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If you have any plants or seeds to donate, we would be very grateful for them.

Tea, coffee and cake will also be on sale, with proceeds going to the church.

Outwood Horticultural Society Membership is open to all and new members are very welcome. Please contact us at outwoodhortsoc@gmail.com if you are interested in joining.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Early Summer Show

Saturday 22nd June 2024

St John's Church

Late Summer Show

Saturday 31st August 2024

Lloyd Hall

Floral display theme Early Summer Show

Midsummer night's dream

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Sunrise or sunset

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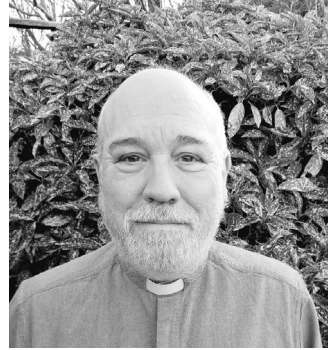
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CHURCH NEWS

BISHOP'S BURBLINGS

What's in a name?

A quote from Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, where Juliet (a member of the Capulet family, avowed enemies of the Montague family) declares that a name is an artificial and meaningless convention, and that she loves the person who is called "Montague", not the Montague name and not the Montague family. The quote encapsulates the central struggle and tragedy of the play, and is one of Shakespeare's most famous quotes.



Are names a meaningless convention?

Names do have a meaning - my own seemingly is of Greek origin from 'Stefano', meaning "Crown". Probably quite apt, as I am sure there were plenty of occasions growing up when my Mother would have gladly "crowned" me!

For Mary Magdalene, her name becomes hugely significant. Standing alone and overcome in front of the empty tomb on that first Easter morning, she hears a familiar word, but spoken in very unfamiliar circumstances.

Mary!

In that one word, Mary receives all the hope and certainty and joy that she could ever imagine, especially on that most dreadful of days when she believed that the body of Jesus, her friend and Lord - which only three days previously had been laid to rest in the tomb- had been taken away to an unknown place.

Mary!

No, this was not the use of an artificial and meaningless convention, but a name truly spoken in love. A name spoken with so much meaning and purpose behind it, that it would lead to Mary rushing back to tell the other disciples who were hiding in their own fear and trepidation, that Jesus was alive! It was that one word, the name Mary, that helped lead the birth of the Christian Church - a Church that itself takes its name from Christ himself, a name that has been so revered for millennia since. But a name which sadly is also used by some so easily as a form of oath or detriment. A name both hallowed and disregarded.

I notice sometimes at funerals that people can be wary of speaking out loud the name of the deceased in fear of perhaps being reminded of, or reminding others of, the person who is no longer with us. Most people tend to talk about death by naming the relationship. "My dad died", "my cousin died", "my wife died". Giving the griever the opportunity to say the name of their loved one out loud is a very powerful gift. One of the heartaches and fears for a grieving person is that their loved one will be forgotten. But, by using the name out loud, we are surely honouring the life and name that was once lived.

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That is why I think that it is so important when conducting a funeral to use the name of the deceased as much as possible and even using their name specifically in prayers and the Committal Service. The name and spirit live on in hearts and minds.

When my Father died some 30 years ago, my Mother was embarrassed to tell my brother and I that she would speak to "Peter" of an evening, telling him of her day and the news of the family. For Mum, speaking my Dad's name, out loud, was important to her and of great comfort. I am aware from other widows and widowers that I have spoken to that they too take comfort from speaking out loud to their loved one, and despite their embarrassment, I encourage them to continue - for there should be no name unspoken.

Whilst writing this Burbling, I have become aware as to how little I actually use my wife's name when talking to her. I guess that living in a house with just the two of you, when you speak out, it can only be to the other person in the house - unless I'm shouting at the clearly biased referee officiating at the match on the tv!

Maybe we should all become a little more sensitive to calling people by name when greeting them and talking to them - as with Mary, we never know how much that person may appreciate and value their name being said out loud. It might be, for them, the first time they have heard their name being out loud for a while.

Talking of names, Nicholas and Judith Calver, erstwhile Rector of this Benefice, have settled well into their new surroundings of Edenbridge. And whilst their names are perhaps being spoken out loud less, as time progresses, it does not mean that they are out of hearts and minds and remembered fondly. Interviews for the new Rector take place on 30th April and so we pray, God willing, that a new name will soon be spoken of and read in these pages and parishes.

With every blessing and prayers

Steve

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There will be a Spring Raffle for adults.

For children: a chance to win a craft set and learn a new craft, including 'star' prizes. Also, Guess the Name of the toy Spring Rabbit?!

Who can resist the chance to win 'A Cream Tea' for two with all the items you will need including clotted cream and freshly made scones; absolutely delicious!

As usual, there will be a home-made cake stall with plenty of variety from which to choose a cake to take home for tea.

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ALL WELCOME

APRIL 2024

This month we chased away the April showers in our meeting with music and laughter. Our visiting speaker was Debbie Lewington – a longtime associate of the Peggy Spencer academies – who treated us to a lively presentation about the history of ballroom dancing. She began with a quote: *“To dance is to be out of yourself – larger, more beautiful, more powerful”*. As well as being empowering, she explained how the rhythms and patterns involved in moving to music can improve physical well being and even hone timing skills for practical activities such as driving! We learned how many of today’s popular dances started in poorer communities around the world: like the Argentinian tango and the foxtrot. Several of our ladies shared their own experiences of dancing and there was some dispute about the more recent developments of traditional dances due to the popularity of entertainment shows like “Strictly Come Dancing”.

In this meeting there was the opportunity to discuss some of the more recent national WI developments. Members shared their experiences of the new Learning Hub which offers online talks on many subjects including crafting, history topics, IT, tourism and literature.

Those who attended the recent Surrey Federation meeting at Dorking fed back on the speakers and networking opportunities there. We heard about our successful quiz team who gained third place at the Bletchingley quiz to raise funds for the Edenbridge and Oxted show. New clubs are on the horizon too in 2024: Rummikub players and an opera lovers club who hope to share virtual performances together.

Our recent surge of newer members has certainly widened our horizons and we look forward to sharing many new experiences as the weather improves. Our next meeting is on Tuesday May 7th when we shall be enjoying a talk all about Cheese Making.

Some of our regular clubs:



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and lunching out*

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NATURE WATCH

Since the beginning of the year the weather has been setting records, not just in the UK but around the world. In mid-April, Dubai had a year's rainfall in a day. Back at home the rain began to ease by the start of the third week of April but didn't stop completely. Conditions were generally better with a little more sunshine but accompanied by heavy showers and strong, cold northerly winds, which literally shredded new leaves from the tree tops. Meanwhile, bluebells began to appear in early April and by the middle of the month were putting on a real show. Interestingly, although we all appreciate the gorgeous shade of bluebell blue, they are very occasionally white or pink. The white variant can be seen in various spots in local woodland but I've only ever seen the pink in one place - on the common, just off the top corner of Millers Lane - mixed in with the blue and white versions, firstly back in 2012 and it is still there today.



In early April, Christine and John Mankelow kindly invited me, as their guest, to the AGM of The Royal Horticultural Society - Fruit Group at Wisley. A short time spent on business was followed by two speakers - one spoke about the importance of Sussex apple varieties in the national list - and the other gave a fascinating presentation on the subject of earthworms. Firstly, I had no idea there are over 3,000 species worldwide and 27 in the UK that are divided into three groups. The Epigeic group is comprised of small worms, bright red in colour, typically found in compost heaps and referred to as wrigglers. Endogeic worms are found in the surface layer of the soil, and the Anecic group contains the largest worms, including our common earthworm (*Lumbricus terrestris*) that we would all recognise, reddish brown in colour it burrows deeply, up to 2 metres, and produces worm casts, which are rich in soil nutrients essential to plants and fungal organisms. All worms are hermaphrodite and create cocoons, which take three years to mature resulting in two hatchlings. Earthworms are the key to soil ecology creating drainage, introducing oxygen and recycling decaying plant waste to make chemicals available to plants and fungi and are best described as eco engineers.

I was talking with Andy Wright, about how much of nature was ahead of itself this year, and as an example he said frogs, in his ponds, had already produced spawn, hatched into tadpoles, developed into froglets and that this year's cycle was now complete. I've seen a couple of frogs in our pond but no spawn. He also reported that after first recording one on his land in 2023 he had once again been hearing the nightingale's beautiful song since mid-April. This would be a male, probably the same one from last year, hoping to attract a passing female. Nightingales spend their winters in the humid conditions of West Africa and return to the UK in April and sing through April into May. Andy also mentioned that ravens were continuing to be regular visitors. Another report came from Lyn Wilson who said the first swallow of the season had arrived at her barn on Rookwood Farm on 6th April, a second on the 7th and yet another on the 8th. She also told me that Jim Nicholson, at Burstow Park Farm had also reported swallows arriving. This is such good news against a background of a reduction in the UK population.

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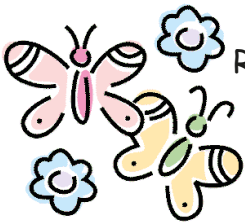
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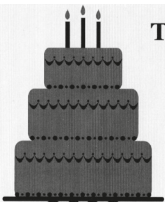
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Join us for a bonsai demonstration by world expert Peter Chan, Herons owner and 21 times Chelsea Flower Show gold medal winner!

The demonstration will be followed by a delicious traditional afternoon tea with a generous selection of home-made cakes and scones, sandwiches and tasty savoury bites served on pretty, vintage tableware.

We are very grateful to Peter for this opportunity and for his support of St Catherine's.

Arrive – 1pm and enjoy a complimentary glass of fizz in the pavilion overlooking the Japanese garden.

Demonstration by Peter starts at 1.30pm followed by afternoon tea.

There will be an opportunity to purchase plants and bonsai accessories from the nursery.

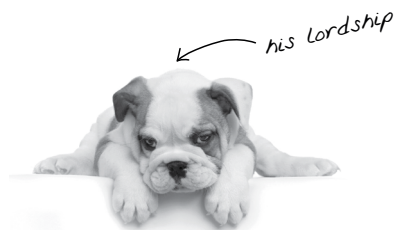
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FINANCIAL PLANNING

Named as a trusted financial adviser in the Times and Telegraph (March 24), Priya has over 16 years of experience in the finance industry, having previously transitioned from an accountancy background. Financial Wellbeing is at the core of the service she provides, and she owns an accredited financial wellbeing practice. Priya is also a mental health first aider. She provides holistic advice to her clients and helps them build their financial futures through goals-based financial planning in the form of investment, retirement and estate planning.

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT THE LLOYD HALL

Hold the date ... If we can get enough interest, the LHMC will host a New Year's Eve fundraising event at the Lloyd Hall. It will be organised in a similar manner to the Outwood Ball whereby guests decorate their own tables and bring their own food. Instead of dancing, there will be quizzes and games, possibly a raffle.

The Hall will close by 12:30 am, so guests can return the following morning to clear up.

I could use half a dozen or so volunteers on a small committee to help organise the event - we would need to make decisions on dress code (Black Tie, fancy dress or casual?), bar (cash or byob), and generally to speak to people to gauge interest and decide if it would be worth going forward.

If interested, please contact Michelann Pollard at ukmikie@hotmail.co.uk.

BONFIRES

A polite general notice has been requested concerning garden bonfires.

Several residents suffer regularly from bonfires lit on bright sunny days, where children are in the garden and washing on the line. As a result, one child with respiratory problems had to go indoors and the washing hastily recovered and put on airers or into the tumble dryer. I don't mind people having bonfires at all but out of consideration to neighbours could they light them at dusk when people and washing are more likely to be indoors?



OUTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

By the time you read this, it may well be that the Council will have had its AGM when Members elect the Chair and various portfolio holders for the coming Civic year.

The Annual Village Meeting was held on Monday 8th April and residents who attended viewed a presentation on the benefits of carrying out a Neighbourhood Plan. A vote was carried out on the benefits of this, and it was overwhelming felt by all those attending, that this would be of no benefit to Outwood due to the very low number of planning applications received and the existing protections on the land. It was great to see a good turnout and for the local organisations to give everyone an update.

We have another new kissing gate erected to replace a rather derelict stile. Thank you to County Cllr. Chris Farr for enabling this through a grant from 'Your Fund Surrey – Small Community Projects Fund'. This was installed by the East Surrey Walkers volunteer group.



MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND ALL OUR MEETINGS

Wednesday 1st May 2024, 7.30pm in the Church Room

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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9.30am Morning Worship at Burstow Church
10.00am Family Service at Horne Church
11.00am Holy Communion at **Outwood Church**

Thursday 9th May

- 7.30pm Joint Benefice Communion Service for
Ascension Day at Horne Church

Sunday 12th May

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Burstow Church
10.00am Holy Communion at Horne Church
11.00am Holy Communion at **Outwood Church**
3.00pm Cafe Church in Smallfield Church Hall

Sunday 19th May

- 9.30am Holy Communion at Burstow Church
10.00am Holy Communion at Horne Church
11.00am Morning Worship at **Outwood Church**

Sunday 26th May

- 11.00am Joint Benefice Communion for Trinity
at **Outwood Church** with Bishop of Croydon

St John's Annual Meeting - Sunday 19th May

St John's Church, Outwood, Annual Parochial Church Council Meeting
will take place on Sunday 19th May at midday at the back of the Church.

All welcome.

This is the annual meeting to elect a committee, receive reports
and approve finances.

If anyone is interested in joining the PCC which involves only 3 meetings a year,
please contact Rosie Yeldham (rosie.yeldham@gmail.com) or Catriona Knight
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DIARY OF EVENTS

MAY

Wednesday 1st	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7.30pm - Church Room	
Saturday 4th	HORT. SOC. - PLANT SALE 10.00am-Noon - St Johns Churchyard	<i>(See page 3)</i>
Tuesday 7th	WI MEETING - "Cheese Please!" 2.30pm - Lloyd Hall	
Sunday 19th	ST. JOHN'S CHURCH ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING Noon - St John's Church	
Tuesday 28th	FILM CLUB - "The Way" 7.30 for 8.00pm - Lloyd Hall	

JUNE

Tuesday 4th	WI MEETING - "Women Writers & their Gardens" 2.30pm - Lloyd Hall	
Tuesday 11th	SCH - Bonsai Demonstration 1.00-4.00pm - Herons Bonsai Nursery	<i>(See page 13)</i>
Sunday 16th	LONDON TO BRIGHTON BIKE RIDE	
Friday 21st & Saturday 22nd	SHOESTRING - "All The Little Dickie Birds" Lloyd Hall	<i>(See page 24)</i>
Saturday 22nd	HORT. SOC. - EARLY SUMMER SHOW	
Tuesday 25th	FILM CLUB	

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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.

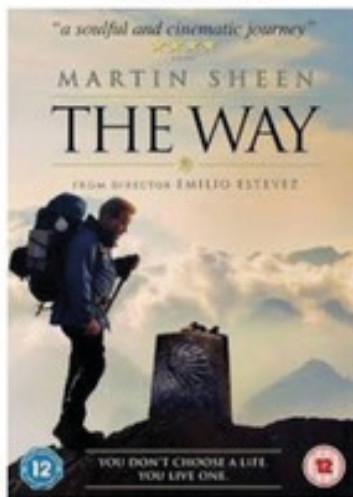
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If you would be willing to donate an hour or two the evening of Friday 14th June to help bake or on the morning of Sunday 16th June to help sell, please contact Michelann Pollard at ukmiekie@hotmail.co.uk

It you've never helped to sell flapjacks at the Dog and Duck rest stop, it is good fun. We get a lot of return customers who count on our goodies to help them get up the hills!

Also, we do appreciate sponsorship in the form of cash to buy ingredients. I prefer to buy in bulk as we get more for our money, which is why we have moved toward sponsorship rather than asking for bags of oats or fruit. If you would be willing to help "sponsor" the event, any cash donations will be kindly received. Please contact me at the above email address or look for collection boxes from mid-June at our local businesses.

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The May Bank Holidays are here.... so, if you're planning a get-together with us, best book online or give us a call. That's easy on 01342 891835 or at belloutwood.co.uk.

We've added some garden tables to our online reservations system this year, making our alfresco dining a little easier for you to arrange personally.

With plans going well for another lovely evening with **The Bard** and **The Tempest**, in really just a few weeks now on **Saturday 27th July**, we've got lots going on at The Bell.

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COFFEE MORNING NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Could you spare 2 hours roughly every other month? Our regular Wednesday Coffee Mornings need a few more volunteers. Alternatively, if you have a friend that you “just don’t see often enough”, it’s a great way to spend a couple hours catching up while giving back to the community.

We have several regulars who really count on Wednesday Morning Coffee as a chance to get out once a week.

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