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Sustainable Outwood (a sub-committee of Outwood Parish Council) has successfully secured grant funding of £36,000 from the Rural Community Energy Fund

This grant is funding a study lasting 3-4 months (March -June 2021) to explore the viability of community renewable energy sources for Outwood to move away from the village's reliance on oil/LPG gas for heating and hot water. The study is managed by a consortium led by Avieco www.avieco.com (pronounced Aveeco). The consortium has long-standing expertise in heat networks; see our website for more details. Helen Troup is our lead project manager.



The study will focus on renewable energy opportunities in Outwood, primarily exploring the potential to develop a heat network (sometimes called district heating) in the village. Heat networks provide a unique opportunity to exploit larger scale (and often lower cost) renewable and recovered heat sources that otherwise cannot be used.

See: www.gov.uk/guidance/heat-networks-overview for more details:

This is a project for the community, by the community!

Community engagement will play an important part of the study, so please do feedback your thoughts on the project!

Would you like to join our Virtual Focus Group?

This will involve monthly virtual meetings (April-June, likely evenings). We want the focus group to be as diverse as possible to ensure broad representation across the village and shape the study and project as a whole. Please email outwood@avieco.com to register your interest.

Around 18% of UK heat will need to come from heat networks by 2050 if the UK is to meet its carbon targets.



Watch Out

for updates in the Outwood News, leaflet drops, posters, telephone surveys to households by Avieco, updates at Parish Council meetings and a public meeting to discuss findings of the study.

Please look at our new website for more detailed information:

www.sustainableoutwood.org

or email Outwood@avieco.com to make contact, ask questions or offer feedback.

This email address is specific to our project and will be answered by one of the Avieco team.

Fi Mellington and Nick Wyer on behalf of Sustainable Outwood

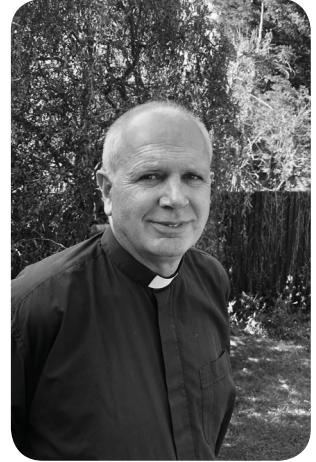


CHURCH NEWS

Rector's Ramblings

This year Mothering Sunday is on 14th March. It is a moveable feast because it always comes three weeks before Easter, another moveable feast. Mothering Sunday is almost always in March, though if Easter is very late it can occasionally creep into April.

Last year Mothering Sunday fell on 22nd March. I remember it vividly. It was the first Sunday we stopped church services and so this year's Mothering Sunday, although on a different date, feels like a year of lockdown. Last year, Mothering Sunday marked the first of our online services that have continued throughout the year. Getting them up and running was a steep learning curve – it seems hard to imagine that a year ago I'd never even heard of Zoom!



Our Gospel reading for last year's Mothering Sunday service was the passage about Mary, the mother of Jesus, and John, the beloved disciple, standing at the foot of Jesus' cross. I said in my first online sermon in that first online service that the readings that we had just listened to were the same readings that we have every Mothering Sunday but that this time I had heard them in a whole new light.

Normally on Mothering Sunday I have a short all-age talk that will have some jokes in it or something a bit different – such as making a microwave cake (which I know from what some keen bakers have said, was not really a cake at all – just a sponge pudding!). But last year felt very different. Not least because I was delivering my sermon into a microphone. It reminded me, and I hope this doesn't sound like pretensions of grandeur, of the film 'The King's Speech'. In the film King George VI, played by Colin Firth, learns to overcome his stammer with the help of a voice coach, and speaking into a microphone, he delivers his address to the nation at the outbreak of war.

His speech began like this:

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I really like that image. And though my sermons have been spoken into a microphone all year, they're spoken with the same depth of feeling for you as if I were speaking to you myself. And that is true for these magazine letters as well: I have a real sense that I am speaking to you.

CHURCH NEWS

Going back to Mothering Sunday, if you look in the shops at the moment you will find it hard to find a Mothering Sunday card. They usually all say Mothers Day (or Mother's Day, or again Mothers' Day – the manufacturers' use of grammar varies!), which gives the day a completely different meaning. Mothering Sunday is not about being a mother. As he hung on the cross, Jesus told the beloved disciple John that Mary was now his mother and he told Mary that John was now her son. He was in effect creating new family bonds between people who weren't previously related. And that is a message we need to hear today. We are still engaged in a global crisis and we are all in it together as one human family. More than ever the present situation should show us that everyone is not just my neighbour, but that we are all members of the same family. And that's what Mothering Sunday is about:

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Nicholas

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CHURCH SERVICES

At present there are no services in church, though this is reviewed regularly. Any changes will be posted on the church noticeboard and the benefice website. However, a service is posted online every week and can be found at:

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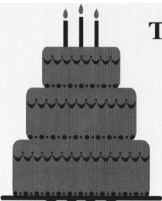
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We are proud, very grateful and frankly in awe of all that David Powell has done for the RBL and in particular for the Outwood and Horne Branch over the many years he has been a member.

"WE WALKED AS FAR AS YPRES TO RAISE £18,000"

Councillor David Powell is Mayor of Horley, President of the Horley Branch and a Vietnam veteran. At the age of 78 he broke records with a 30,000ft skydive, which raised £10,000 for the Legion. It was just the start of his intrepid and imaginative fundraising,

“ I was a soldier for 25 years. Uniquely, I served two years in Vietnam. In the mid-60s, I was stationed in London, where I would accompany Prime Minister Harold Wilson and Foreign Secretary George Brown. In 1967, I got a call telling me that the Foreign Office had requested I go to the British Embassy in Vietnam to run a security team of military police. We patrolled the perimeter of the Embassy. I was there during the Tet Offensive in January 1968.

I come from a military family. My grandfather and great-grandfather were soldiers. My father was killed in Italy during the Second World War. Being a member of the Legion is in my blood. I'm the Mayor of Horley, where I live, and I'm also the President of the Legion branch here.

When I was 78 years old, I wanted to raise money for the Legion to commemorate the centenary of the First World War. I read about a guy who was 70 and was the oldest person to do a freefall skydive from 30,000 feet. I thought, 'Well, I could do that.' So I broke this gentleman's

record. Falling at 300 miles an hour from 30,000 feet was a wonderful experience. When I was 80, I decided to do it again, then I did another skydive when I was 82. Each one

could raise money?'

I made the connection to the Menin Gate in Ypres, which is near where Field Marshal Haig commanded our forces on the

Western Front. We looked up the mileage from here to Ypres so we could walk that same mileage round Horley Recreation Ground. We worked out that if we walked 330 laps, we would actually cover the 165 miles.

We had four volunteers: myself; the Branch Chairman, Bob Jenkinson; Tony Keay, who is the Secretary; and [event organiser] Terry Boardman. Our launch was on 8 August. The first five days of the walk were the hottest since 1963; it was 36°C. We later walked in a colossal storm where we were leaning into gale-force winds. But we kept going and we

David (below) on one of his charity skydives



raised about £10,000 for the Legion.

This year, I was approached by several Legion members about the Earl Haig Sports and Social Club. Field Marshal Earl Haig donated the club to the community [and it's where the Horley Branch meets]. A couple of months ago, a fire destroyed the club. So they said, 'Have you got any ideas on how we

completed our challenge on 12 September. We raised about £18,000.

There was a great sense of community. We had eight of our brothers from the Legion and the Veterans Breakfast Club in Crawley come to walk with us. We had chats with all the people on the ground, and all the doggies came over wagging their tails to see us. It was wonderful.

You may think that, at 85, David should be retiring from all this physical activity but you would be overlooking the energetic, questing nature of this particular gentleman. Next year he plans to walk 'from John o'Groats to Lands End' or two thousand laps of Horley Recreation Ground. He will walk every day for 3 months and finally the last 50 miles to Lands End will be on the actual roads.

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'Save the Castle' Share Pledge: An Expression of Interest

A community group has been campaigning to save the pub as a local community hub and we are currently endeavouring to get the latest planning application refused. As part of this project our core group has registered an organisation called 'Outwood CBS Ltd (short for 'Community Benefit Society). We are now looking for you to pledge to buy shares in the Society, which will enable the community to purchase The Castle. The pub would then be owned by the community and run for the community – and **you** would be a part of that! This is not just about buying a pub; it is about helping to sustain and enhance the community of Outwood.

At this stage, pledges are **non-binding** and constitute an **expression of interest only**. They will, however, be vital to our Steering Group to show the level of funding the village can provide and hopefully demonstrate the huge support for saving The Castle. Our market valuation of the pub suggests that we would need to raise around £500k in total (to include the cost of refurbishment prior to reopening) to make this a reality. The work we have done so far gives us confidence that a share issue, in conjunction with grants, donations, loans and matched funding, will mean that we can reach our goal. Make no mistake, pledges are vital to unlock those other options.

Shares will be £100 each. This makes share ownership open to many people but to reach our target we'll need people to treat this as a longer-term investment. Our hope is that many investors will buy multiple shares. Formal documentation and a Q&A will soon be available as part of the official share offer. Those details will include a robust and forward-thinking business plan along with details of the processes that will aim to protect any investment you make. Our intention is very much to combine a sound investment opportunity with the chance to save the historic heart of our village.

We are as determined as ever to get the pub back in the hands of those who can benefit the most from it – you. Let's do this for your family, for your friends, and for your community!

Financial pledge to buy shares in Outwood CBS Ltd:

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Please note: No money changes hands at this stage and your declaration does not constitute a binding commitment to invest.

Please return this form by **14th MARCH 2021** if possible – see below for how and where to do this.

To make a pledge, please complete the form (you can photocopy it if you wish) and email to any of the following Outwood CBS Ltd Steering Committee members:

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Nick Roberts
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Peter Chapman
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Nick Wyer
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The cold weather also put the plant world on hold and checked the advance of spring, although with the end of the cold period in mid February and a forecast of temperatures jumping from minus levels to plus 15°C in just twenty four hours the recovery should be swift. I am always amazed at the way in which the natural anti freeze in our native trees and wild flowers protects them against these periods of icy conditions in the same way as the paws of dogs and wild animals or the claws of birds. Apart from the wind chill factor, windy conditions, which have been worse along the coast, have encouraged seagulls further inland where they can forage for food and I've seen small groups regularly flying over.

Last month I reported on redwings feeding on the berries of holly and pyracantha. However, often mixed in with them are another species of similar looking birds. These are the fieldfares (*Turdus pilaris*), which are a member of the thrush family in the UK, which includes redwing, song thrush, mistle thrush, ring ouzel and blackbird. I am indebted to Andrew Eldred for another one of his superb photographs taken in his garden. The fieldfare and the redwing are known as winter thrushes both being migratory and wintering in the UK. The fieldfare is larger but can be most easily distinguished from the redwing, which has a bold creamy white stripe above the eye and a smaller stripe below. Fieldfares migrate from southern Europe and North Africa to the UK in late September and return in April. They are about the size of a mistle thrush, 25cms in length with a bluish grey crown, neck and rump with a long dark tail, creamy white under-wings and breast which is speckled in dark brown with a reddish wash.



Fieldfare - *Turdus pilaris*

They are omnivorous feeding on worms, insects and molluscs before they turn to seeds and the berries of yew, hawthorn and briar rose in the later winter months.

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Sawmills application

As of the date of our meeting no decision had made about this. A local resident, at the meeting is keen to keep up the pressure on TDC to refuse Tone's application. Other local Parish Councils are also concerned about this development and the increase of HGV traffic, that this will cause, on our roads. **If you are at all concerned about this matter please ensure you put your concerns to TDC through the usual channels.**

Claire Coutinho, MP for East Surrey recently ran a public meeting, on Zoom, about the problems with HGV's in the local area. For more information visit www.clairecouthino.com

We had the pleasure of meeting the new Chair of the **Lloyd Hall Management Committee, Richard Pollard** who joined us this month. Next LHMC meeting is on the 29th March

Castle Update

A formal offer for purchase has been made by Outwood CBS Ltd.

Our grateful thanks go to Cllr Kevin Bourne for all his help and support.

Tandridge District Council (TDC) are in the process of recruiting a new Chief Executive.

Cllr Colin White advised that The Local Plan is in Limbo at the moment. There are no funds for the extra M25 junction, for the garden village.

The Planning department are a bit overwhelmed, so aren't reviewing any new pre-planning applications for the time being.

TDC Councillors will request that the planning applications for Sawmills, The Castle and Beechfield go to planning committee if the Planning department are minded to approve them.

National Trust – Eleanor, our Ranger, is very stretched, she has to share her time with other areas at the moment. The ash trees in and around the village are being felled because of the ash die back disease, including some in our new burial ground. More will be done as funds allow.

Members of the public are invited to attend our meetings. Please contact parish.clerk@outwood.org and you will be sent a link to the Zoom meeting

Next meeting Tuesday 9th March

For meeting agendas and minutes and any current planning applications please visit the website at www.outwood.org and click on Parish Council

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COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

It will be no surprise that we are still not active for the moment and I doubt any change to this in the short term.

Given the current restrictions on permitted travel (and lower traffic volumes), it would probably not be especially productive for us to be out shivering anyway!

Finders crossed for a greatly improved situation soon.

KNOW YOUR LIMITS ...

Nigel Shaw

OUTWOOD VILLAGE SHOW 2021

The Horticultural Society have provisionally booked the Lloyd Hall for 5th September (Sunday).

I think it would be a good idea to start getting the village organised.

I know last year's show was cancelled but hopefully by September this year it will be safe for a show to go ahead.

We need funds to support the Lloyd Hall and other local charities.

A lot of us have lost friends and family to the virus, but we owe it to those we have lost to keep our village together.

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David

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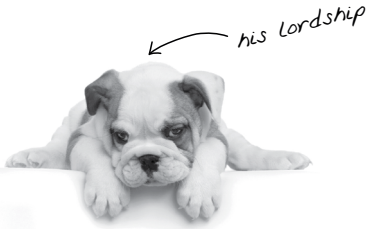
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Full details of sales dates will be published nearer the time.

OUTWOOD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Tentative dates for this year - to be confirmed....

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