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Remembering the end of the Second World War in Europe

# Thursday 8th May

## VE DAY + 80 CELEBRATION LUNCH

### LLOYD HALL

12.00 for 12.30pm

£15 - Cash Bar & Raffle

All welcome - whether members or not.

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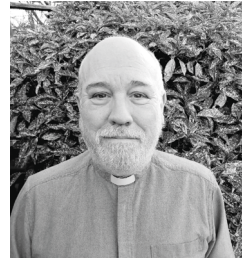
Meet from 8.30pm for lighting at 9.00pm.

# CHURCH NEWS

## BISHOPS BURBLINGS

A holy man was having a conversation with the Lord one day and said, "Lord, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like."

The Lord led the man to two doors, opening one of them and letting the man look in.



In the middle of the room was a large round table, on the middle of which was a large pot of stew which smelled delicious and made the man's mouth water. The people sitting around the table were thin and sickly, appearing to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles that were strapped to their arms and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful, but, because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths...

The man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering.

The Lord said, "You have seen Hell. Endless cravings, left for all eternity."

They went to the next room and opened the door. It was exactly the same as the first one, with a large round table and a pot of stew.

The people were quipped with the same long-handled spoons, but here the people were well nourished, laughing and talking.

The man said, "I don't understand."

"It is simple", said the Lord, "It requires but one skill. You see, they have learned to feed each other, while the greedy only think of themselves."

Thinking of others before yourself, and, working together as a unit, are virtues that we will be recalling and honouring as we mark the 80th Anniversary of the end of the war in Europe on May 8th 1945 - not the end of World War II itself of course, as tens of thousands of lives on all sides would continue to be lost over the following months until VJ Day on August 15th.

People on every side, Allied or Axis, served in the various armed forces and civilian sections in order to protect the lives and futures of others, whilst laying down, in an act of ultimate sacrifice, their own lives and futures.

Total strangers, men and women, young and old, came together as comrades in a variety of guises - divisions, battalions, squadrons, fleets, commands - and bonded in order to form highly efficient, tightly bound, and fiercely loyal units, looking out for each other and sworn to protect and honour one another at all costs. They learned to look out for one another and to sacrifice "self".



# CHURCH NEWS

Throughout history, countless accounts relate courageous acts of bravery, selflessness and compassion, as comrades, friends and strangers laid down and sacrificed their lives for the sake and benefit of others. Not only in time of war, but across all aspects of life and situations. Whilst many such instances are recorded, there are also far more numerous incidents that are unheralded and scarcely, if at all, known about.

The greatest and most important act of sacrifice and selflessness was of course shown by Christ, as he lay down his life on the cross of crucifixion - the most barbarous form of execution at that time. An act of utter compassion and benefice so that you and I might be rescued from the deserved judgement of eternal death, and receive instead, the mercy of life eternal. That promise of life eternal was what we celebrated recently at Easter and which we are called to continue to give thanks for, and celebrate, every day of our lives.

How do we celebrate that sacrifice? Not just by coming along to one of the 3 churches in the Windmill United Benefice, but also by how we live out our lives in service and honour to others.

All around us, wherever we live, work or play, we will find those who are in need. A need that is not only financial. Many people need assistance in their daily lives - companionship; a lift to the shops, doctor's surgery or other medical and health appointments; helping put the bins out; odd jobs around the house or garden.

For most of us, we will never have to lay down our lives in sacrifice for others, but we are all called to lay aside some time to help those around us and to be good neighbours and friends.

As we begin to shed the cocoons of Winter and welcome the joy and splendour of Summer, may we each of us try and bring some joy and splendour into the life of someone around us, and serve them however we can. Let us learn to help each other and not think only of ourselves.

Blessings and joy to you all.

**Steve**

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# LLOYD HALL



Could you help us as we make good progress towards resuming the Outwood Film Club social evenings.

In particular, we need a 'tech-savvy' volunteer to be our projectionist and are planning to acquire some new equipment which will also benefit Lloyd Hall.

The current aim is to hold six to eight film evenings, ideally on Fridays, with doors opening at 7.30pm.

If you can help with this role or give general support,  
please contact Nigel Shaw: 01342 842743.

Thank you.

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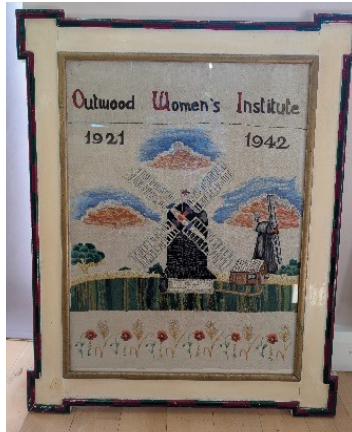
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**APRIL 2025**

At Outwood WI we are particularly proud of our longevity (104 years!) and we are lucky enough to have some older relics – no, not our members – to show for it. This club banner dates from the twenty first birthday of our group.



Continuing in this tradition, we are starting a new needlework project: a decorative tablecloth with inserts depicting women of influence throughout the ages. It will be a long-term project and we hope to include the work of several members.

This month's meeting was an open one, and we were very pleased to welcome family, friends and members from the local community to swell our ranks. Our speaker was Chris Denchfield, who has committed years of study to the life of the pilot Amelia Earhart, particularly trying to solve the mystery of her accidental death in her plane in 1937, somewhere in the vast Pacific Ocean. Chris gave us many fascinating – and incredibly detailed – facts concerning this final flight and we were all left in admiration of his dedication to the topic. Chris gives his talks to earn money for the Surrey and Kent Air Ambulance, stationed at Redhill Aerodrome, so we were happy to send a contribution to this worthy cause.

Next month we shall be meeting on Tuesday May 6th, when we shall be travelling back to the eighteenth century, led by Grace Evans, the Keeper of Costume at Chertsey Museum.

*Elizabeth Dyke*

# London to Brighton Bike Ride

16th June 2024

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# NATURE WATCH

As Rogers and Hammerstein put it in their musical Carousel “Spring is bustin out all over”. March and April produced almost non-stop sunshine with warm days, low night temperatures and very, very little rain and the result - the natural world has been racing ahead. Last month I mentioned how well primroses had done this year but it has been true of most wild flowers, they have appeared earlier than usual, profusely and the sunshine has ensured the blooms have kept fully open instead of closing on dull days. Dandelions in particular have put on a superb display and will be perfectly ready for the country tradition of making wine on St George’s Day, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April, which celebrates his martyrdom in AD 303 for refusing to renounce his Christian faith. All parts of the plant are edible and it has a number of health benefits including lowering blood sugar and having a diuretic effect. If it wasn’t so successful, treated as a weed and was rare we would all be fighting to have it in our gardens. Many different species such as the white dead nettle, its relative with yellow hooded flowers the beautiful archangel and the pale pink lady’s smock aka the cuckoo flower (*Cardine pratensis*) have all shown their colours early. However, bluebells have been the star of the show, during the last half of April, carpeting the woods with their magical blue tone and such a sweet unmistakable scent. Trees have seemingly rushed into leaf and flowers giving us lots of high pollen warnings and for those afflicted – lots of sneezing. Hawthorns started to come into flower in the third week of April contrary to its old country name of May blossom. In gardens snowdrop were followed by their cousins the spring snowflakes, then daffodils, which were swiftly followed by tulips. Trees and shrubs were also early in flower including camellias, magnolias, azaleas and lilacs and even our snowball bush (*Viburnum opulus*) will be sporting its white pom poms before the end of the month.



Butterflies also began some early appearances in the first week of April. My first sighting was of the orangey brown scalloped wing comma and then the orange tip, followed by a number of cabbage whites and a red admiral. Sylvia Maiklem and Andy Wright both reported seeing the pale limey yellow brimstone butterfly. Interestingly, I noticed that sightings stopped suddenly as soon as a spell of strong cold winds started mid-month. Squirrels have in the main kept themselves out of sight, busily looking after their broods whilst similarly birds have been working flat out catching food to feed their ever- demanding chicks.

Other reports this month have included one from Lyn Wilson who once again has kindly given details of the early arrival of swallows that have been summer visitors to her barn over many years. The first two arrived in the first week of April compared with the norm of mid-month. Andy Wright also reported the arrival of yet another regular visitor to Outwood - a nightingale that arrived back from its winter quarters in Africa in the second week of April and has been singing regularly. It is the male that sings in order to attract a mate and the female is mute. Debbie Hubbard reported another early riser in the shape of a young grass snake, My particular joy this spring has been hearing a cuckoo in the late afternoon on Good Friday whilst in the garden with Yvonne- lets hope it stays local instead of just passing through.

*Mike F Johnson*

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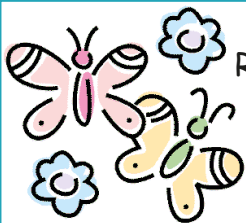
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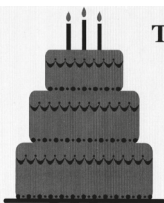
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# Come And Meet Each Other.

This April, Come and Meet Each Other, (CAMEO), was visited by the local handbell group, which is bravely and humorously led by Rev. Charles Sargent. Tunes included The Flying Trapeze, Puff the Magic Dragon and The Runaway Train, (with an enthusiastic whistle blower!)

Some guests plucked up courage to volunteer to come up, try handbell ringing for themselves and perform one of the pieces in front of all their friends. This resulted in much laughing and concentration, not necessarily at the same time! As it was close to Easter, we treated ourselves to chocolate mini eggs with Easter theme cakes and hot cross buns.

We meet again on 2nd May at 2pm in the church hall in Smallfield, when we are looking forward to a visit from a Firefighter.

On 6th June we welcome the Windmill Songmen.

Everyone is welcome. Please come along.

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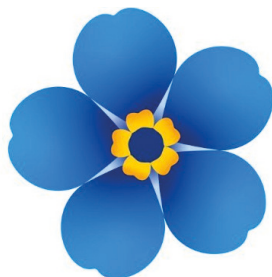
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On 22nd March Outwood Parish Council organised the first of this year's litter picks around the village. We had 14 volunteers who collected an impressive over 80 bin bags of rubbish and other large items. The group covered Green Lane, Rookery Hill, Prince of Wales Road and Outwood Lane. We are extremely grateful to everyone that gave up their time to help keep our village tidy.

The Parish Council can provide equipment for litter picks, so if anyone wants to organise a pick they can get in touch and we can provide equipment, and organise the collection of the bags.



## OUTWOOD WINDMILL

I have met with Mr Robin Harrington the owner of the Windmill who has given me his word that he will be replacing the two non existent sails and restoring the other two. BUT he will not give even an estimated date for the works to be undertaken which is of course extremely frustrating.

*Paul Daniels*



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# CHURCH CALENDAR FOR MAY 2025

## **Sunday 4th May**

8.00am BCP Holy Communion - Horne  
12.00pm Civic Service for VE Day - Centenary Hall

## **Sunday 11th May**

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

## **Sunday 18th May**

9.30am Holy Communion - Burstow  
10.00am Morning Prayer - Horne  
11.00am **Holy Communion - Outwood**

## **Sunday 25th May - Rogation Sunday**

9.30am Morning Prayer - Burstow  
10.00am Liturgy of the Word - Horne  
**Walk from St Mary, Horne, to St John, Outwood**  
11.30am **Liturgy of Communion - Outwood**

## **Thursday 29th May - Ascension Day**

7.30pm Holy Communion - Burstow

## **HORLEY REPAIR CAFÉ @ ST WILFS**

The Repair Café organisation is international with over 2,500 Repair Cafes worldwide. There are many in Britain and now Horley has its own. Vast numbers of items are thrown away where often a simple repair would give these items a new lease of life.

We currently have a great team of volunteers covering repairs to electrical, electronic, woodwork, mechanical and general items, clothing, hi/fi & audio, bicycles, tool/knife sharpening, and computers.

Would you like to get involved? Whether you have a repairing skill or not we are on the lookout for more volunteers. Please contact us on the email below or just turn up at a session and see how it works.

The Horley Repair Café @ St Wilfs runs on every second Saturday of the month 11.30am – 2.30pm (last items in by 2pm please) at St Wilfrids Church Hall, Horley Row, Horley RH6 8DF.

This enterprise is only possible due to the very kind support of the Horley Team Ministry.

For more information please contact [horleyrepaircafe@yahoo.com](mailto:horleyrepaircafe@yahoo.com) or our Facebook page Horley Repair Café @ St Wilfs

## DIARY OF EVENTS

### MAY

<b>Saturday 3rd</b>	<b>HORT SOC PLANT SALE</b> 10.00am-12 noon - St John's Churchyard
<b>Sunday 4th</b>	<b>VE DAY 80th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS</b> 12- 6.00pm- Centenary Hall, Smallfield
<b>Tuesday 6th</b>	<b>WI MEETING - An 18th Century Bride Revisited</b> 2.30pm - Lloyd Hall
<b>Tuesday 6th</b>	<b>PARISH COUNCIL MEETING incl. AGM</b> 7.20pm - Lloyd Hall
<b>Thursday 8th</b>	<b>VE DAY CELEBRATION LUNCH (ORBL)</b> 12 for 12.30pm - Lloyd Hall (See page 3)

### JUNE

<b>Tuesday 3rd</b>	<b>WI MEETING - DNA Profiling</b> 2.30pm - Lloyd Hall
<b>Sunday 15th</b>	<b>LONDON TO BRIGHTON BIKE RIDE</b> Road Closures 7.00am - 2.00pm approx.
<b>Saturday 21st</b>	<b>HORT SOC EARLY SUMMER SHOW</b> 2.00-4.00pm - St. John's Church

## OUTWOOD VILLAGE WEBSITE [www.outwood.org](http://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.

Why not take a look to avoid a clash of dates!



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# LLOYD HALL

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## BIKE RIDE BAKE SALE

Sunday the 15th of June will be the next London to Brighton Bike Ride and we will be out in force, once again, selling flapjacks to the cyclists to raise much needed funds for the Lloyd Hall.

### THREE EASY WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- 1) Sponsor a batch (or two!) of flapjacks for £5. My goal is to bake 100 batches of flapjacks and brownies this year, as we ran out by noon in 2024. If we can get the cost of all the ingredients sponsored, all sales proceeds will go straight to the Lloyd Hall. An especially good fundraiser as money is coming from outside the village. Plus, we are extremely popular with many repeat customers every year.  
**Transfer your £5 (or £10!) to Lloyd Hall sort code 60-11-41, account 34353224. Please put "flapjacks" as the reference.**
- 2) Join us on the evening of Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June for the BIG BAKE at the Lloyd Hall. Spend an evening sipping wine, measuring, scooping and eventually washing up. In 2024, we baked 60 batches of flapjack in 3 hours. This year, I hope to start a little earlier and have 2 shifts of bakers so we can churn out at least 80 batches of flapjack (I bake 20 batches of brownies at home).
- 3) Wander down to the Dog and Duck on the morning of 15<sup>th</sup> 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 9 am to 2 pm, so if you can spare an hour or two during that time, please do volunteer for a shift.**

**If you are interested in helping, please contact Michelann at [ukmikie@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ukmikie@hotmail.co.uk)**

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## **VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May at Centenary Hall, Smallfield 12-6pm**

Live Music entertainment from:  
The My Favourite Things singers  
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Plant sale in support of St Catherines Hospice

Royal British Legion – “Pin the Medal on the Soldier”

An exhibition of wartime history

Vintage display cars, an Anderson Shelter and vintage vehicle rides

Warren Clarke Golfing Dreams

Large garden games

Decorated cake competition on theme of VE  
(using an 8” Victoria sponge)

Raffle and Tombola

Refreshments – Burgers, Ice Cream, a Bar and Hot drink/cake stall

**A plea!**

**We are in need of raffle and tombola prize donations.**

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As the clocks moved forward in April and we started to enjoy the fruits of spring, there has been plenty happening both locally and nationally.

In Godstone, we are glad to receive the long-awaited news that most families evacuated from their homes have been given the green light to return home. We know that this situation has been incredibly distressing for the families who have been evacuated, but this milestone marks a positive step forward. As repairs continue, we hope those returning can begin to resettle and return to normal.

Last month, we visited St Mary's in Oxted to receive an update on the restoration of this wonderful church, which dates back to the 12th century. Following the Government's initial refusal to extend the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme, we wanted to understand what more could be done to support St Mary's – which is the only place of worship in East Surrey listed as 'at risk' by Heritage England. St Mary's has an exceptional fundraising team; their last campaign enabled them to renovate the top section of the tower, but the lower half remains vulnerable. During our visit, we discussed how St Mary's could increase their fundraising and explore wider uses of the space. With spring and summer approaching, they are also planning even more community events, so please visit their website to see what is coming up and help with their fundraising efforts.

The spring weather thankfully held out for the Lingfield Farmers' Market, bathing the event in some welcome sunshine. A huge well done to Alexia Lescure for organising such a lovely day.

In an update on Claire's rail survey, after weeks of raising residents' concerns with GTR and Network Rail, we are pleased to share that from December, the East Grinstead line will return to pre-COVID service levels. We are also continuing to push for the return of the direct services from Caterham to London Victoria. While GTR gave us some positive signals in our meeting, we will keep the pressure on to get this important service back.

There have also been some developments in local government reorganisation; the leaders of all twelve councils in Surrey have submitted their joint interim proposals to the Government. This sets out Surrey's intention to meet the Government's plans to abolish district/borough/county councils, in favour of unitary authorities and the introduction of elected mayors. The interim proposal outlines two options: Surrey County Council has recommended the creation of two unitary authorities, while most District and Borough Councils have put forward a model for three unitary authorities. In any case, the authorities will be split East to West. Following a response from the Local Government Minister, all local authorities in Surrey will have until the 9th of May to submit their final plans. A final decision from the Government is expected in the autumn. While the process is still in the early stages, Claire is keen to make sure that residents are able to have their say on the proposals. We will be working with other Surrey MPs to ensure residents have the opportunity to share their views.

While Claire is on maternity leave, our team is working as normal. Please do continue to contact us on [claire.coutinho.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:claire.coutinho.mp@parliament.uk) if there is anything we can do to help you or your family.

## Team Claire

# OUTWOOD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Outwood Horticultural Society Membership is open to all and new members are very welcome. Only £5 per year. Please contact us at [outwoodhortsoc@gmail.com](mailto:outwoodhortsoc@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining.

## EARLY SUMMER SHOW

The Early Summer Show will take place in St John's Church on Saturday 21st June 2-4pm. Entries are welcome from members and non-members alike. The schedule and entry form will be inserted into next month's edition of the Outwood News. Even if you don't enter any produce do come along to admire the exhibits.

**Our Plant Sale is on Saturday 3rd May, 10am-12noon in St John's Churchyard. Everyone is invited.**

### Dates for your diary:

Sat 3rd May 10am-noon	Plant Sale	St John's Churchyard
Sat 21st June 2-4pm	Early Summer Show	St John's Church
Sat 30th August	Late Summer Show	Lloyd Hall
Fri 21st Nov 7pm	AGM and Supper	Lloyd Hall

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### **Tuesday**

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### **Wednesday**

9.30am	Yoga	reigatemassageandyoga@gmail.com
11.00am	Coffee Morning	ukmikia@hotmail.com
13.30pm	Yoga	jdyson7@hotmail.com
18.00pm	Dance Classes	harmonydancing@hotmail.co.uk

### **Thursday**

9.30am	Pilates	lmcfitness@icloud.com
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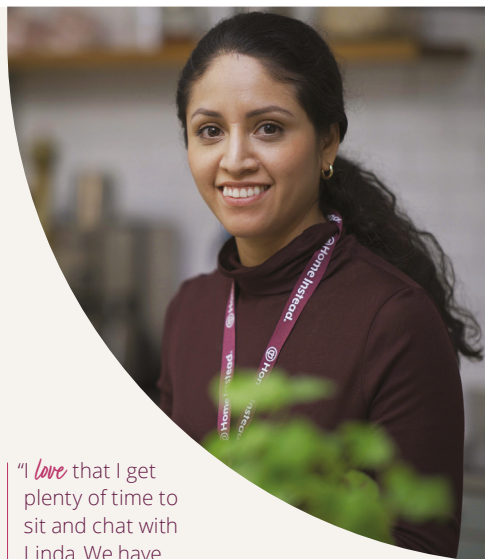
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