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CHURCH NEWS

Rector's Ramblings

I went for a walk in Hornecourt Woods recently. I think one of the most beautiful things in nature is a walk in the woods on a sunny day in late October or early November - the sun shining on the glorious autumn colours as the leaves change from hues of green to hues of red. I love the way the leaves fall, gently spiralling down to land silently on the ground, creating a red carpet at my feet. The falling leaves remind me of that poignant moment at the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall when poppy petals flutter down, everyone silently standing as the petals fall on and around them, also creating a red carpet at their feet.



As I walked in the woods I was reminded of a television programme I recently watched, *Scotland's Sacred Islands with Ben Fogle*. In the first episode he followed St Columba's ancient sea route to Iona which was the route taken by the Irish missionaries in Scotland 1500 years ago. On the way to Iona he stopped off on a Sunday morning on the uninhabited Isle of Lunga in the Inner Hebrides. Alone on the island, perched on the edge of a cliff overlooking thousands of seabirds he reflected about his place of worship. He said: "It was John Muir who said 'I'd rather be in the mountains thinking of God than in a church thinking about the mountains'. In a place like this I couldn't agree more."

I know what he means and I share that sense of finding God in beautiful natural places. But I find God in churches too and churches have their seasons, just like nature. In November in the church we are moving into the season of Remembrance, with the festivals of All Saints, All Souls and Remembrance Sunday. And, as in nature, the colours in church change with the seasons too. The colour of the altar hangings and the garments I wear changes from green to red. Green, the colour of nature, of creation, the colour of growth and life, has been the colour in church since Easter but now changes to red, the colour of love and loss. Of love because red is the colour of blood and therefore the colour of the heart, the place where love is felt and expressed. And because red is the colour of blood, it is also the colour of loss, the colour of blood spilt on battlefields and the colour of the poppies that bloomed amongst the bloodshed of the First World War. Love and loss so often go together, as they do in the special remembering services we have in church in November, the All Souls Service at Burstow and the Remembrance Sunday Services in all three churches.

CHURCH NEWS

Love and loss are often tinged with sadness, and rightly so. But I'd like to end my November ramblings on a lighter note, and also rightly so, I think, because remembering is also a happy thing to do and one that can bring a smile to your face, as I hope this little poem by Brian Bilston does too:

A poem to welcome Autumn

she loved to catch
the falling leaves
in autumn
she
 would
 sit
and wait
 under trees
 until
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cautumn

With love and prayers

Nicholas

All Souls Service: 7 November 2021

There will be a special service for the churches of Outwood, Horne and Burstow on **Sunday 7 November at 4pm in St Bartholomew's Church, Church Road, Burstow RH6 9QJ** at which we shall remember loved ones who have died and light a candle in their memory. All are most welcome at the service at which names will be read out. If you would like someone remembered in this way, please let me know by email (Nicholas.calver@btinternet.com) or telephone (01342 842224).

Come and sing for Christmas!

The Outwood Carol Service will held at the church on Sunday 19 December at 5pm. As before, there will be an augmented choir for this service, led by Emma Denny, and all are most welcome to join in. Practices will be held at the church from 10-10.45am on Sundays 7, and 21 November and 5 and 12 December, as well as before the service itself. If you would like know more, contact Emma (willowdenny@aol.com).

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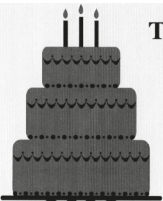
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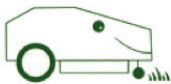
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OCTOBER REPORT

Our committee at Outwood WI have been busy planning for the coming months now that we are back to regular meetings in the Lloyd Hall, and it is heartening to greet members each time who have not attended since the start of the lockdown periods. The October meeting took place on a gloriously sunny afternoon and we enjoyed some in-house entertainment, provided by the play reading group who meet every month under the direction of Barbara Garton. They performed a lively little drama entitled “Whose Wedding is it Anyway?” in which two arrogant daughters attempt to dissuade their flamboyant mother from an “undesirable” marriage to an Italian waiter. Mother has the last laugh as she leaves them open-mouthed to join her very wealthy new husband to travel first class to one of his many houses in Italy. The audience particularly enjoyed Sylvie’s character – the domestic help who drank far more sherry than was good for her!



The cast of “Whose Wedding Is It Anyway?” with the leader of the play reading group, Barbara Garton, and the sound technician, Anne Morle.

Earlier in the month, we sent a team of six to Bletchingley village hall to represent us at the quiz organised to raise funds for the WI exhibition tent at the county show. The result was far from shabby: second place and only one point behind the first-place winners! Well done, that team.

Next month’s meeting on Tuesday 2nd November at 2.30pm will be our AGM, as well as a celebration of the 100th birthday of the Outwood WI.



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NATURE WATCH

September started with a good spell of generally sunny, warm weather and as the month progressed and nights began to shorten the sun sunk lower and towards the end of the day temperatures dipped as a reminder that autumn was coming. But then by the third week temperatures were up again, with cloud in the mornings before the sun broke through to give us more pleasant autumn days. Early leaf fall was evident despite the fact that overall autumn colouring was not noticeable and a fair proportion of the fallen leaves were green rather than brown, yellow or amber and turned out to be ash leaves, an indication that die back was taking its toll - even young ash saplings in the hedgerows seemed to have lost their leaves earlier than usual. The warm weather encouraged the appearance of fungi such as the Common or Shaggy Ink Cap (*Coprinopsis atramentaria*), easily spotted with its greyish white, cylindrical cap covered with what look like flakes. It is edible but great care needs to be taken because of the likelihood of confusion with similar looking species. Also, it has a strange, almost bizarre property, amounting to a sting in the tail, because it is poisonous for those who consume alcohol either three days before or after eating the fungus, causing nausea and hot flushes.

In early September Pat and Terry Miles reported that a hedgehog, nesting under their garden shed, had produced a litter of six hoglets. From their size they were about three or four weeks old and had started moving around. It was at this stage I was invited to call in and have a look. Terry had started putting out a small saucer of cat food and after a cautious approach we spotted one of the hoglets eating the last remnants.



Hedgehogs from Terry Miles

It is believed that hedgehogs have changed very little since they first appeared around fifteen million years ago. They have no really close relatives amongst other mammals, although they are distantly related to shrews and are classified as Insectivora, despite the fact that they consume foods other than insects. There are seventeen species around the world. The hedgehog found in the UK and most of Europe (*Erinaceus europaeus*) derives its name from the fact that they are frequently found in hedgerows, although it is often truer to say they are heard grunting or snuffling rather than being seen. They are solitary animals, mainly nocturnal and have poor eyesight so rely on excellent senses of smell and hearing to find their food, which consists of insects, toads, snakes, lizards and fruit. Lifespan averages 4 years; they weigh between 0.5 and just over 2 kilos and can grow up to 35cms in length. They make their nests underground and hibernate during the winter months from October emerging in March. The hedgehog has around 6,000 hollow spines made of keratin with a bulbous base, which cushions them against heavy blows or falls. They mate - as they say carefully - between April and September. Gestation is about 4½ weeks and litters average 5/6. Litters born late in the season are at a big disadvantage because they need time to build up their fat reserves to last them through their hibernation and most often they do not survive. They demonstrate a couple of very unusual traits. One is self-annointing, when they cover their spines in a froth of saliva and the other is their habit of suddenly starting to run around in circles without any reason. There are no answers as to why.

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The Parish Council are looking for a new Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator as our current co-ordinator, Jo Barber, is stepping down after several years of excellent work, keeping us all up to date with what's going on and how to stay safe, in our neighbourhood. If you want to know more, about the role, please get in touch with Jo.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Ian Frow, who served on the OPC for many years including several as Chairman and subsequently reporting on everything 'Aviation & Transport'.

Speed Watch are looking for a new coordinator, as after many years of outstanding work, in all weathers, Nigel is looking to retire.

Finally, as you are probably all aware, our Queen will be celebrating her Platinum Jubilee next year & there is an opportunity for us to join with other local villages in the celebrations. We would like to hear your thoughts on how we should celebrate this very significant event. Please get in touch.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 9th November at 8pm 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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COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

There has been no activity since the last report, due partly to poor weather at the end of September/early October and various personal commitments.

Time is our enemy now as the clock change shortens the days and this winter approaches.

A new co-ordinator and some volunteers are still needed to continue of Speedwatch presence into 2022 and beyond.

KNOW YOUR LIMITS ...

Nigel Shaw 842743

St John the Baptist, Outwood Services in November

Sunday 7 November

- 10 am Practice for Christmas carol service
11 am **Holy Communion**
4 pm All Souls Service at St Bartholomew,
Burstow



Sunday 14 November Remembrance Sunday

- 10.50 am Act of Remembrance and laying
of wreaths at the War Memorial
followed by a service in Church

Sunday 21 November

- 10 am Practice for Christmas carol service
11 am **Holy Communion**

Sunday 28 November

- 10 am **Joint Windmill United Benefice
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| Sunday 14th | ORBL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE
10.50am - St John's Church | |
| | POPPY LUNCH
12.30 for 1.00pm - Lloyd Hall | (See page 7) |
| Friday 19th | OUTWOOD HORT. SOC. AGM
6.30pm - Lloyd Hall | |
| | PIE & MASH SUPPER
7.30pm - Lloyd Hall | (See page 23) |
| Saturday 27th | AN EVENING WITH JOE STILGOE
7.30pm - Lloyd Hall | |

DECEMBER

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| Saturday 11th | ST JOHN'S CHURCH FAIR
CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
St John's Church | (See page 3) |
| Sunday 12th | CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL
St John's Church | |
| Friday 17th | SHOESTRING PRODUCTIONS | |
| Saturday 18th | "KING ARTHUR - THE PANTO" | |
| Sunday 19th | Lloyd Hall - times vary - see opposite | |

OUTWOOD VILLAGE WEBSITE
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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AN EVENING WITH JOE STILGOE

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Friday 19th November

Lloyd Hall - 7.30pm

preceded by the AGM – 6.30-7.00pm

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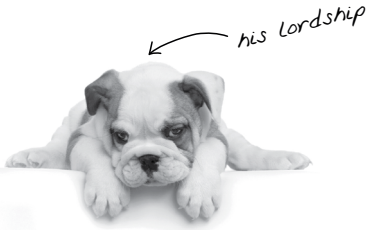
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CLAIRE COUTINHO MP

I must start this month's newsletter by addressing the senseless murder of Sir David Amess. I feel heartbroken for his family, friends and staff having to make sense of this hateful act.

He was a kind, gentle colleague filled with wisdom and humour for us new MPs. You would struggle to find a more devoted local MP. He was an example to us all.

My number one ambition in this role is to be an accessible MP, someone who you feel is visible and easy to reach. I want to assure you that is still my aim.

Politicians have always attracted the obsessive grievances of disturbed individuals. But we cannot stop being with our constituents. That is a core part of our democracy and it keeps us rooted in the things that matter to residents.

Last week, I was honoured to unveil a plaque to the abolitionist William Wilberforce at Marden Park, now home to Woldingham School.

I first came across Wilberforce in my work on modern slavery at the Centre for Social Justice and recently first edition pamphlets of his great friend and fellow abolitionist Thomas Clarkson.

It took 20 years for Wilberforce to get the Slave Trade Act, and it was 56 years after he first met Clarkson that slavery was finally abolished.

On the national level, I'm pleased to share that Surrey will receive an additional £174,000 from the Government's Safer Streets Fund. This will bring the total amount of support Surrey has received from the fund to over £1 million.

The Government has also launched an important new tool called Street Safe, which allows people to anonymously report areas where they don't feel safe. You can access Street Safe by visiting police.uk/streetsafe.

Lastly, I am pleased to share that local community groups can now apply for grants of up to £2,000 from a new community fund designed to support local activities such as helping people to be able to live independently for as long as possible, reducing social isolation, and safeguarding people from abuse or neglect.

Applications to the fund are now open and need to be submitted by midnight on Tuesday 30th November. You can apply by visiting Tandridge District Council's website.

As ever, if you need my help, have any questions, or think there's somewhere I should visit over the next few weeks, please do get in touch with me at claire.coutinho.mp@parliament.uk and I'll get back to you as soon as possible.

LLOYD HALL

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Andy Wright, who we are sure that many of you will know from his years spent working with The National Trust, has taken their husbandry to another level, nurturing them in the village, and we can't thank him enough.

From a kitchen table discussion with Andrew Crawford and Simon Jones through to supplying The Bell with delicious pork, it's been a complete success for the village and us.

The reviews from our diners have overwhelmed us.

Nick and I took a step into the unknown but with the help and advice that we've received from everyone involved, we've taken this supply chain back within Outwood and we already have plans to encompass as many other fresh and locally produced supplies as possible.

As always, very best, Steve

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May	15th April
June	13th May
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