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FIREWORKS & TALULLAH'S UNNECESSARY SUFFERING

On New Year's Day my horse of a lifetime and best friend Talullah, who I had owned for 18 years, had to be put to sleep as a direct result of Outwoodians setting off fireworks close by. Talullah was usually reasonably calm with fireworks so this, combined with the terrible weather, meant we thought that the risk from random, unplanned displays would be minimised. We couldn't have predicted what people chose to let off.

Tragically, what was let off on New Year's Eve was so terrifying to Talullah that she ran blindly straight through a solid wooden fence in the middle of the night. She came to a stop on Brickfield Road. The police attended and closed the road and called the emergency vet. I got to the scene (with my children in the car) to find my horse lying in the road. A horrific scene that I will never be able to forget.

With the help of the vet and police escorts we managed to get Talullah up and home. We tried to get her comfortable (sedated, painkillers, fluids and a rectal exam) as, for a while, we were hopeful that she might get through the shock, potential internal injuries and the colic that was caused by her terror, but by 1pm on New Year's Day she was seriously ill and was suffering. Talullah was in horrific pain and was shaking, sweating profusely, falling over, with a heart rate of 120 all despite the highest level of pain relief having been administered by the vet. Under the vet's guidance I did the only thing that I could for her and made her pain end. She was euthanised. I am left with a massive vet's bill and a huge hole in my heart. This unnecessary suffering was a direct result of people setting off fireworks in their back gardens.

Outwood is full of livestock, horses and wildlife. The Animal Welfare Act 2006 states that it is an offence to cause any unnecessary suffering to any captive or domestic animal. Government advice is – Fireworks must not be set off near livestock or horses in fields or close to buildings housing livestock. Furthermore Section 4 of the AWA 2006 says

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The offence carries a fine of up to £20,000 and/or a prison term of up to six months. The Act is enforced by local councils, animal health officers and the police.

We all totally understand that people want to enjoy fireworks but was it really worth the pain and suffering that was caused in this particular case, just to have them at home?

In future, I beg you to please consider going to an organised, insured display instead of doing one at home. There are so many displays at various times of the year for different religions and celebrations. Most of them are organised to raise money for charity, which is even better.

Could Outwood choose to become the first village to agree to do away with back garden fireworks?

Outwood is a forward-thinking village. The good people of Outwood would surely willingly pledge to give up the use of fireworks in their gardens, following the unnecessary suffering caused to Talullah. Fireworks have always been a divisive issue, however, people will now have been able to see the harm that can be caused.

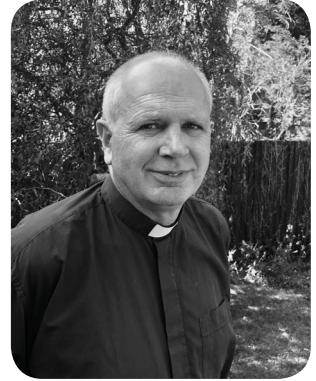
I don't want to spoil anyone's fun or tell people what to do but I think the time has come to embrace change so I've written to our MP, Claire Coutinho, to ask for her support in bringing about change and I would encourage others to do the same: claire.coutinho.mp@parliament.uk

Following the events of New Year, I am sure people would welcome the opportunity to do the right thing and to set an example for other villages like our own. Together we could make Outwood a safer place for people, livestock, horses and our beloved wildlife.

Joanna Barnett

Rector's Ramblings

February sees the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday, 22nd February. February 22nd was also my father's birthday. It's strange how one remembers some dates – my father died 25 years ago (where has that time gone?), but the date will always stick in my mind. I almost always gave my father something to eat or drink as a birthday present as, although he was always pretty frugal in his eating habits, he loved a treat from time to time! He also enjoyed doing a bit of cooking and loved to make bread and wine, not to mention beer, and was very chuffed when he got a mention in the *Church Times* cookery column for his recipe for bread with beer. But above all he got his pleasure not from making food and drink but from sharing what he made with family and friends. As you may well already know from previous ramblings of mine, my father was also a priest, and I learnt to see that his sharing of his bread and wine, the work of his hands and fruit of his labour, was in a some deep sense, an act of holy communion.



Writing this reminds me of a pre-Lenten retreat I made a few years ago (and I will be making one again this year at the beginning of this month). Back then I stayed at the Othona community in Dorset and each day of the retreat the leader encouraged us to focus on one of our senses and to use that sense as a means of prayer and meditation. She used poetry a lot and encouraged us to be creative in our thinking and writing. On the day we were focusing on taste, I walked along the coast to Abbotsbury where nearly a thousand years ago a monastery was built and stood for 500 years until it was demolished in the Reformation during the reign of Henry VIII. All that remains now is a tithe barn and, atop a hill between the old abbey site and the sea, a chapel. I arrived in the village at lunch time, went into a pub at the bottom of the chapel hill and ordered a pint and a bowl of soup. As I sat there, I found myself enveloped in a sense of timelessness and a connection to the past. I felt I wanted to write a poem so borrowed a pen from the barman and wrote the following on a paper napkin:

*Think about the taste, the lady said
And as I drank beer, soup and bread,
Above me rose old chapel hill,
Where on the top a church stands still.
Built by monks now long since dead
Who like me drank beer, soup and bread.
Tastes change, they say,
But this I pray:*

CHURCH NEWS

*When I drink beer and soup and bread,
I'll give thanks that my soul is fed.*

Somehow the act of eating a simple meal turned into a prayer, a sort of communion with the past and the present, a communion with God, as it were, like bread and wine is in church.

I realise that the way I make connections between the ordinary things of life and my Christian faith probably comes from my father. And the Lent Course that I am running this year will help people do just that. It's called *Christians for Life* and is written by me. The six sessions are designed to help people think and learn about God, the Bible, Jesus, Prayer and Holy Communion and to think and learn in a way that helps people make connections with their own life and everyday experiences. It's suitable for all, whether they are new to church or have been coming all their life. You would be very welcome to come, and I can promise you that you won't feel out of place – wherever you are on your spiritual journey.

With love and prayers

Nicholas

Revd Nicholas Calver

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LENT COURSE 2023

The Lent Course will be held in Smallfield Church Hall, in Redehall Road opposite the Co op, with a choice of either Monday evening or Wednesday afternoon sessions (or a mixture of both if easier for you). The first week's sessions are on Monday 27th February at 7.30pm or Wednesday 1st March at 2.30pm and the course will run for six weeks.

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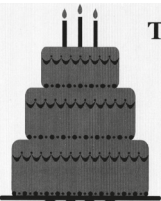
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JANUARY 2023

We have had a very quiet start to the year at Outwood WI ; at our January meeting we had no visiting speaker and just enjoyed a low key catch up after the excitement of the new year and Christmas.

However we would like to wish all Outwood residents a happy start to 2023 and a good year to come. I am attaching a couple of photographs taken at our December Christmas lunch, where we raised a glass to friends present and absent.



I shall have a full report following our February meeting which is on Tuesday 7th February - our birthday meeting when we shall be 102 years old!

Elizabeth Dyke

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NATURE WATCH

The Year

by Ella Wheeler Wilcox 1815-1919

*What can be said in New Year rhymes
That's not been said a thousand times
The New Year comes, the old years go
We know we dream, we dream we know.*

I strongly suspect that as the first verse of this poem suggests we are all dreaming; dreaming of warm dry weather with plenty of sunshine. As the saying goes, life can't be all roses, but dreaming of them helps drive the dreary weather away. Conditions have certainly been somewhat unusual with what has seemed to be almost non-stop rainfall over the four weeks from mid-December coupled with periods of high winds and unusually mild conditions. However, UK weather is variable - that's why we talk about it so much - and can quickly change from one extreme to the other. In the days of early December, just prior to the cold snap, Paul Pitts reported two sightings of a kingfisher and a couple of muskovy ducks on the marl-pond as well as flocks of between 40 and 60 redwings and fieldfares "gobbling up" the fallen pears on the lawn and regular flights of buzzards hawking for prey. He also said he had put fleece around a young mimosa tree and was hoping that it would be enough to protect it from the ensuing freeze-up. The next day the mercury plunged; 5-7½cms of snow fell and in the still conditions festooned the trees, which in the sunlight lit up like fairyland. Snow-tracks provide an excellent opportunity to monitor the activity of some of our local bird and animal life.

One rather unusual example occurred as a result of our granddaughter Lucy and Charlie, her intended, building a two-metre-high snowman with carrot nose and coal black eyes, which stood for several days before it started to slowly melt and sag. However, on the fifth morning they found that overnight a fox had dug a large hole at the base of the snowman, and, using it like an igloo, appeared to have had slept in it leaving evidence in the form of a number of gingery brown hairs.



The mild temperatures have encouraged spring flowers to put in an early appearance. By 10th January the garden total included snowdrops, winter honeysuckle, aconites, hellebores and a single cream coloured crocus. Leaves of narcissi were well through with many of the early ones showing flower buds as were the Euphorbia characais, aka Mediterranean Spurge. Along Millers Lane I spotted one or two flowers of the common butterbur (*Petasites hybridus*) on the stream bank near the entrance to Brightleigh Farm. The butterbur is not rare but there are a small number of patches of the plant around the village always growing in damp shady conditions. The plant originates in Asia and the Mediterranean and surprisingly is a perennial in the same family as Michaelmas daisies and sunflowers. The flowers, which normally appear in late winter before the leaves, are pink in colour with multi florets atop a stem of 5-20cms, which are followed by round, light green leaves. A similar species, *Petasites fragrans*, aka Winter Heliotrope, can also be found in the UK. Both species provide food for bees during the colder months and contain many chemical substances such as anti-histamines and anti inflammatories. Extracts are used to treat migraine and hay fever and have also been used in folk medicine for over two thousand years.

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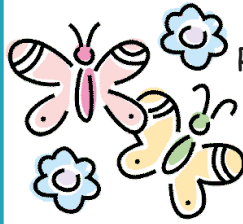
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Claire

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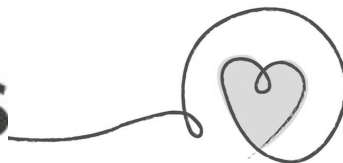
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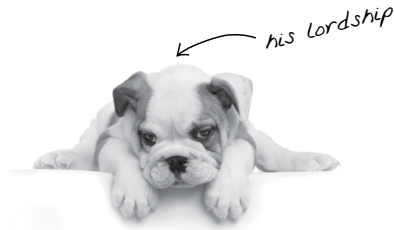
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Many domestic animals get very stressed too.

Please be considerate of the affects of our actions on people and animals.

It is apparent that the roads are in a bad state of repair at present. Please report any potholes on the Surrey County Council website. If it appears to already be reported, report another one nearby, just so that the number of reports ensure that action is taken.

This is an important year for many reasons.

The King's Coronation – The Council is looking at facilitating a community event on Monday 8th May – look out for details.

Local Elections – There will be elections held for Parish & Town Councils. If you think you can make a difference for your local community, think about standing for election. Democracy is only truly served if elections take place.

Rodabe Rudin

Clerk to the Council

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Next meeting:

Wednesday 8th February 2023, 7.30pm in the Church Room

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- Wednesday 8th PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
7.30pm - Church Room, Wasp Green Lane
- Tuesday 28th FILM CLUB - "Going in Style"
7.30 for 8.00pm - Lloyd Hall

MARCH

- Saturday 4th ST. CATHERINE'S HOSPICE
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Around Outwood
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All the best and thank you for all your support. Steve

Happy February folks from Nick, myself and our wonderful team here at The Bell.

We lit up January with yet another fantastic Wassail evening. Huge thanks, as always, go to Andy Wright for the effort he puts in each year to ensure it's all such a fun evening and also those among you who got dragged in for stewarding.

Thank you also for dropping off your redundant Christmas trees here at The Bell for the bonfire.

It's always great to see so many keeping this tradition a date for calendars.

Now that February is here with "National Drink Wine Day" on the 18th, Spring is on its way too.

We'll be getting our garden ready for the brighter days. Gazebos going up again for shade and the dodgy weather days, and we hope to have our Garden Bar built for Summer, offering an even more alfresco experience here at The Bell.

Talking of Summer; Shakespeare is coming back after a fantastic play here in 2022. The same production team too, who left with rave reviews and also told us we were their favourite venue. We still need to finalise which play they'll put on for us but I'm aiming at Saturday 29th July for the date. We'll be all set for the pre-theatre supper again too. Keep an eye on our Facebook, Instagram and website, where tickets will go on sale again.

Steak Night is coming back! Planned for Thursdays, with a range of choices and we'll shout when that's up and running, and now that Helen Chong has joined Scott Currie, as his sous chef here at The Bell, having run her own authentic traditional chinese restaurant, we're planning to let her loose with her delicious ideas. (We've tried a few and they are fantastic!).

Since we teamed up with Penny and Nigel at Brightleigh Farm and Scott Curry joined our team as Head Chef, our Sunday roasts have absolutely taken off.

On a normal Sunday we can struggle to find 'walk ins' a table, so please do book if you want to dine with us.

Easter weekend, with Good Friday on the 7th April, is always a busy weekend here at The Bell, so we'd suggest booking in advance for this weekend too.

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