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- 1) Volunteer to sell flapjacks on 19th June at the Dog and Duck,
- 2) Help bake flapjacks at our "Bulk Bake" on Wednesday 15th June, or
- 3) Donate fruit/seeds/nuts or cash to bulk buy ingredients.

More information to follow as we get nearer the date.

In the meantime, contact Michelann Pollard at ukmikie@hotmail.co.uk to register your interest in possibly helping out.

*Thank you for your continued support for the Lloyd Hall,
the heart of our village.*

OUTWOOD VILLAGE SHOW 2022

Saturday 3rd September

How did it get to be March again? It doesn't seem any time since I got Covid for Christmas!

It's time to sort out a Committee for the Outwood Village Show - everyone welcome! - to meet up a couple of hours once a month, until the last month when we shall need a bit more time together.

If you can join us, please call David on 01342 843661.

Please leave a message if I'm out, or drop into School House to talk to me.

Thank you
David Crittall

CHURCH NEWS

Rector's Ramblings

The beginning of March this year sees the beginning of Lent (on 2nd March, Ash Wednesday). Later on in March (20th March) we have another beginning, the official beginning of Spring at the vernal equinox, the time of year when the days are of equal length to the nights as the northern hemisphere tilts back towards the sun. This is followed a week later (27th March) by the clocks 'springing' forward and that lovely feeling that the lengthening lighter evening brings. March is the season of lengthening days and Lent is called Lent because the word comes from the early English word for Spring: lencten, meaning 'lengthening time'.



Lent is often thought of as a time to give things up but another way of thinking about it is as a time when we can 'lengthen' spiritually, when we can grow in our spiritual life. The discipline of giving something up can help us do that, but there are other ways too. I like the idea of Lent being more about a time of 'taking up' rather than 'giving up'. I was talking about this in my assembly for Burstow School at the end of February. I'm still recording them for the pupils to watch in class rather than going in in person as the school remains vigilant about Covid. But doing the assembly from home meant I was able to push the boat out a bit as it were, and my assembly involved me making and tossing a pancake.

Butter and eggs nowadays seem like everyday food rather than rich fare so the idea of giving them up is pretty foreign to the pupils – as in many ways is the whole idea of fasting. But the school and the pupils are very strong on the value of helping others and I linked my assembly to Red Nose Day (18th March) which is always a big thing in the school. I told the children that though they might not be giving up eggs and butter for Lent as people did in the past, they could use them to make cakes or biscuits to sell in aid of Comic Relief.

Of course there are all sorts of ways not just for the school children but for us too to help those in need. Lent is a special time for us to think about how we might do that. In the meantime I'll leave you with a cake recipe you might like to make – all you need to do is find the ingredients!

CHURCH NEWS

KINDNESS CAKE

1 tablespoon of greetings
2 dessertspoons of smiles
1 large hug
2 pints of love
1 packet of hospitality
1 teaspoon sympathy
Mix greetings and smiles thoroughly.
Add hug separately.
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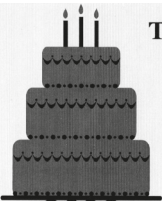
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FEBRUARY REPORT

The Lloyd Hall was buzzing with interest and excitement this month as we held our first open meeting for two years. We were thrilled to welcome forty guests from the local area who joined our members to enjoy a presentation by the best-selling author Lara Maiklem. For over twenty years, Lara has been a licensed mudlark, working on tidal rivers: the Thames in London and Medway in Kent.

With the aid of photographs, historical slides and retrieved artefacts, Lara took us on a journey back through Victorian, Georgian, Medieval London and beyond. Most of us had no idea that so much treasure trove was still to be found in the river and we listened avidly as she described scenes such as citizens throwing possessions into the river to save them from the Great Fire in 1666 and markets being held on the frozen Thames – they tested the safety of the ice by walking an elephant on it! Since her first ever find in the mud (the stem of a clay pipe), Lara has been obsessively visiting the mud banks at low tide, collecting the interesting objects that the river chooses to leave on the surface of the foreshore. Lara described the isolation to be experienced even in the centre of the busy metropolis and how it feels as though she is in a “sacred place”, especially when she uncovers a medieval pilgrim badge, a special ring or an object that reflects the special stories of London people. Common finds are handmade pins and pottery; more unusual have been false teeth, a glass eye and a skull discovered near the site of Victorian prison ships.

Once Lara had finished her presentation, we were able to view and handle some artefacts and Lara signed copies of her book on mudlarking which was in the Sunday Times best-seller list. Members and visitors had all enjoyed a riveting, convivial afternoon. Many thanks to all who came and made the meeting such a success.



Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 1st March at 2.30pm when we shall be welcoming Dr. Helena Griffiths, who will be talking about her solo trip around remote parts of Australia.



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Many of you will have taken part in the RSPB's annual Big Birdwatch survey, which took place over the last weekend of January and one wonders what effect the mild winter will have had on the results? Compared with the survey last year, will the house sparrow hold on to the number one position, with the blue tit second and the starling third and what about the gold finch at number eight. Interestingly, up until two years ago we had goldfinches in the garden for twenty years until we realised that they were not using the nyger seed feeder and we haven't seen a single one since. At peak, we would often have six or more beautifully coloured goldfinches crowding round get at the food. It is difficult to work out the reason for this absence. Early on we realised that the presence of the finches around the feeder attracted sparrow hawks, so we surrounded the area with some bean netting, which allowed easy access for the goldfinch but cut off the sparrowhawks route to an easy meal. There could be various other reasons but much has been said in the media about the predation of our songbirds and domestic cats have been singled out as major culprits. The Mammal Society have calculated that, in the UK, over 50 million birds are killed by cats every year and both they and Sir David Attenborough recommend that cats should be fitted with a collar and bell. Other precautions include keeping bird feeders over 1.5 metres from the ground and at a distance from hedges.

Goldfinch on Verbena bonariensis seedheads



Talking about bird feeders, we bought some new ones a few months ago that feature spring loaded perches, which allow smaller birds to feed but prevents larger, heavier birds, such as rooks, gaining access, when their weight pulls down a shutter. However, true to form, it didn't take long for the enterprising jackdaws to work out that if they hovered briefly, avoiding the perch, they could snatch some grain out of the feeder, dropping some in the process. Then peck up the droppings before flying up again to repeat the exercise. Other bird reports this month include my sighting of 8 lapwings on the backfields, which is the first time I've seen any there for some years, when, as I've mentioned in the past, there used to be flocks of hundreds of birds in the winter months. Another came from Mary Baldock and daughter Debbie who spotted goldfinches on one of their walks. Continuing with birds, a friend loaned me a fascinating book entitled Nests by Susan Ogilvy, who is a botanical artist and also fascinated by bird nests. Her beautiful watercolour paintings of the nests of a number of our garden birds are extraordinarily detailed, showing both the design and shape of each nest and the many different types of material used in the construction – moss, baling string, feathers, strands of wool and cotton, leaves, grasses, cobweb, pieces of plastic – a bit of whatever is available. Gorgeous.

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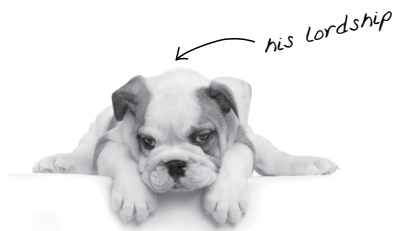
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OUTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING

**Monday 25th April
at 7.30pm
Lloyd Hall**

***With guest speakers
Claire Coutinho,
MP for East Surrey***

&

***Dr Gillian Orow who will be
talking about 'Green Social
Prescribing'.***

**The meeting will also include
short reports from all the local
community groups**

ALL ARE WELCOME



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***We will also unveil our newly
renovated village sign and
commemorative bench***

***On Sunday there will be an event
in Lloyd Hall.***

***Watch this space for more details
next month.***

A BIG thank you to Nigel Shaw for his sterling work in leading our Community Speed Watch programme over many years.

**NEXT MEETING: Wednesday 2nd March at the earlier time of 7.30pm
in the Church Room**

Members of the public are invited to attend our meetings

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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Tuesday 1st	WI MEETING 2.30pm - Lloyd Hall
Wednesday 2nd	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7.30pm - Church Room, Wasp Green Lane
Saturday 19th	SCH - "A NIGHT AT THE RACES" (See Page 19) 7.00 for 7.30pm - Lloyd Hall
Sunday 27th	MOTHERING SUNDAY
Tuesday 29th	FILM CLUB - "NOMADLAND" 7.30 for 8.00pm - Lloyd Hall

APRIL

Tuesday 5th	WI MEETING 2.30pm - Lloyd Hall
Wednesday 6th	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7.30pm - Church Room, Wasp Green Lane
Sunday 10th	OHS - SPRING WALK 2.00pm - Meet on the Common
Monday 25th	BRITISH LEGION - ST.GEORGE'S DAY LUNCH 12.30 for 1.00pm - The Bell Inn (See Page 7)
Monday 25th	ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING 7.30pm - Lloyd Hall
Tuesday 26th	FILM CLUB 7.30 for 8.00pm - 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.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Sunday 10 th April - 2pm	Spring Walk Meet on the Common Members free/Join on the day £5
Saturday 7 th May - 10am	Plant Sale St Johns Church
Saturday 18 th June - 2pm	Early Show / Church Fair St Johns Church Window Flower Competition 'Heaven Scent'
Saturday 3 rd September - 1pm	Main Show / Village Show Lloyd Hall
Friday 25 th November	AGM / Supper Lloyd Hall tbc
Photographic Classes for Summer Show	'Celebration' 'Energy' 'Seasons' 'Playtime' - Children's Class

Thank you to everyone for planting, sharing and smiling - we look forward to seeing you!
Best wishes, The OHS Team

TIME TO GET WALKING AGAIN!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Surrey <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/surrey> has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

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THE BELL IS ALL SET FOR MOTHER'S DAY ON SUNDAY 27TH MARCH AND WE DO HAVE A FEW SLOTS LEFT. SO, GIVE US A CALL, BOOK SOMETHING FOR MUM AND WE'LL DO THE REST. INCLUDING THE WASHING UP.

We're still in the very early stages of planning our “**Shakespeare in The Garden**” event for July and hoping to put on either “The Taming of the Shrew” or “The Comedy of Errors” in our garden, with pre theatre suppers in the pub beforehand. As and when we can confirm more, we'll let you know.



The Bell has just had its “**Cask Marque**” independent inspection for cellar management and the quality of our cask conditioned ales, maintaining our one hundred percent score on quality and standards, commenting that our ales are “Exceptional”.

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Easter weekend isn't too far away now, so if you wish to dine with us, we'd suggest making a booking early as we expect a busy one this year. Hopefully the weather will have cheered up a bit more by then and allow for a little more al fresco dining.

Plans for **Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee** are in full swing, working with Outwood Parish Council on the Thursday evening for the unveiling of the renovated village sign, lighting of the beacon and possibly a commemorative village bench on the common. We'll be running a bar there for you too. *On the Saturday we hope to be inviting the wassail band back to The Bell for some fun and traditional English folk music, with a few surprises lined up too.*

Lastly, a thank you from all of us here for the support that you give us.

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