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Our original planned date has changed for logistical reasons,
so we hope this won't put you off.

Helena Bonham Carter and Pierce Brosnam lead the cast in this beautifully shot 2025 film, set in stunning Ireland, about four different and touching love/relationship stories. Great viewing.

Doors open at 7.00pm as usual and we look forward to seeing you and your friends again. Admission just £5 per head.

We're taking a break in August, but will confirm a film date for September in the next Outwood News.

Thank you for your strong support.

CHURCH NEWS

ALAN'S AMBLINGS

Holidays and Holy Days

As we enter the Summer months of July and August, many of us will be taking a well-earned break from work and enjoying a holiday with our families and friends. Rachel and I are looking forward to visiting the Isle of Mull in Scotland and visiting family and friends.



Burstow School and the other schools in the community will be finishing soon for their summer break at the end of July and the children will be looking forward to their Summer holidays, though parents may have mixed feelings about needing to find extra activities to keep their children occupied during this period!

Taking time out from our busy lives for rest and refreshment is important for our wellbeing and I hope that many of you will be able enjoy quality time this Summer.

The word holiday originally came from the term 'holy day' in a religious context. These were days throughout the year that marked important festivals and commemorated the lives of the Saints. Holy Days were days of rest and refreshment when the community gathered together in the local Church or religious building for a special service of thanksgiving. This would be followed by the sharing of food and drink with dancing and other festivities taking place in towns and villages. These were very popular in the Medieval period but largely stopped in England after the Reformation. If any of you have visited countries such as France, Italy or Spain these events are very common and colourful affairs. A few years ago, when our children were younger, we used to enjoy camping holidays in France and experienced some of the joy and community spirit that these religious festivals can create. Unfortunately, in our modern secular society we have lost the link between holy days and holidays, though many of the music, carnivals and other festivals that occur over the Summer months still manage to capture some of that community spirit that lies at the heart of such events.

In country areas such as ours, the agricultural year used to be marked by important festivals such as Plough Sunday, Harvest, Rogationtide and Lammas when the community would also come together to celebrate and give thanks to God. Earlier in May we celebrated Rogationtide at St Mary's in Horne at a special service where I blessed a new Community Defibrillator that is located outside the Butterfly Nursery at Horne and will be an important life-saver for the local community.

CHURCH NEWS

On 7th June we had a wonderful service at St Bartholomew's Church in Burstow to celebrate the end of the reshingling project. We were delighted to welcome the Bishop of Southwark who preached and blessed the spire. Elsewhere in the magazine I have included a copy of his sermon and some photos of this wonderful occasion in the life of our community.

On **5th July at 11am** we will be marking the festival of Lammas which dates back to medieval times. Traditionally, the feast of Lammas which comes from the old English word meaning Loaf Mass is celebrated at the beginning of August. We have brought it forward a few weeks this year for practical reasons though next year it will be celebrated on 1st August. It was the day when the first new grain was milled and baked into small loaves of bread, which were offered on the altar as thanksgiving for the first fruits of the harvest. Hence the term loaf mass. Festivals like this are important for our farming community and encourage us to make links between our faith and the land on which we live.

This year we will be holding our service, as in previous years, in a barn at **Hookhouse Farm** in Outwood and this will be followed by a picnic lunch making it a lovely family event. All are welcome to attend and join us in supporting our local farming community.

I hope that we will be able to celebrate more events like this in the future to bless our community.

I end with a prayer of blessing for this holiday season:

Dear God as we look forward to this summer period

May we experience rest, refreshment and renewal.

We give thanks for all the **blessings** in our lives.

We are grateful for our families, our friends, and our communities.

Please **bless** us with peace, joy, and love as we spend more time together.

Amen.

Alan

Rector

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CHURCH NEWS

St Bartholomew, Burstow: Evensong and Blessing of the Spire

7th June 2026

Excerpt from the Bishop of Southwark's Sermon for the Blessing of the Spire

At Burstow, the memory of John Flamsteed (1646-1719), Rector of this parish, is fondly cherished. Flamsteed's life and interests teach us that whatever our good works might be, they are for the glory of God. I am taken with the observation of Professor Michelle Docherty, the current Astronomer Royal, that the "connection between his ministry in Burstow and his scientific legacy is a powerful reminder that curiosity about the Universe can sit alongside a deep sense of vocation and community". Our own good works need not just be kindness, or service, or living faithfully and with justice. They can also be the fruit of our intellectual life. When God came to us in Christ, joining his divine life fully to our human life, he did not assume just part of our nature. He took the whole of our life - our bodies, our imagination, our creativity, our intellect - and united them with his. It is in a fully human person that "all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell" (Colossians 1.19), so Christ is rightly called "the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature" (Hebrews 1.3:). We do not, then, throw out our minds when we perform the good works that give glory to God. Quite the opposite, as John Flamsteed, and the long witness of the Christian faith, goes to show.

My friends, I give thanks for this parish and all that is offered here in Christ's name. I give thanks for your desire to pass on the goodly inheritance of faith to the next generation by caring for the things you have received. And I give thanks for witness of this parish across the generations reaching back to Flamsteed, and before. May God bless you, now and in the years to come. Amen.



JUNE

They say you are never too old to learn. Well, Louise Bradley, our visiting speaker this month proved that beyond all doubt. At the age of fifty, when she might have been taking things a little easier, she decided to fulfil a dream. Not only did she go to lessons to learn how to ride a motorbike, she then decided to travel around the world on it. We laughed out loud at her descriptions of her early efforts to control this challenging machine, but laughter soon turned to admiration as we heard about her incredible adventures, riding solo through more than twenty countries that most of us only dream of visiting. Louise's amazing resilience and sense of adventure have enabled her to cross remote borders alone, and make contact with non-English speaking citizens of inhospitable areas.

We were all excited by her powerful motorbike!



*Thank you to our lovely
tea ladies this month:
Chris, Lesley and Pat.*

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 7th July, when our speaker will be Jessica Thurtell, who will be talking about "Dining through History".

Elizabeth Dyke

CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH ORGAN

The organ at St John's Church is over 100 years old and needs to be replaced.

The Parochial Church Council have been given £6,950 by Surrey County Council and with generous gifts from well wishers we still need to find another £5,000.

If anyone in the village can help will you please ring Nick Case-Green Tel. 01342 842373.

Thank you

TANDRIDGE DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN 2024-2044 CONSULTATION OPENING SOON

We will soon be consulting on proposals for the new Local Plan.

The consultation will open on Monday 6 July 2026 and run until Monday 17 August 2026. From Monday 6 July, all documents, maps and information will be available online at www.tandridge.gov.uk/localplan.

We are holding a series of local events across the district:

You are welcome to drop in at any event during the consultation period.

When and where:

Monday 6 July: Warlingham Library, 2pm-8pm.

Tuesday 7 July: Nutfield Village Hall, 4pm-8pm.

Wednesday 8 July: Hurst Green Community Centre, 3.15pm-7.30pm.

Thursday 9 July: Lingfield and Dormansland Community Centre, 3.30pm-8pm.

Monday 13 July: Burstow Centenary Hall, 2pm-7pm.

Tuesday 14 July: Caterham Valley Library, 3pm-7.30pm.

Wednesday 15 July: South Godstone Community Hall, 2pm-8pm.

NATURE WATCH

Despite the fact that the summer to date has been below average in terms of temperatures and sunshine due to the position of the jet stream, at the time of writing it looks as though we are due for a heatwave during the last week of June. Temperatures over the continent had already been on the high side and in France have been forecast to reach the mid 40's centigrade. Once again fingers are pointing at climate change with the appearance of sea creatures from southern waters such as the Mediterranean including basking sharks, blue fin tuna and blue tides. The blue tides which form on beaches in the west country and Wales are comprised of thousands of units consisting of many small creatures joined together in the shape of a disc, coloured brilliant blue to protect them from the sun, and with a structure on top that acts as a sail – they are known as “by the wind sailors”. Back at home an increase in temperatures shows itself in the early flowering of plants. Everything seems to be producing more flower and potentially fruits than ever before. Blackberries in particular are absolutely loaded with blossom, fruits are beginning to set with the prospect of bumper crops and the promise of many blackberry and apple pies.

Wild flowers have also put on a marvellous show and provide yet another reminder that it is from the wild that all our garden flowers originate but were then subjected to special selection, breeding or hybridising. Many of our wild flowers are available in “improved” forms but many wild forms are beautiful in their own right. Yet how many of our other wild flowers would make good garden plants? The answer of course depends on personal taste. Already at this time of year, we have many candidates. Last month I mentioned red campion and although their colour is fading, they are still lighting up the woodland paths and I feel they would make a good addition to a lightly shaded position. Likewise, there is the striking blue flowered spires of the common echium (*Echium vulgare*) also known as “vipers bugloss”, there are a number of selections available for garden use including the magnificent species *Echium pininana* that comes from the Canary Islands.

Yet another cracker in its simple wild form is betony officinalis, with dark purple flower spikes that sits well in light shade. Just one more suggestion is one I've grown for many years and happily self-seeds and that is the corncockle with its starry pink flowers. It is rarely seen in the wild now as it used to be a problem for farmers before selective weedkillers, because the large seed adulterated the cereal crops. Not so suitable for anything other than a truly wild garden are the many flowers that can be seen on a walk from the cricket pitch around the newly laid circular path in the woodland such as herb Bennet, nipplewort, early purple orchid and some magnificent spear-thistles.



Corncockle

Back in April, Paul Pitts reported seeing Egyptian geese in his garden and recently told me a story with a sad ending. The pair of “geese” really large shell-ducks, produced a clutch of six goslings, which both Linda and he used to enjoy watching when the family pecked around the lawn but slowly and surely the number dropped first to five, then four, three, two, one and finally none. It must be presumed they were all taken by a pair of foxes feeding their litter of cubs – nature in the raw.

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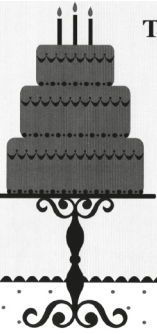
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The 12 men wore blue shirts and orange neckerchiefs and sang a selection of sea-shanties, including Whisky Johnny, The Drummer and the Cook, Donkey Riding, John Kanakanaka, and of course The Drunken Sailor. Each time we hear them, we think they can't get any better their singing is rich, deep and melodic. We could hear every word and a lot of those made us laugh, such as when some men pretended to be the cookie and bride, singing their words in a high pitched voice:

*Sez the drummer to the cookie,
Will ye name the wedding day?
Sez the cookie, "We'll be married
In the merry month of May."*



This months contributions of £41 very appropriately went to The Fishermen's Mission.

We were also visited by Lucy from Neighbourhood Navigation. If someone has non-medical needs they can asked to be referred to this service by their GP. For example if you are caring for someone at home and need help, Neighbourhood Navigation will provide a service to help you.



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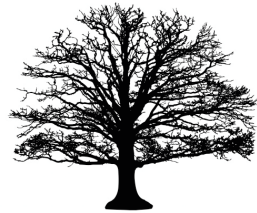
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There is no further update received from the
Parish Council.



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Sunday 5th July - Lammastide

8.00am Book of Common Prayer Communion - Horne

11.00am **Benefice Holy Communion** - Hookhouse Farm, Outwood

Sunday 12th July

9.30am Holy Communion - Burstow

10.00am Holy Communion - Horne

11.00am **Holy Communion - Outwood**

3.00pm Café Church - Smallfield Church Hall

Sunday 19th July

9.30am Holy Communion - Burstow

10.00am Holy Communion - Horne

11.00am **Holy Communion - Outwood**

Sunday 26th July

9.30am Holy Communion - Burstow

10.00am Morning Worship - Horne

11.00am **Holy Communion - Outwood**

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DIARY OF EVENTS

JULY

- | | |
|--------------------|---|
| Tuesday 7th | WI MEETING "Dining through History"
2.30pm - Lloyd Hall |
| Sunday 19th | ORBL GARDEN PARTY
3.00-5.00pm - The Old Farmhouse,
Wasp Green Lane |
| Monday 20th | FILM CLUB - "FOUR LETTERS OF LOVE"
7.00pm - Lloyd Hall (See page 3) |

AUGUST

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| Tuesday 4th | WI SUMMER LUNCH
12.30pm - Lloyd Hall |
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SEPTEMBER

- | | |
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| Tuesday 1st | WI MEETING "Patrick McIntosh" |
| Saturday 4th | OUTWOOD VILLAGE SHOW
OHS LATE SUMMER SHOW |
| Saturday 26th | SHOESTRING - "You can't beat the BEATLES" |

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!



SAVE THE DATE!

THE OUTWOOD VILLAGE SHOW 2026

**SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 5TH**

**THE LLOYD HALL,
OUTWOOD**

1PM - 4PM

More details to follow!

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OUTWOOD**

1PM - 4PM

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- **LICENCED BAR**
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The summer fete and festival season is definitely upon us. At the time of writing, I've just come back from a fantastic day out at the Limpsfield Chart Fair with my family, a must-go in my calendar. It was such a wonderful afternoon and a brilliant display of community spirit. My praise, as always, goes out to the volunteers for all their efforts.

I also had the pleasure of being at the opening of the Glebe playground in Woldingham. This wouldn't have happened without the hard work of the trustees and the unbelievable generosity of those who funded it. I was so pleased my charity the Friendship Project could play a small role but it pales in comparison to generosity of George and Coral Burns who were the majority donors. I will be opening a new round of grants for the Friendship Project in July, so if you're running a group aimed at tackling loneliness here in East Surrey, please do get in contact if you think we can help.

Regular readers of my columns will know I am fighting against local unauthorised traveller development. I recently met with the Minister for Housing and Planning, Matthew Pennycook, and I think he is beginning to grasp the scale of the problem. What we need now is action. I'm pushing the Government to look at banning retrospective planning, tightening up loopholes, possible restrictions on the delivery of construction materials, and stronger powers for the police and councils.

In Godstone we at last received some positive news – the High Street will finally reopen. The beginning of July is a strange definition of 'spring' but I'm glad this torrid time is coming to an end. One business has gone under and others are really struggling, so I will still push for an update on liability. I'm also pressing Tandridge District Council to introduce a cushioning period for local business rates. On top of this, I've also started the formal process for requesting an introduction of a 20mph zone and HGV restrictions – the two most popular measures from my recent survey.

Finally, this month I'm kicking off my Summer Surgery Tour, bringing my surgery to you in towns and villages across East Surrey. This will help ensure that, no matter where you live in our constituency, you will have the chance to meet me. This year's tour will be taking place between Thursday 16th July and Friday 7th August. If there are any matters I could help with, or any issue you would like to raise with me, then please get in touch with my office in Lingfield either by telephone on 0207 219 5972 or by email at claire.coutinho.mp@parliament.uk.

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My Best Photo (entrants aged 16 and under)

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Late Summer Show	Lloyd Hall	Saturday 5th September
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Tuesday

14.30pm (1st Tuesday of month)	W.I.	presidentoutwood@surreyfedwi.org.uk
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Wednesday

9.30am	Yoga	reigatemassageandyoga@gmail.com
11.00am	Coffee Morning	ukmikia@hotmail.com
13.30pm	Yoga	jdyson7@hotmail.com
18.00pm	Dance Classes	harmonydancing@hotmail.co.uk

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