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ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING

Monday 20th April 2026

7.30pm - Lloyd Hall

CLLR. PATRICK MCINTOSH

On Gatwick Airport and Route 4 consultation

REVD. ALAN BAYES

On the Church

OLLIE SEAL

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**There will also be short updates from a range of Outwood
groups and societies, including:-**

*WI, Lloyd Hall Management Committee, MUGA Committee, Ukraine
visitors, Coffee Morning, Men's Sheds, Outwood Cricket Club*

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Looking forward to seeing everyone again

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CHURCH NEWS

ALAN'S AMBLINGS

Dear Friends

Welcome to the March magazine article. As I write this, I am conscious that Lent is nearly upon us with Shrove Tuesday tomorrow and Ash Wednesday coming up in a couple of days' time. On Ash Wednesday, we receive an ashen cross on our foreheads as a sign of repentance and to remind us that we all come from the dust of the earth and that life is ultimately dependent on God who is the life-giver and sustainer of all.



The season of Lent marks an important time in the Christian year when we reflect on the 40 days that Jesus spent in the Wilderness before starting his public ministry. As well as thinking about the temptations he experienced there and how he overcomes them, it is also a time to grow spiritually through prayer, self-discipline and the study of Scripture. In the early Church it was also the time when candidates prepared for Baptism which took place during the Easter service. During Lent this year there will be an opportunity to grow more deeply in prayer through study groups that will be meeting on Monday evenings at 7:30pm and Wednesday afternoons at 2pm in the Smallfield Church Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Lent normally corresponds with the beginning of Spring as our gardens and parks burst back into flower with snowdrops, crocuses and daffodils and the other familiar flowers of spring. Lent represents the spring-time of the Christian year. Many of us use this time to spring-clean our homes and get rid of all the cobwebs and dust that have accumulated during the winter months. It is also a good time to do an inner spring-clean of our lives and get rid of some of the clutter and bad habits we are all prone to. Many of us choose to give up something for Lent as a sign of self-discipline and a willingness to overcome our dependence on material things that can become addictive and control our lives, if we let them. This year can I suggest that we might also consider learning some new skill or spending time reflecting on where we are going in life and how we can grow closer to God.

On March 15th we have a break from the self-discipline of Lent on Mothering Sunday when we give thanks for Mary the mother of our Lord, for the Church who at her best is a place of love and acceptance that acts as mother to us all and for our own mothers and carers and all who nurture us throughout our lives. There will be special services at the normal times at all 3 of our churches to mark Mothering Sunday with bunches of flowers distributed to everyone who comes along. All are welcome to join us for these.

CHURCH NEWS

At the end of March, we move towards Holy Week and Easter as our thoughts and prayers turn towards the Cross and we mark in church those important events that shaped the last week of Jesus' life leading to his death on a Cross. As in previous years, there will be special services and events taking place throughout the week. We begin with the Palm Sunday service at 10am in St Bartholomew's Burstow where we process with our Palm Crosses to the church and at 6pm that day there will be a special performance of Stainer's Crucifixion by our Benefice Choir at St Mary's Horne. On Maundy Thursday we will hold a special shared meal in the Smallfield Church Hall at 7pm to mark the Last Supper that Jesus shared with his closest disciples. On Good Friday we will be joining members of Smallfield Evangelical Church for a joint act of Witness and open-air service starting at 10am followed by hot cross buns and Café Church. There will also be a special service for Good Friday at 2pm in Horne. Then on Easter Day we celebrate the joy of the resurrection with an early morning service on Outwood Common at 7am and the usual Easter services with their joyful Alleluias at each of our 3 churches throughout the Benefice.

So, lots to look forward to. I hope and pray that whatever your beliefs Lent might be an opportunity to grow in deeper knowledge of ourselves and each other and to discover something of the God who reveals himself to us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

A wish you all a holy lent and end with a seasonal poem:

*From ashes rise, new life begins,
In Lent's embrace, reflection wins,
A journey of the soul, within,
In ashes, our stories spin.
With each sacrifice, a lesson learned,
In humble acts, grace earned,
From ashes to growth, life turned,
In Lent, our faith affirmed.
As spring blooms from winter's end,
So from ashes, spirits mend,
In Lent's days, to God we bend,
From ashes, towards heaven we ascend.*

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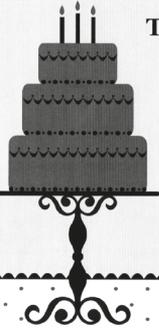
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FEBRUARY 2026

Happy birthday to us! This month marked our 105th birthday as a group and we chose to recognise this milestone in style with a meeting devoted to celebration. Our president Sarah spent quite some time researching the statistics of how long all our members have been in this organisation, and we used the findings to give out certificates and daffodils in recognition of thirteen of our longstanding membership: two outstanding members in Outwood WI itself had been here for 38 years, whilst another two of our ladies (who started in different WIs) have been members for approximately 60 years! A photographic commemoration was



Our most long-standing members proudly display their certificates.

Once congratulations were over, we played a fun game of people bingo, mingling together and asking questions to find appropriate answers to fill in a bingo card containing sentences beginning "Find someone who..." Afterwards we all agreed that, not only had we spoken to members with whom we had never before engaged, we also learned a lot about friends we thought we knew! By this time we were all ready to settle down to a delicious afternoon tea prepared by the committee. After the feast of sandwiches, scones and cakes our members left with full tummies and happy hearts. The committee have been thrilled to receive several complimentary messages following the meeting, to acknowledge the gratitude felt by all. To top it all, we had five prospective new members joining us for the afternoon; I am guessing they will be back to be part of our gorgeous community.



Next month's meeting will be Tuesday 3rd March at 2.30pm. We shall be welcoming two local practitioners with a theme of Holistic Wellbeing.

Elizabeth Dyke



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Friday 17th April

12.30 for 1.00pm

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NATURE WATCH

If the sun is out when you are dog walking everyone has a smile on their face – wherever you are when the sun shines the world is a happier place. This is exactly what happened a few days ago on the new path network between the church and the cricket ground. The sun suddenly burst out from behind the clouds, which quickly gave way to wall-to-wall blue sky and I was suddenly aware of colour, being, as I was, surrounded by vivid shades of green. Rain drops were dripping off the branches and the all-round spectrum of greens was due to the various mosses, algae and lichens that were covering tree trunks and fallen timber, particularly the lumber and stumps left after the felling of so many ash trees afflicted by ash dieback. The sunshine not only highlighted the different shades of colour but also the beautiful, detailed structure of the mosses, which along with the lungworts and hornworts comprise the group known as bryophytes. There are approximately 1000 species in the UK of which 750 are mosses. Mosses have leaves growing off a central stem, are non-vascular and reproduce by means of spores. The most common moss seen in our woodlands is the rough stalked feather moss. Others include the cedar leafed moss and the fern moss, which I think is particularly attractive with its fern shaped, apple green leaves tinged with bronze and its very delicate structure.



Fern Moss

Recently the Horticultural Society put on an interesting event when Penny and Nigel Franklin of Brightleigh Farm, together with a representative of the Pasture for Life organisation made a presentation to a packed audience at the Lloyd Hall. The initial talk gave the scientific, environmental, animal health and meat production benefits of Pasture for Life, which was followed by a slide presentation from Nigel. This demonstrated the way in which Brightleigh Farm has adopted the practice and philosophy of the programme, where cattle are grazed on small areas of pasture, which are then moved on every day thereby maintaining a healthy sward, which is not treated with chemicals or sprays. Also, hedges around the farm are allowed to grow naturally and are not cut back every year to within an inch of their lives, which will in turn provide improved conditions for nesting birds and other wildlife. The system is labour intensive but over time both the quality and range of the herbage improve as does the health of the animals, not just because of the improved nutrition but because they don't spend time grazing pasture they have defecated on. The final result, is better tasting, healthier, quality meat. The newly developed farm shop carries a wide range of produce from both Brightleigh and other Pasture for Life farms. Following questions from the audience everyone was treated to a taste of the foodstuffs available. One slight disappointment, which I know was shared by one or two others, was as "the northern outpost of the Knepp project" we didn't hear a little more about the rewilding of Knepp, although maybe that could be the subject of another fascinating evening.

Paul and Linda Pitts proximity to the Marl Pond continues to attract wildfowl and they reported a recent appearance of Muscovy and Egyptian geese. Despite a wingspan of one and a half metres, the Egyptian is not a goose but a duck being a member of the shelduck group and is conspicuous due to a dark brown patch around the eyes. They originate from the Nile delta area and typically have naturalised after escaping from private collections.

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Sandy Norton came to inspire us with craft activities and some of us managed to decorate cotton bags or make a canvas tile picture, to either keep for ourselves or give as presents. Most importantly of all, we all enjoyed ourselves and in addition this month we raised £45.95 for Versus Arthritis, a brilliant amount.



Our next meeting is on Friday 6th March at 2pm when we'll be visited by Beth and her dog Willow. Everyone is welcome.

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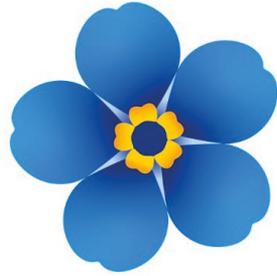
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Stage Three Public Consultation

The Stage Three consultation regarding the Route Four airspace change is now open for public input. Members of the community have until the 28th of April to submit their responses and share their views on the proposed changes.

Access to Consultation Documents

Full details and documentation regarding the consultation are available at Horley library. These materials are free to collect at any time, ensuring everyone has access to the information needed to make an informed contribution.

Have Your Say

All relevant information is provided (on the right), and it is strongly encouraged that as many villagers as possible take the opportunity to express their opinions on the recommendations, the consultation process, and any alternative arrangements that could help reduce the impact on the village.

Share your views

You can share your views by completing the feedback form on Citizen Space at route4acp.co.uk or by scanning the QR code below.

Alternatively, you can send your comments in writing to FREEPOST ROUTE 4 CONSULTATION.



Scan here for more information

The deadline for submitting feedback is 23:59 on Tuesday 28 April 2026.

Where to find more information

Detailed information about the proposals is available on Citizen Space: route4acp.co.uk

CORRECTION

Last month there was an error on page 25.
The Beacon was lit by Dame Judi Dench, Jean Bristow and Janet Rowlands.

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Meetings are held each month except August and December

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Sunday 1st March

8.00am	BCP Holy Communion - Horne
9.30am	Holy Communion - Burstow
10.00am	Family Service - Horne
11.00am	Holy Communion - Outwood

Sunday 8th March

9.30am	Holy Communion - Burstow
10.00am	Holy Communion - Horne
11.00am	Holy Communion - Outwood
3.00pm	Café Church - Smallfield Church Hall

Sunday 15th March - Mothering Sunday

9.30am	Family Service with Uniformed Organisations - Burstow
10.00am	Family Holy Communion - Horne
11.00am	Holy Communion - Outwood

Sunday 22nd March - Passion Sunday

9.30am	Holy Communion - Burstow
10.00am	Holy Communion - Horne
11.00am	Holy Communion - Outwood

Sunday 29th March - Palm Sunday

10.00am	Joint Benefice Service - Dramatised Passion Gospel with Holy Communion - Burstow
4.00pm	Recital of Stainer Crucifixion - Horne

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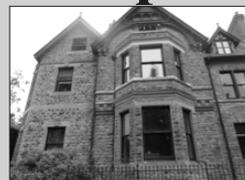


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- 2) Join us on the evening of **Friday 19th June** for the **BIG BAKE** at the Lloyd Hall. Spend an evening sipping wine, measuring, scooping and eventually washing up.
In 2025, we baked 60 batches of flapjack in 3 hours. This year, we hope to start a little earlier around 4.30pm and have 2 shifts of bakers so we can churn out at least 80 batches of flapjack (MichelAnn bakes 20 batches of brownies at home).
- 3) Wander down to the Dog and Duck on the morning of 21st June and help sell our stockpile of lovely flapjacks. If you've never joined us, it is an incredibly fun event cheering on the cyclists and receiving the many wonderful compliments on our delicious flapjacks.
Help is needed from about 7.30am to 2 pm, so if you can spare an hour or two during that time, please do volunteer for a shift.

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It has been a very busy start to the year and there is much to update you on.

After two denied applications, letters to Treasury Ministers and inviting LINK to join us on a visit to show them around the worrying gaps in local banking services, it is wonderful news that a new Banking Hub will be coming to Oxted. The Hub will have a full-time counter service and access to bankers from different banks each week on rotation. A temporary Hub will be set up by the end of April, with the hunt already underway for a permanent location.

This has been a long-standing campaign for Cllr Cameron McIntosh who has been working hard to seek a Hub for residents. I look forward to visiting it when it is open.

If you have been keeping up with my columns, you may know that I have been campaigning for the Home Secretary to launch a National Task Force to stem the wave of unauthorised traveller sites we are seeing locally. I was shocked to read in official government statistics over Christmas that these sites have soared over 20% in the last year. Last month, I visited a site in Smallfield where two caravans were set alight and completely burnt out. The village has also been the epicentre of the noxious fires causing serious nuisance to families in the area.

From my conversations with the police and Tandridge District Council, the clear link with illegal migration and tax evasion means we need national support to bolster local efforts. Otherwise, local residents will continue to feel powerless as good community relations are undermined. This issue is about fairness, everyone being equal before the law, and protecting our beautiful countryside from people trying to destroy it.

It has been over one year since the collapse of the High Street in Godstone. This has been a truly difficult time for households and businesses in the area, but it has also shown the community at its very best. I organised a public meeting in January so those involved in the repairs could take timely questions from the public. The overwhelming feeling expressed by residents was their frustration with disjointed communication, so I have now started a mailing list to bring together the latest updates from all the agencies. If you would like to receive these updates, please send me an email on claire.coutinho.mp@parliament.uk and I will add you to the contact list.

Disappointingly, we still didn't get a commitment to a completion date. The stabilisation works are still ongoing, but with more tunnels discovered in the recent weeks, Surrey County Council are not yet able to say when this part of the repairs will be completed. This is acting as a bottleneck, as without the stabilisation, SES Water cannot begin their works.

Many residents also expressed significant interest in traffic calming measures once the works are finalised. Traffic management does not usually sit with the MP, but in light of the exceptional circumstances, I am keen to support the village as much as possible. I will host a further public meeting in March to discuss ideas and options in the hope of getting concrete commitments from SCC before the road finally opens. If you would like to attend, please keep an eye on my social media as I will share more details once bookings are confirmed.

If you are interested in politics or have a keen eye for gothic architecture, Parliament is now offering free tours of the Palace of Westminster this May. Tickets are often in high demand, so if you are a constituent and interested to learn more, please get in touch and I will try to get you signed up.

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