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JEAN BRISTOW
1924 to 2023

Jean had lived in Outwood for just over forty years but her association with the village goes back to the 1950's.

She was fully engaged in village life, serving as a Parish Council (Burstow – before Outwood had its own) for more than twenty years, a member of the Village Show committee back in the day when it was held at Home Farm and we had a Barn Dance after. Mustn't forget all the scones Jean baked for the British Legion teas.

Her family felt that the service of Thanksgiving for Jean's life was especially heart-warming, it displayed the very best community spirit, something that Outwood has in abundance.

A big thank you to the team at St John the Baptist, the wood carvers who gave up their weekly gathering, the growers and arrangers of the fabulous flowers, the bell ringers, James the organist and last but definitely not least Nicholas Calver for officiating at Jean's service.

CHURCH NEWS

Rector's Ramblings

I was talking with my son Christopher the other day, wondering about what I could write in this month's Rector's Ramblings. "Write about your tomatoes," he said.

I rather neglected my vegetable plot over the last couple of years, but I've reinvigorated it this year. But because I've filled it with plants that I happened to find at the plant sales at St Mary the Virgin and St John the Baptist as well as accepting any plants that people happened to be giving away, I've ended up with 49 tomato plants – almost a commercial nursery garden!



But it's lovely having them and I have a real sense that they are good for my soul and, closely connected to that, my mental health. I go out each day and look at them; they need nurture, care, feeding and watering. I can understand why the term nursery is applied to garden centres – these plants are like babies needing my care and attention.

I have visited them twice so far while I write this letter. When I'm not sure about the next sentence or where the whole thing is going, I find visiting the tomatoes helps. Not because I'm thinking about what I'm writing when I visit them, but because I'm not thinking about it! Being with the plants absorbs all my attention – no attention is left to be thinking, or for that matter worrying, about anything else. It's a bit like rebooting the computer. If my computer is playing up, I've learnt that the first thing to do is to switch it off, leave it for a few seconds then start it again. It solves a lot of issues. And going out to tend my tomatoes is a kind of spiritual reboot. I come back in and write a bit more.

It's also something I do each morning, and when I say each morning, I mean it's how I start the day: to go out and spend that bit of time connecting with nature. And connecting with nature is about connecting to the rhythms of life, to the weather and the seasons, to the times of the day and to the earth itself, not just the earth of the ground but the Earth herself.

I think we each need to have the means in our lives whereby we regularly – daily – connect with nature. Connecting with nature is a way of connecting with ourselves because we are part of nature and connecting with nature also connects

CHURCH NEWS

us to God. I love the words of the Orthodox monk Father Zosima In Dostoyevsky's *The Brothers Karamazov*, urging all who listen to him to:

Love all God's creation, the whole of it and every grain of sand.

Love every leaf, every ray of God's light.

Love the animals, the plants, love everything.

If you love everything, you will perceive the divine mystery in things.

So you might like to ponder this question: Where are your tomato plants? You may well have some actual tomato plants, but when I ask you that question, I'm not necessarily thinking of actual tomato plants but something that fulfils a similar role in your life. It may be in your garden smelling the roses, or it may be in a more open space, in woods or by water, your allotment (like my son) or simply beside the pavement on the way to the shops. Wherever it is, let it be a place that enables you to switch off, to be in the moment with all your attention, not thinking or worrying – a spiritual reboot as I called it. And as you go on your way again, let it remind you how precious life is and that more often than not, the best things in life are free – like a lot of my tomato plants were!

With love and prayers

Nicholas

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We had invited the author Gill Thompson to speak to us at our June meeting. Always passionate about writing, Gill did a masters degree in creative writing when she was fifty, then took nine years to write her first book "The Oceans Between Us" which is a heart-rending account of a young child migrant to Australia whose mother back in England spends years trying to be reunited with him. The scandal of Australia's all white migrant scheme, coupled with the British government's complicity in dispatching children without the knowledge of their families, led to many tragic stories but Gill managed to personalise it with her vivid descriptions of the sense of loss – and abuse – suffered by her characters. Following on the heels of this successful book, Gill has continued to put children at the centre of her stories, all showing how war and conflict can impact in terrible ways on innocent victims. Her novels are intricately researched and Gill held us spellbound with her oral and visual presentation of the historical people and events which have inspired her stories. Many of our members bought copies of the novels and the conversations around the moral questions raised continued into the afternoon: a testimony to Gill's assertion that creativity has great power to encourage social awareness.

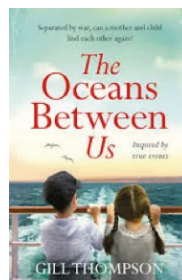


Our craft club continues to thrive and members share many different skills:

Christine brought her lace making this month.



Our president Caroline buys her copy of the novel by Gill Thompson.



*"We're all going on a summer holiday!
Fulsome characters Bob and Betty have gone to the beach.
You can see them there on the postbox in Millers Lane.*

Well done, the postbox group!

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 4th July at 2.30 when we shall be hearing about "Ghosts and visiting aliens – explaining the inexplicable". Come and join us!

Elizabeth Dyke

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NATURE WATCH

It was the day after I completed my last piece for this column in which I mentioned that I had not heard a cuckoo for the last three years. In fact the more I think back it could even be four or five years, because the last time was when working with the local National Trust volunteers, east of Bletchingley Lane over towards Lodge Farm. This time I was taking Tess for her daily walk along the bridleway that leads from the top of Hornecourt Hill to Tile Barn. Conditions were warm, sunny and still and half way along I stopped to listen to the silence, and then, as if on cue, I heard the nostalgic call of the cuckoo, just for about half minute and at a little distance but unmistakable and in the same area that I'd heard the last one. That was also the first week of what has become, by the time of writing, four weeks of clear blue skies and almost non-stop sunshine accompanied by a cold northerly air flow, mostly northeasterlies, which although they've taken the edge off the temperatures the winds were often strong and gusty enough to slam doors and blow off leaves and twigs from trees. As we moved into the third week of June thunder storms were forecast but were mainly of short duration with barely enough rain to do more than top up the rain butts and did little to moisten the parched earth and some trees, which began to show signs of stress with limp leaves. By and large they will bounce back.

As we are all aware by now the combination of the drought last year and the early cold snaps last autumn have taken their toll on the plant kingdom and some of the effects can be seen in village gardens with many people reporting dead shrubs and trees. In our garden a cherry tree (*Prunus autumnalis*), which as usual had produced flowers during the mild periods from autumn through to early spring but the leaves did not appear and the tree looked dead. Then suddenly, in the second week of June, weeks later than normal, leaves started to show and yet another flush of flowers appeared. Meanwhile, a sapling elm tree I've mentioned before that stands in the hedge on the bend in Bellwether Lane and has reached almost fifteen metres, was, just like our cherry, very late producing leaves and a number of branches appear to have died off but I'm hoping it is not as a result of Dutch Elm disease but dryness at the roots.

However, not all has been doom-and-gloom, rather the opposite. Despite the wind, the sunny warm conditions were ideal for garden and wild flowers; we all enjoyed a flaming June and I don't think I can ever remember such a fantastic show from the roses. The leak in the garden pond seems to have repaired itself – fingers crossed – and water levels returned to normal. Within a day light brown coloured smooth newts (*Lissotriton vulgaris*) and common frogs appeared together with a wide range of insects skating over the water. Although I saw the odd darter dragon fly from late May, the scent of the water attracted both them and damsel flies that immediately joined up in pairs, laying eggs on floating weeds. Birds have been busy feeding and fledging their young and I had a couple of rare sightings, which included a pied wagtail at the top of Millers Lane and a yellow hammer visiting the feeder. Noticeably butterfly numbers are down.



Claire matin rose

Mike F Johnson

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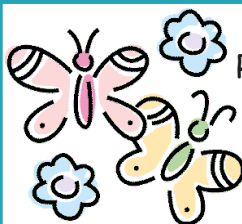
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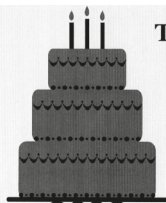
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Robin has described his venture as "a very organic experiment".

A part of the garden, called the Gulf of Mexico, is a balancing pond which collects surrounding water which from there drains into the lake, via the Lake District and the Grand Canyon. Through his vision and determination he has created a spectacular garden.

We hope you can join us for this exciting event. Please bring a picnic to enjoy in the gardens.

Ticket option 1: arrive at 11am for a private guided tour by Robin followed by open garden and picnic.

£17.50 per person. (limited numbers)

Ticket option 2: arrive from 12.30pm for open garden and picnic.

£10 per person, children free.

No dogs please

For tickets and information contact

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Thank you from the girls of Burstow group.



Burstow Friends of St Catherine's Hospice

The Outwood Show is not that far away and we are already planning the prizes for the Summer Draw.

In order to be able to offer attractive prizes, we would be grateful for a little bit of help from local businesses.

So, if you have any product or service that you would like to offer as a prize, please contact Angie Challis - 01342 843718
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We would be very grateful for your help and support.

All proceeds from the Summer Draw will be split 50:50 between the Outwood Show and St Catherine's Hospice.

Claire Coutinho MP

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Since I was elected, I've held regular surgeries with local residents to talk about the issues that matter to them.

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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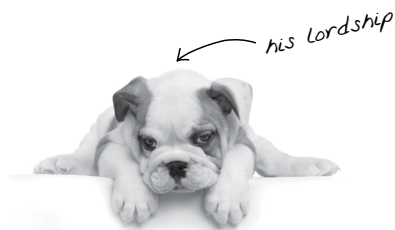


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Following a very successful volunteering day associated with the King's Coronation weekend, the Parish Council thought it would be good to organise some more regular volunteering afternoons.

The first Volunteering Afternoon will take place on Sunday 20th August 1pm-4pm at Wells Field. This event will focus on hedge maintenance – so, if you could come suitably equipped and attired it would be great.

A Trim Trail stroll will take place on 24th July at 7pm. Meet in front of Lloyd Hall a walk for down the all-weather path and to learn more about the benefits of outdoor exercise. This event is suitable for all abilities and ages (no unaccompanied children please).

We have a 'notice board fairy' in our midst, who has very kindly tidied up the Parish Council's noticeboard in front of the Lloyd Hall. We would like to thank you very much for your kindness.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND ALL OUR MEETINGS

Next meeting:

Wednesday 5th July 2023, 7.30pm in the Church Room

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Saturday 22 July

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Sunday 23 July

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Sunday 30 July

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DIARY OF EVENTS

JULY

Tuesday 4th	WI MEETING - 'Visiting Aliens' 2.30pm - Lloyd Hall	
Wednesday 5th	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7.30pm - Church Room	
Saturday 8th & Saturday 22nd	TEA IN THE CHURCHYARD 2.30-4.30pm - St. John's Church	
Sunday 9th	OHS GARDEN STROLL 2.00pm - The Castle	<i>(See page 25)</i>
Sunday 23rd	ORBL GARDEN PARTY 3.00-6.00pm - The Old Farmhouse	<i>(See Cover)</i>
Friday 28th	HOG N' SLOG From 6.00pm - Outwood Cricket Club	<i>(See page 24)</i>

AUGUST

Tuesday 1st	WI SUMMER LUNCH 12.30pm - Lloyd Hall	
Saturday 12th & Saturday 26th	TEA IN THE CHURCHYARD 2.30-4.30pm - St. John's Church	
Sunday 20th	SCH OPEN GARDEN & PICNIC Charlwood	<i>(See page 12)</i>

SEPTEMBER

Saturday 2nd	OUTWOOD VILLAGE SHOW OHS SUMMER SHOW 1.00pm - Lloyd Hall
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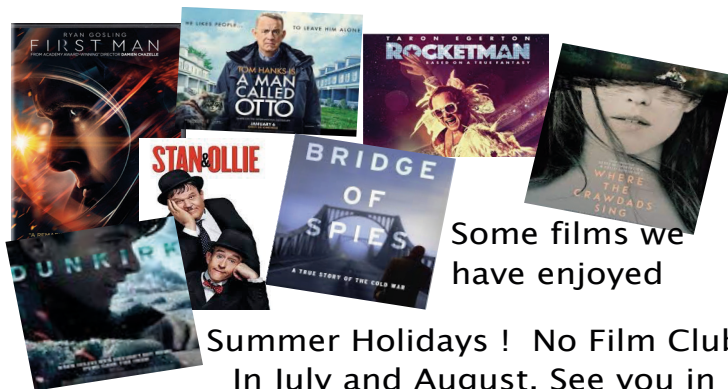
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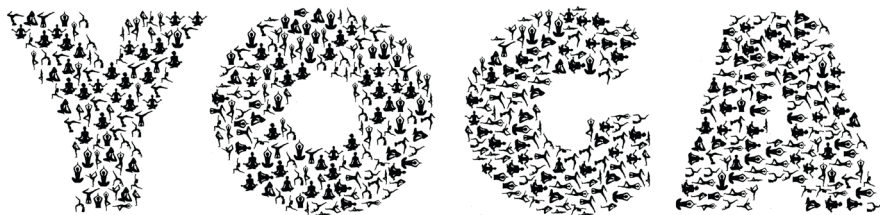
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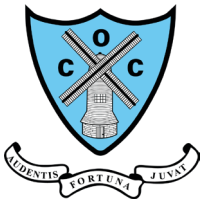
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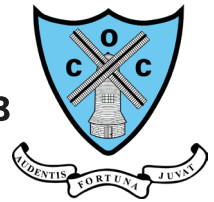
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Outwood Village Show including OHS Summer Show Saturday 2nd September 1.00pm

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The weather is “Scorchio” and summer has finally arrived here at The Bell.

We'd like to send a huge thank you to all of those who supported our “Jane Austen” open air theatre play. Just like last year, it proved to be a huge success, and with Shakespeare returning on **July 29th**, our summer 2023 season is far from over. We do still have a few tickets left for “Twelfth Night” and our very popular pre-theatre suppers will be available beforehand for ticket holders.

Just pop over to our website, www.belloutwood.co.uk, and click on the “What’s on” tab in the Menu.

Planning and funding is going through for our garden bar changes and with this arrangements for our “**Outwood Beer Festival**” 2023. We'll be offering a large selection of local ales and delicious ciders. Date to be confirmed, so keep an eye on our social media where we'll let you all know about everything.

Don't forget; we're open from 11am/ish if you fancy a morning coffee or a very early sneaky beer.

Very best, Steve, Nick and the team.

Sunday 30th will bring the “Brian Hugh Memorial Treasure Hunt”, organised by Southern Car Club, with a little help from us, raising money for The Burnt Chef Project. A very worthy charity which works extremely hard to help those within our industry who have, quite frankly, burnt themselves out mentally & need their help and guidance to get back on track. The route runs for around 30 miles, by car, with several treasures to find, starting and finishing at Hollesley Farm, Smallfield. If you fancy a day out, having some fun, please pop into The Bell for a registration form and all the details.

Our Team is at full strength! Something that many in the industry have struggled to achieve since covid and this means that we're fully operational all week for food and drinks, food all day on Saturdays, and our now popular extension of Sunday dining to 7pm. Scott Currie continues to amaze us with his ideas and is, with Helen Chong (Sous Chef), Jason Lawes (Junior Sous Chef) & the rest of their team, producing some absolutely delicious food.

The smoker is on almost constantly and has become a game changer for our menu, especially for our alfresco diners in the garden, soaking up the sunshine and enjoying our views across the wonderful Surrey countryside. Being situated in a conservation area, and surrounded by National Trust grounds with some amazing walks, we are really so blessed.

Jose has our front of house team running like clockwork, although she may be having words with me if I book many more events in &, as always, if you do wish to dine with us on any day of the week, it's always best to book online at www.belloutwood.co.uk or just give us a call, when you are on your way. Tel 01342 891 835

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