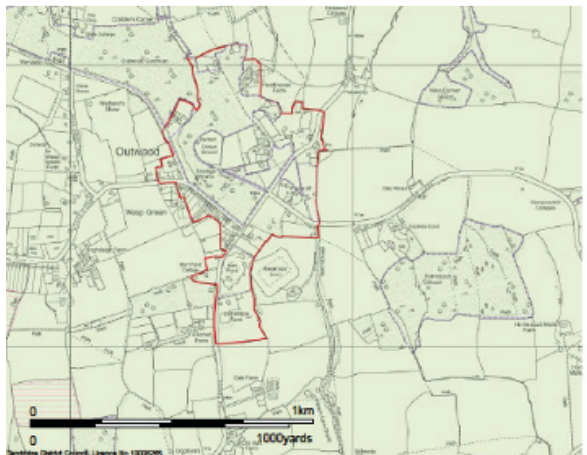
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Details can be found on the Tandridge District Council website.

The conservation area exists to enhance and protect an area of historical interest around the windmill.



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Meetings are held each month except August and December

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Sunday 1st December ADVENT SUNDAY

8.00am BCP Holy Communion - Horne Church
4.00pm Joint Benefice Advent Carol Service - Horne

Sunday 8th December

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

Sunday 15th December

9.30am Morning Worship - Burstow Church
10.00am Holy Communion - Horne Church
11.00am Holy Communion - Outwood Church
4.00pm Carol Service - Smallfield Church Hall

Sunday 22nd December

9.30am Holy Communion - Burstow Church
10.00am Crib Service - Horne Church
4.30pm Carol Service - Outwood Church
6.30pm Carol Service - Horne Church

Tuesday 24th December CHRISTMAS EVE

4.00pm Crib Service - Outwood Church
5.30pm Crib Service - Burstow Church
11.30pm Midnight Mass - Horne Church

Wednesday 25th December CHRISTMAS DAY

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



Sunday 29th December

10.00am Joint Benefice Communion - Smallfield Church Hall

Sunday 5th January 2025 EPIPHANY

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

Sunday 12th January BAPTISM OF CHRIST

9.30am Holy Communion - Burstow Church
10.00am Holy Communion - Horne Church
11.00am Holy Communion - Outwood Church
3.00pm Café Church - Smallfield Church Hall

Sunday 19th January

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

Sunday 26th January

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

DIARY OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

Tuesday 3rd	WI CHRISTMAS LUNCH 12.30pm - Lloyd Hall
Friday 13th	SHOESTRING - "RAPUNZEL" (see page 3) 7.30pm - Lloyd Hall
Saturday 14th	SHOESTRING - "RAPUNZEL" 2.30pm & 7.30pm - Lloyd Hall

JANUARY

Tuesday 7th	WI MEETING 2.30pm - Lloyd Hall
Tuesday 7th	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7.30pm - Lloyd Hall



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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

FILM CLUB

Lloyd Hall

Dear Supporters of the Film Club,

I have very sad news to impart.

I started the Film Club, 30+yrs. ago, in our Barn at home, for the W I. But, Anno Domini has caught up with us, and things have come to a head to force this descision.

it is getting impossible to find DVD's with good films, as Netflix buy them all, and fwe want to stream them the licence goes up from £120.00 to £1.600.00 per annum. Caroline has to drive up from Brighton in all weathers, and Glenn has only missed three nights in all the time we have held the club in the Hall so unless we can find anyone to take over I am afraid it is FAREWELL !

We will miss you all, it is so heartwarming to see you all streaming in, and spending time chatting before the film, with drinks, popcorn and later ice cream !

It is a happy social occasion , and we have watched some brilliant films

*Your Support has enabled us to buy the Blinds for the Hall, plus the Drop down Screen and the Wall mounted speakers, and for this we send you huge thanks for all your support through the years,
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I've also been holding regular remote surgeries by telephone, so if you need any help or want to raise an issue of importance to you, please don't hesitate to email or call me to set up a meeting.

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Approved by the Electoral Commission for the 2015 General Election

A lot has happened in the world of politics this month. We've seen the US Presidential Election, the new UK Government's first budget, and the election of a new Conservative Leader, Kemi Badenoch. I backed her since the start of the campaign because she has the fierce intelligence, political courage, and strong conservative principles that are needed to renew our party.

It was a privilege to not only be reappointed as Shadow Secretary of State for Energy, but also appointed as Shadow Minister for Equalities. I look forward to continuing to put consumers first when scrutinising energy policy, prioritising cheap energy, and bringing a common-sense approach to race, sex, and gender when speaking on equality.

I will continue to hold the Government accountable for their election promise to cut energy bills by £300 by 2030. However, I worry Ed Miliband's approach, combined with the Government's £40 billion of tax rises in the Budget will leave the typical family worse off by the end of the Parliament.

Meeting with local farmers in Bletchingley also brought home the stark realities of the Family Farm Tax. I heard about the devastating impact it will have on tenant farmers and large landowners alike. Farmers who have farmed their land for generations should have our gratitude for the food security they provide, not punitive taxes.

I also met with the GPs at Oxted Health Centre, who were worried about the rise in Employer's National Insurance Contributions which will cost their surgery tens of thousands of pounds per year. Primary care is already under strain and I will be writing to the Secretary of State for Health to ask him to ensure funding is allocated to cover the costs of the Budget so patients don't lose out.

A highlight this month was my visit to the East Surrey Museum to meet the curator, Peter Connolly, and Ros Rawling, both of whom gave me a fantastic tour. We discussed the fascinating history of Caterham and East Surrey, from William Garland, known as the father of modern Caterham, to the significance of Caterham Station during the Industrial Revolution, to the very different wildlife from Surrey's past. I knew that woolly mammoths wandered around prehistoric Surrey, but Peter and Ros told me that we used to have hippos as well. If you get the chance, pop down to the Museum, you'll definitely learn something new.

One of the most poignant parts of the year for me is remembering the fallen on Remembrance Sunday. I was delighted to spend the afternoon selling poppies with the Royal British Legion in Oxted Morrisons. It was heartwarming to see how many residents support our veterans. I'd like to thank Branch Chairman, Rob Cogan, for having me along. The Oxted Branch has a growing community that meets twice a month and is currently developing a permanent Veterans' Hub. If you're a veteran and want to get involved or need support, contact – Oxted.Chairman@rbl.community

It was an honour to lay a wreath at Caterham on the Hill war memorial and to attend the service at St Mary's. Thank you to everyone who took part. As the years go on, we will lose the nation's living memories of both World Wars, but we will never forget the sacrifices that were made by so many for our freedom.



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.

Outwood Horticultural Society held their AGM and Supper on Friday 15th November. A huge thank you to everyone who came along. Particular thanks go to Mike Johnson for providing such a fascinating quiz, to Amy at Outwood Butchers for a fabulous chicken and ham pie and for generously donating a gift voucher for the raffle. We are also grateful for the continued generous support of Burstow Nurseries and Garden Centre, who not only continue to offer Hort Soc members a 10% discount on production of a current membership card but also donated a gift voucher for the raffle.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 11th February 2025 Earthworms, a talk by Sarah Foss – Members only
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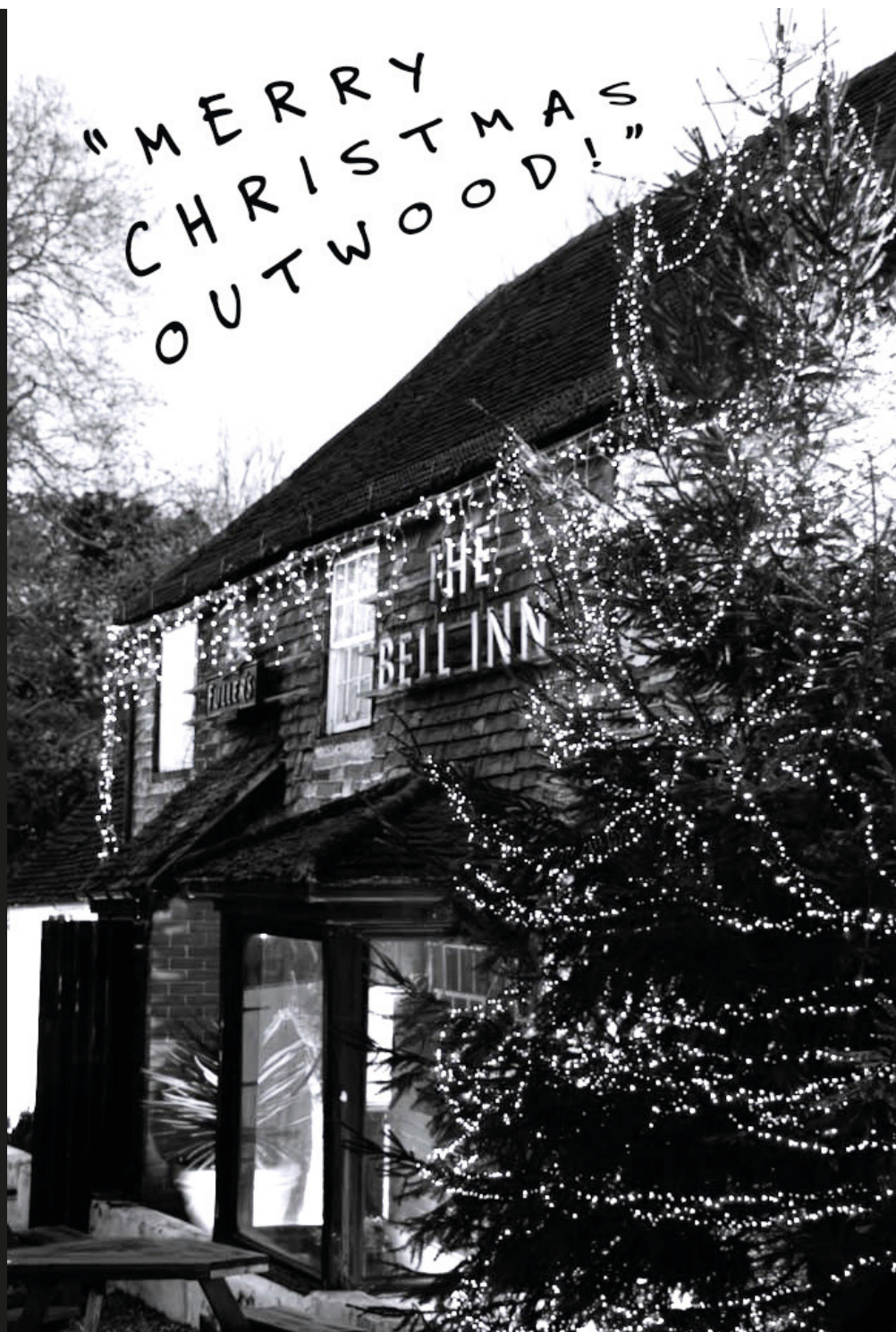
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Tuesday		
14.30 (1st Tuesday of month)	W.I.	carolinedurance@me.com
19.30 (last Tuesday of month)	Film Club	carolinedurance@me.com
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11.00	Coffee Morning	ukmikia@hotmail.com
13.30	Yoga	jdyson7@hotmail.com
18.00	Dance Classes	harmonydancing@hotmail.co.uk
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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.

Please contact Michelann Pollard at ukmikia@hotmail.co.uk to find out more.

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