



OUTWOOD NEWS

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SUSTAINABLE OUTWOOD



The Climate
Change Committee
is looking for a
name and logo
to match our
vision!

Our Vision

Within 5 years, Outwood will
be a beacon of community-led
low-carbon sustainable living
and an inspiration to current
and future generations.

We need your ideas to
bring it to life!

**Enter the
competition!**

See Page 3 for details...

JUNE 2020

BUTTERFLY COLLECTION COMPETITION



A number of **BUTTERFLIES** appear to have escaped from the local naturalist who has been breeding them.

They are of the genus *Klepidotera**, subsection *Paperblackus* *Paintifauna*, and a small number have been seen in the woods on Outwood Common.

Their colour varies through the spectrum according to their age, sex, and life experiences.

They do not sting.

They can be easily caught, being somewhat slow-witted and clumsy in flight, and will safely hibernate if put into a darkened container, but should not be given food or water.

Especially water.

**steal and take home*

A small reward will be offered to the adult or child who is able to return the largest number to the laboratory at the end of the breeding season (early July).

More details will be posted next month.....

OUTWOOD CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE – UPDATE

This month has seen a number of exciting developments. With the approval of the Outwood Parish Council, we submitted our grant application to the Rural Community Energy Fund, meeting their mid-May submission deadline. If approved – it takes six to eight weeks - the grant will pay for a feasibility study to explore renewable energy options for Outwood.

Having issued four invitations to tender for the work, three consultancies responded, and after a lengthy and objective review process, Avieco (formerly Carbon Smart who met the Parish Council and Climate Change Committee in February) were selected as the preferred supplier to carry out the study. Established in 2007, Avieco have supported hundreds of clients to 'get sustainability right' using low carbon energy generation schemes and are particularly experienced in supporting rural communities like ours.

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The committee are currently investigating alternative suitable sites to locate Terracycle bins, after the Lloyd Hall was deemed unsuitable. These bins are used to recycle waste items not currently accepted through the council recycling facilities. We will keep you updated on developments.

Finally, the committee needs your help to find ways to reduce our carbon footprint and create a more sustainable and environmentally friendly community. We can't keep calling ourselves the Outwood Climate Change Committee so we want to launch a competition to find a better name for the project with a logo and a slogan or tagline to go with it. We would also love to have some entries from children and to help you all get started, here is the vision and mission that we submitted to the energy fund.

Our 5 year Vision

Within 5 years, Outwood will be a beacon of community-led, low-carbon sustainable living and an inspiration to current and future generations.

Our Mission

We are facilitating community-led initiatives to achieve a sustainable, resilient future for Outwood.

The focus is on:

Reducing carbon emissions

Reducing waste

Enhancing biodiversity

The initiatives are diverse and accessible. We strive to make sustainable living achievable, engaging and fully integrated in the day to day life of Outwood.

We'd love to have all of your ideas - please send them to our e mail address
climate.change@outwood.org

The winners and the prizes will be announced in the next edition of Outwood News but we will need your ideas to be with us by **Friday 5th June**.

CHURCH NEWS

Rector's Ramblings

The month of June brings the longest day of the year, 21st June, the summer solstice. The word solstice comes from the Latin word *solstitium*, which literally means the sun standing still. From the point of view of an observer on earth, the summer solstice marks the most northerly point of the sun's annual journey through the sky, a time when the sun appears to stand still before retracing its journey in a southerly direction.



The longest day always falls near the date on which the Church celebrates the birth of John the Baptist. In my June letter last year, I wrote about the 150th anniversary celebrations we were about to have at St John the Baptist including a special service with the Bishop of Croydon. That seems a lifetime ago now. Who would have imagined back then that a year on our church buildings would be closed and all our services online? So much has changed.

Earlier this year, before everything changed, I happened to watch on television the film *The Day the Earth Stood Still*, a modern remake of the classic 1950s film. In the modern film, aliens arrive on Earth to save the planet, which initially seems a good thing until people realise that the aliens have come to save Earth from humankind. The aliens know that the Earth is too precious and rare a thing in the universe to allow humans to destroy it, so to preserve the earth they plan to destroy humanity – it's a kind of modern take on the biblical story of Noah's ark and the flood. In the end, because one of the aliens experiences the preciousness of human love and kindness, they all relent and humanity survives. But as the aliens leave, they shut down all electrical and mechanical activity – the earth stands still. The question 'How long for?' is left hanging in the air. Watching the film really made me pause and think.

And then the earth did stand still for us all. Not literally, just as the sun does not literally stand still at the solstice, but in so many ways so much of life as we have been used to living it did stop and not just in this country but right across the world.

Going back to John the Baptist, he is the forerunner of Jesus and the celebration of John's birth comes six months before the celebration Christ's birth. In Matthew's Gospel we read how the star lead the wise men to Bethlehem until it 'stood still' over the place where Jesus was born.

CHURCH NEWS

Just like the sun, a star could not literally stand still, but the meaning behind those words doesn't need a literal understanding to be meaningful. There is an ancient Christian tradition that at the moment of Jesus's birth everything stood still – for a moment nothing moved and creation held its breath. And out of that stillness God came into the world.

And what will come out of our enforced stillness this time round? I wrote last month how I had begun to see people and things, including our natural world, in a fresh way. As I write this letter I have in front of me a newspaper article reporting a survey which reveals that two thirds of Britons believe we will emerge from this crisis as kinder people.

And kinder people is what we all should be because it is who we are. To be human is to be part of humankind. The word kind has the same root as the word kin. Our next of kin is our next of kind. To be kind nowadays means to be caring and loving. But it comes from the idea that we treat our next of kind in a kindly, loving way. We may not have been visited by aliens but we have been visited by something else unknown. Wouldn't it be lovely if, in the midst of all the sadness and suffering COVID-19 has brought, it also taught us what it means to be kind.

With love and prayers

Nicholas

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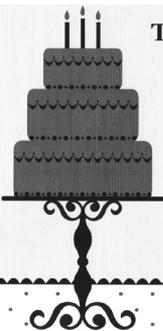
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HEAR HERE!

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QUIET OUTWOOD?

Unbelievably it is nearly four years since Route 4 was moved over us and blighted most of our lives with an enormous increase in aircraft noise. This was a move that was subsequently declared unlawful following a Judicial Review pursued by Plane Justice and supported by Quiet Outwood. We are delighted to report that the final CAA decision has now confirmed that the current route, implemented in May 2016, has failed in its replication of the route that was in place at the time.

In short, according to the CAA directions given in the final decision report, the route will therefore revert to the old route that was being flown in 2012, at the latest by 9th October 2020. For the sake of clarity, Route 4 will return later this year to the route flown before the changes that occurred towards the end of 2013.

Given current circumstances, we appreciate that this result may appear a little 'hollow' in light of the difficult and challenging circumstances we all face but felt it was important to advise this news especially for those of us who have unjustly suffered this route since its invidious move in 2016 and hope that it can at least be seen as something positive in these dark times.

To have reached this point is a culmination of considerable effort and determination and our particular thanks should be given to Chris Quinlan and his colleagues at Plane Justice whose total belief in the injustice of the unlawful route move in 2016 has resulted in this final decision. We'd also like to thank those villagers who continued to support 'the cause' with their own financial contributions to the legal battle and/or took the time to register aircraft noise disturbances on an almost daily basis – all of which helped achieve this tremendous result.

Please stay safe and enjoy the beautiful village and countryside that we are so fortunate to be part of.

Robin Kirkland
Quiet Outwood



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Outwood Branch

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM



Memories of VE Day
75th Anniversary



LOCKDOWN

BE SCAM AWARE

(Advice from Surrey County Council)

Not everyone is trustworthy and some people will take advantage of this unusual situation. Be aware of:

- People offering miracle cures or vaccines for coronavirus.
- People impersonating healthcare workers, claiming to be offering 'home-testing' for coronavirus.
- E-mails saying you can get a refund on taxes, utilities or similar are usually bogus - they are just after your personal and bank details.
- Fake products saying they can protect you or cure coronavirus.
- Mobile phone applications which claim to give you updates on the virus, but instead, they lock your phone and demand a ransom.
- People offering to do your shopping or collecting medication and asking for money upfront and then disappearing.

Tips to avoid being scammed:

- Be cautious and listen to your instincts. Don't be afraid to hang up, bin it, delete it or shut the door.
- Always ask for ID.
- Be aware of fake news and use trusted sources such as gov.uk or NHS.uk websites.
- Protect your financial information, especially from people you don't know. Never give your bank card or pin number to a stranger.

If you think you've been scammed, report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 and if you need advice, call the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on 0808 223 1133.

If you are in immediate danger, contact the police on 999

MAY REPORT

Never have we felt so isolated. The urgent imperative to stay in our own homes to maintain good health and prevent the spread of Covid 19 has been shocking and worrying. We are living through difficult times; the constraints of lockdown have taken us all to some discomforting places in our thoughts. We want to hug those we care about, but know that we cannot, without endangering them. Yet we should count our blessings. Good weather has enabled us to spend time out in the fresh air, enjoying the tranquillity of our surroundings which are now benefiting from quieter roads and skies.

Never have we felt so together as a community. There have been so many acts of generosity and thoughtfulness. Finished an engrossing book? Leave it on a neighbour's doorstep to read. Can't find flour on the supermarket shelves? Investigate some flourless recipes and e mail them to friends. Garden centres shut? Take cuttings and share them around the village. Going to the chemist's? Collect and deliver other people's prescriptions.... The list goes on for Outwood and its environs. As well as organising support for those who cannot shop for themselves, local people have happily pooled resources to share with neighbours – even jigsaws have been doing the rounds! Our own WI group has organised a telephone buddy system for members and we have tried to ensure that no one is left to feel that they are facing these unprecedented times alone.

Seven weeks of lockdown have passed at the time of writing. We have already missed two regular monthly meeting slots with their opportunities for laughter and learning. Yet many of our members have been rising to the challenge and embracing modern technology: book club discussions and play reading using Zoom; afternoon tea in separate gardens using Skype or Facetime to link up. Learning and skills have been developed through home projects. Our president, Carolyn Last, has led the way, experimenting with acrylic paints, recording the birds that visit her gorgeous garden. She has also been reading, writing letters and making bunting for the VE day celebrations. Thanks to our members for contributing the examples below:



Sheila Monk has been using her pieces of patchwork fabric to create place mats in the colours of the rainbow.



Sue McIntosh has resorted to knitting (a skill, she admits, that does not come naturally!) and has achieved a workable tea cosy. No more cold tea first thing in the morning...



Sylvia Maiklem has, as always, kept busy with a multitude of different crafts including painting and carving.



After two years out of the saddle, Jackie Belither has gone back to riding her lovely mare.



Pog Brady continues to beat the lockdown with the challenge of jigsaws.

Looking back at the last century with its two world wars and massive technological changes, we know that the WI as an organisation has been a beacon of strength, challenging governments and promoting both education and sense of community – the very things we need to take us through our current crisis. As soon as we receive the go ahead, we shall be back in the Lloyd Hall for our regular meetings. Until then, stay safe and remember: although we are apart, we are still together.

Elizabeth Dyke

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NATURE WATCH

**When tha's a rook , tha's a crow
And when tha's crows, tha's rooks.**

This old East Anglian adage neatly sums up the difference between two of our most populous and widespread birds and is quoted by Mark Cocker in his excellent book *Crow Country*. Both birds are members of the corvid family of which there are five other species in Great Britain including, the raven, jay, magpie, jackdaw and chough. Five of these species are to be seen regularly around the village but it is the crow and rook that are often difficult to tell apart. Crows are 10 - 20% heavier than rooks, with bare legs, whereas adult rooks have feathered legs and a very large beak, which is emphasised by the grey coloured patch of warty skin at the top, and their feathers are very iridescent so the wings often flash silver in the sunshine. However, the main difference is that crows, who pair for life, are usually seen singularly or in pairs, except in the early part of the year when they can be in family groups of three or four, whereas rooks, who also form monogamous relationships, are extremely gregarious and are always seen in flocks often accompanied by jackdaws. These flocks can contain many thousands of birds.

The rook (*Corvus frugilegus*) is a lowland bird and from south of the Scottish Highlands it is common throughout Britain. On average it is 45cms in length and weighs roughly 450gms. Their call is rather coarse and can best be described as a Craa. It is just so recognisable that together with the bark of a fox or the hoot of an owl it has become an audible shorthand for anything rural - if you hear it you know you are in the countryside.



An interesting aside is that the word rook for the chess piece, sometimes called a castle, does not refer to the bird but is taken from a Persian word meaning a war chariot. Rooks lay between 3 and five greenish coloured eggs, which hatch asynchronously like a few other birds such as owls, which ensures the first egg hatches before the second and the chick can build strength so that at least one chick survives. Rooks like other corvids are intelligent and have been referred to as Britain's brainiest bird. They use their wits to outsmart competitors by hiding their food or caching it for future use. They have a wide taste in food that includes worms and other invertebrates, berries, fruit, small animals such as voles and chicks and their feeding areas can be up to ten kilometres from the roost site. The roost site, and the rookery, which is where they nest and breed, are in different places often some distance apart and the flight lines have been recorded as being in existence for up to hundreds of years. Rookeries are usually in high trees and are the home of the colony, which like the flight lines go back many years. The birds generally make new nests each year using twigs and other material from the old nests.

The warm sunny weather that has run alongside the virus lockdown, has given us a good showing of butterflies, which in the last few weeks have included small whites, dainty holly blues, speckled woods and the emergence of large number of small heaths in mid May. Reports have included one from a delighted Laura Ient who saw her first skylark and Mary Baldock who spotted five moorhen chicks on the pond behind the church.

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OUTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

MAY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Election of Officers: Cllr Howard was elected Chair and Cllr Wyer was elected Vice-chair of the Parish Council

Tandridge District Council Report:

Cllr Fitzgerald reported that heavy goods vehicles emptying into a field opposite the Dog and Duck and that the Public Byway had been closed. He will make further enquiries about what development is taking place at this site and whether the byway closure is official

Planning: HGV licence application for a site at the bottom of Rookery Hill – we have objected on the grounds of a dangerous exit and the impact on a bridle path that runs through the site.

Climate Change Committee: A grant application to fund a feasibility study has been completed and the Parish Council voted to submit the application.

MUGA and wells field: Quotes are being obtained for grass cutting. The MUGA has been re-opened for use by family groups or two people who should adhere to current social distancing rules.

Community Matters: Earlswood tip has re-opened for black sack waste and garden. The Council are exploring options for placing a defibrillator at the Dog and Duck Pub

Neighbourhood watch: A new coordinator has not yet been found

Dealing with vulnerable neighbours:

A list of households who may need support during the lockdown has been drawn up and the Parish Council will make contact with them after suitable safeguarding training. There is a grant available for Parish Councils that they can use to help residents in financial difficulty. Further enquiries will be made to see if we can access this fund.

National Trust: The warden is Furloughed.

Next Virtual Meeting: Tuesday 9th June at 8pm
ALL RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN THIS MEETING

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

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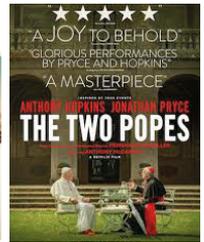
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FILM CLUB

Lloyd Hall



This year's films, two seen, two cancelled, but hopefully you saw on Netflix

We are looking forward to resuming Film Club once all the restrictions are lifted , and it is safe to meet up. Hopefully in September. We will put further news in the September edition of the Outwood News.

In the meantime , Keep Safe, and we look forward to seeing you all again.

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.

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OUTWOOD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

News Flash!! Early Summer Show Saturday 27th June

The Hort Soc has already come up with some imaginative solutions to the lockdown, organising seeds and plant swaps in place of our usual plant sale. We raised a phenomenal £287! So, we are undaunted by the cancellation of our early summer show which was due to be held on Saturday 27th June. This year we invite you to submit a photo of your exhibit into the following popular classes.

1. 6 spuds
2. 1 lettuce with roots
3. Any other vegetable
4. A collection of herbs
5. 3 stems rhubarb (with a ruler in the picture for scale)
6. A plate of soft fruit
7. 6 stems of sweet peas in a vase
8. 1 stem of any kind of rose
9. 3 stems of flowering shrub
10. A vase of garden flowers
11. A photo of your favourite garden spot during lockdown

There is no charge.

The entries will be judged by our usual RHS judge, but cups won't be awarded. We are thinking of some imaginative ways to share the photos with the Outwood Community.

Please send your entries to janeweston899@btinternet.com
by 8pm on Thursday 25th June
for judging on Saturday 27th June

OUTWOOD KIDS REUNION - UPDATE

May 2021

owing to the postponement of this year's reunion:

- o If someone is having a tidy up during the lock-down and comes up with anything pertinent to Outwood School and the kids in the village could they scan, photograph, whatever and get it to me to add to the Facebook Page?
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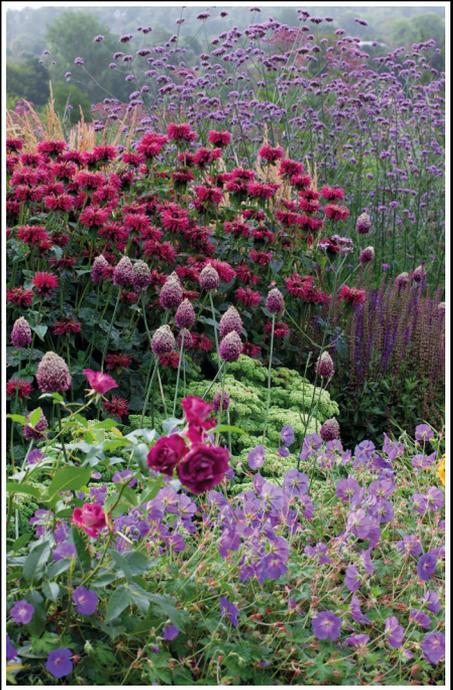


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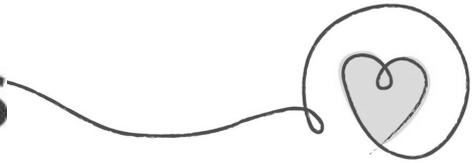
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Details of these events in next months edition of Outwood News.

Keep safe and well.

OUTWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



JUNE REPORT

I have been the village's Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator for a number of years now and the time has come to step down from this role. Therefore, I'm looking for someone to take over the role. I think Neighbourhood Watch is a valuable information tool for communities like ours, to counter crime and antisocial behaviour. The role of coordinator is rewarding and interesting but not onerous.

If you're interested or would like more information, please get in touch.

Crime reports for the village:

29th April an argument on Gayhouse Lane layby led to criminal damage of a car.

A cyclist was hit and seriously injured by a car travelling in the wrong direction on Scotts Hill.

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The Coronavirus pandemic has had a major impact all of us. Like many organisations Outwood Cricket Club has been hit financially and of course cricket in all forms has been suspended until at least July. Our Academy and the Cricket All Stars programme has hit our younger members particularly hard. Both are currently suspended.

Club officers have worked hard to ensure the club remains financially secure and able to cope with the loss of income from membership and match fees. We are grateful to members and sponsors for continuing to make contributions to the club, particularly principal club sponsor KMG, The Outwood Butcher, and Wilcocks Ground Maintenance.

As we write this, preparations are under way to re-open the ground in accordance with Government and ECB Guidelines, confirmed on 15 May.

The Club's Outdoor facilities will be open to use by Members of the Club (including the Academy) on a limited basis. Facilities must be prebooked, with one hour slots available on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. The ECB rules require the presence of an authorised Club Representative. Accordingly, the facilities are not open at other times without specific prior authorisation.

The club will continue to follow changes to the guidance and we hopeful that we will be able to stage league and friendly cricket matches later during the summer.

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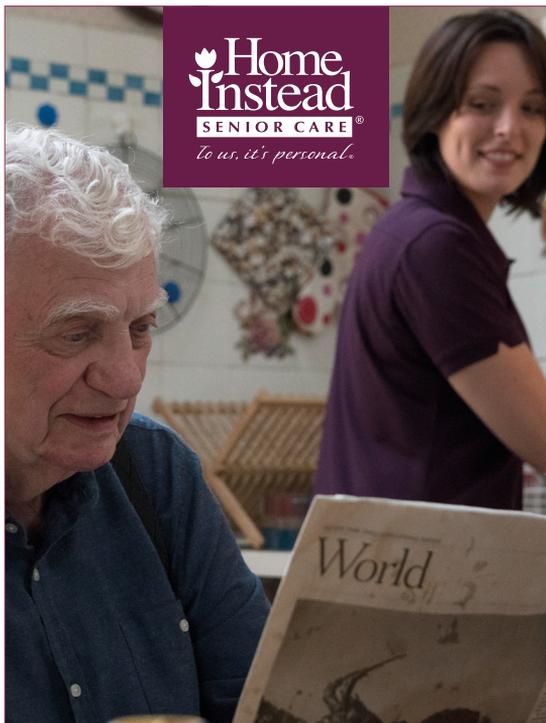
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