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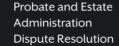
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Rector's Ramblings

In my *Rector's Ramblings* last month, I was reflecting on the coffin bearers at the Queen's funeral and the significance of the word bear and its connection to the word born. My words came back to me soon after writing them when I took a trip with my sister to where we were born, Stonesfield in Oxfordshire, where our father was Rector, to scatter our mother's ashes. We scattered some in the churchyard but also by the river where we used to picnic and swim. We walked a few miles that day and most of the time I was carrying the ashes – bearing the one who bore me. I told my sister about what I had written, passing the ashes over to her so she could bear them too.



Our trip took in the rectory where we had lived and a farm where our father's churchwarden had lived, where we as children had enjoyed many visits and farmhouse teas. It was no longer a farm, having been turned into a renovated and extended house, now an Air B&B (too expensive for us to stay at!) but it was still very recognizable. The trip brought back so many memories of people we'd known but were no longer with us. A sense of time passing yet also standing still – or even going backwards.

I found myself thinking about Heinz who had worked on the farm when we were there – or rather pretty much ran the farm on behalf of the widowed farmer's wife (the churchwarden). He was a quiet man and I knew very little about him except that he had been a WW2 prisoner of war who had worked on the farm during his imprisonment and stayed on working there after the end of the war. He must have been there 20 years or more when we were children visiting the farm. It never occurred to me to ask anything about his life, he was just part of the place and the war to me was just something I read about in Commando comics where the only words that Germans seemed to speak were *Achtung* and Hande Hoch!

I recently learnt in the newspaper that *Commando* is still in print, but now moving away from national stereotypes and towards 'more nuanced and compassionate depictions of wartime', reflecting an awareness that many of those who fought both for and against the Allies were just ordinary young men like Heinz, caught up in a war not of their own making or choosing. Thinking about Heinz now I would have loved to know more about his life, though I think in many ways it would have been pretty ordinary. But ordinary doesn't mean to say that it wasn't special because everyone's life is special.

As I write this letter, I'm also in the process of sending out invitations to the All Souls bereavement service on Sunday 6th November (details below). Writing the letters to the families of people whose funerals I have taken over the last three years takes me a little

CHURCH NEWS

while because I find myself thinking about every one of them and their relatives - all of them ordinary and all of them special. And the same can be said for our Queen, because one thing that came across to me so strongly at her death was that she was just as much a mother and grandmother as any other mother and grandmother was, and that it was her down to earth ordinariness that endeared her to the hearts of the nation, more remembered wearing not a crown and gown but headscarf and raincoat.

And so this November, as we do every November, we remember. We remember all those we have known and loved and have died, all those who have died in war, and this year, our Queen. We were all touched by her death, but for those of us not part of her immediate family, perhaps the strongest of emotions expressed throughout the nation was gratitude rather than grief, which is also perhaps the emotion most associated with Remembrance Sunday when we remember all those who have died in the service of their country. Depending on the nature of your own personal loss of someone you have loved, and how recent or long ago that might be, you may well be feeling grief. But in the end perhaps the best way to remember our personal losses is the way we remembered the loss of the Queen - with gratitude. As I said in a recent sermon in church, if the only prayer you ever said was 'thank you', that would be enough.

With love and prayers

Nicholas

Email: nicholas.calver@btinternet.com

ALL SOULS SERVICE: 6 NOVEMBER 2022

There will be a special service for the churches of Outwood, Horne and Burstow on Sunday 6th 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 be held at the church on Sunday 18th 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 30th October, 6th and 20th November and 4th and 11th December, as well as before the service itself. If you would like to know more, get in touch with Emma (willowdenny@aol.com).

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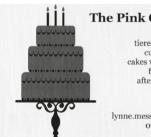
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OCTOBER REPORT



"You can buy fashion, but you can't buy style": Coco Chanel This month our ladies were treated to a demonstration by the image consultant Alison Hoyland, who was determined to make us all aware that we need to reflect our personalities through the way we present ourselves in our choices of clothing and accessories. She reminded us that we prejudge others within thirty seconds of meeting them (dress, facial expressions, types of greeting) and these first impressions are then set like concrete. Taking us through a series of demonstrations using different colour wheels and styles, she showed us how to make the impact we want effortlessly by choosing styles that reflect our characters. Alison's talk was followed by good natured banter between members as we all assessed ourselves and each other!



Yvonne Johnson gets the diagnostic colour treatment from Alison Hoyland.

Many of our members have been busy knitting and crocheting poppies for the new village post box topper which will be fixed on display in time for the November Remembrance services. A new craft club is also beginning this month, with the hope that through shared projects we can swap ideas as well as learning new skills.



Jackie Bellither organises the handmade poppies for the new post box topper.

Christine Gush learns new skills at the craft club.



Our next meeting on November 1st will be our AGM.

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NATURE WATCH

An Indian Summer

by Emily Dickinson These are the days when birds come back A very few a bird or two To take a backward second look.

This first verse of Emily Dickinson's poem aptly catches the feeling of the current weather in mid-October, which the met office is describing as an Indian Summer. After a few touches of early morning frost, it is so pleasant to be able to continue enjoying more warm, sunny weather, which also highlights the range of beautiful autumn leaf colours. Plants held back by the summer drought have been kick-started into late growth with blackberries putting on up to two metres of fresh canes, flat, white flower discs of hogweed along the edges of rough ground and garden roses producing new long stems with yet another flush of flowers. Having said this there is no doubt that we need a lot more rain to replenish our water supplies, and according to the long-range forecast, we should be getting quite a bit before the end of the month, which promises muddy underfoot conditions that are very much the norm on Bonfire Nights. The very warm conditions this year have contributed to it being referred to as a "mast" year" - the word derives from Old English and simply means when nuts accumulate on the ground. The oak, horse chestnut and beech trees have produced huge crops of acorns, conkers and nuts and it is believed that this strategy helps to control predators, such as squirrels, jays, deer and voles, by allowing them to feast themselves, which increases their populations and also allows those seeds that get away to grow into new trees, but then very poor crops in following years result in population decline. Mast years reduce tree growth and have a cycle of between 2 and 5 years for oaks, although there has been increased variation over the last one hundred years.

Autumn is of course the time we see so many more fungi such as the Common funnel-cap, the Trooping fungus (*Clytocybe geotropha*); and bracket fungi such as the large Artist's Bracket, which can often be found growing at the base of oak or beech trees; the Turkey tail (*Trametes versicolour*), which grow in overlapping layers on rotting tree stumps. The flat 5-8cms semi-circular caps feature concentric bands in a wide range of colours including tan, dark brown, yellow and bluish grey almost mimicking the look of a turkey's tail. Recently, it has also been found that this fungus contains a chemical which is used as an adjuvant treatment for some types of cancer.

Yesterday, whilst on a trip with Tess, I spotted a particularly interesting fungus on an old, rotting tree trunk at the side of Wilmots Lane bridleway, one known as Sulphur Tuft (*Hypholoma fasciculare*). The log was covered with patches of these small fungi that were 3–7.5cms across the caps which were a bright, pale-yellow, lightening to white at the edges. This mushroom is reputed to have an incredibly bitter taste but the advice



is don't try to eat it because it is poisonous and can cause vomiting and convulsions. Both the Turkey Tail and Sulphur Tuft are yet two more examples that demonstrate the huge range of chemicals that can be found in plants and fungi, many of which have been shown to be of great importance to man – just how many more are waiting to discovered.

Mike F Johnson



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Fraud and Scams

Frauds are huge... its estimated that 75 per cent of households in the UK have been affected by attempted fraud this year, unfortunately many of the victims are those of a generation that took peoples word as truth, have manners and respect and are polite... all facets that the unscrupulous prey on.

Unfortunately, we can no longer afford to be polite or trusting, we must be stern and cautious and question everything.

We deal here with with 2 main areas

- 1. Telephone Fraud
- 2. Email fraud

Telephone fraud is a daily occurrence for most, but there are simple actions you can take to protect yourself

- a. Are you expecting the call? if not then ask them to send you a letter, if they are who they say they are they will already know your details and will happily send you a letter
- b. Banks, Microsoft, HMRC, Mobile phone operators, BT, Talk Talk, Pension companies, life insurance companies, (the list goes on) just don't cold call clients-ask them to send you a letter
- c. If you pick the phone up and there is a delay in hearing a voice, then it's a computer calling and not a person, the delay is the computer routing you through to the next available call Centre operative. Just put the phone down, no good will come of waiting for an answer.
- d. Do not engage them in conversation, simply ask them to send you a letter, and put the phone down
- e. You can ask BT or any of the other telephone line suppliers to add something called the **telephone preference service** to your account, this forces the caller to say their name which is relayed to you before accepting the call... Scammers hate this and will just move on.
- f. If in any doubt, ask them to call back in an hour and give us a shout. We won't charge for advice.

Summary... Ask them to send you a letter, do not engage them in conversation or allow them to take you through security, you'll be answering personal questions about yourself, all information they can use, hang up, give us a call.

NEVER EVER LET THEM ON YOUR COMPUTER - (You wouldn't let a stranger walk around your house whilst you sat in the kitchen?)

Email Fraud, the fastest growing form of fraud, we know it as Spam, unsolicited emails that you simply did not request. Again, there are simple actions to take

- a. Do you recognize the company? John lewis send spam, it is called marketing, but there are a lot of companies that will send you emails because they have bought your details off a data harvesting company with the sole intention of leading you somewhere you don't want to go. Delete the email, do not reply, and do not open anything attached to the email or click any links within the email ... you have no idea where that link will send you or what it may initiate. **DO NOT CLICK THE LINK.**
- b. Reputable companies will always have an unsubscribe button at the bottom of their emails, you can click unsubscribe and they will cease to send you emails, non-reputable companies will not have a unsubscribe button, just delete these.
- c. You can't stop people or companies sending this email, but you can filter them into a junk folder, most good antivirus companies, email providers will have a spam service. Again, we are here to help with that.
- d. Sometime people email accounts will get hacked into and they will send out emails pertaining to be that person, check the vocabulary, check how they address you? Would they really send you an email because they are stuck in a hospital in France and £500 for an operation? Call them but don't reply to the email, call them and check. The same goes for attachments from a supposed friend. Check they meant to send it or just don't open it. Finally check the senders email address this can be a big giveaway because although the email says it's from John Smith, the actual email address isn't relevant to them at all and will be generic. Delete and let your friend know by phone call
- e. Make sure your email address has a strong password, not just your name and date of birth, make it random, upper lower case, at least 8 characters long, use symbols, !#*£ and make a note of it but not stored on your computer, write it down and share it with your next of Kin.
- f. Blackmail this is rising rapidly. Some of the largest organizations on the planet have been hacked, Facebook, Tiscali, Amazon, to name but a few, subsequently some of your details may have been stolen, thus there has been a large rise in threatening emails displaying that they know the first 8 digits of your password and that if you don't pay them a significant amount of money, normally bitcoin they will tell the world all about your supposed browsing habits....

Again, its rubbish, ignore and change your passwords if the 8 digits displayed are relevant to any of your accounts.

You can check to see if you have had your data stolen by using this website *https://haveibeenpwned.com/* - there isn't much you can do about this, except be on your guard and change the relevant password.

g. Encryption – clicking links in emails or opening attachments can simply be disastrous, never click a link and don't open an attachment unless you're expecting it, there's no need to. just come out of the email, go to the email sender's website instead.

Click a link or open a doc and you really could end up with all your data being encrypted and then a ransom applied to get it unencrypted. Make sure you have a backup of everything and regularly and make sure you have a good antivirus. Thus, if you do get encrypted the data can be recovered from the backup. **NEVER PAY THE RANSOM**, you'll lose your money and your data

h. IF IN DOUBT FORWARD THE EMAIL TO US TO CHECK FIRST

Having said all this, if you apply some common sense, you will stay safe. Make sure you have a backup of your data, a strong antivirus and a secure password and you will mitigate your chances of being a victim. Phone calls are easy to deal with, ask them to send you a letter and hang up, join the telephone preference service, the problem simply goes away.

But you must report it, do not feel embarrassed, it can happen to literally anyone as I found out to my cost.

Below are various websites that offer a lot of good advice on any of this issue, but if in doubt give me, Steve, or Caroline a call on 01342 834267 – or email support@sensiblepcsolutions.co.uk.

We will be more than happy to help.

Stay safe please everyone.

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Hi, my name is Rodabe Rudin and I'm your new Clerk, and now, your new contributor on Parish Council matters. I have been a clerk for over 25 years and have previously worked at Lingfield, Dormansland and Forest Row.

Exciting news – we have a new Parish Councillor. Nick de Wiggondene-Sheppard was co-opted on to the Council on 27th September. He is very experienced and currently Councillor at Maidstone Borough Council.

The Council can only exist if there are enthusiastic volunteers willing to make a difference to their community. There's an election coming up in 2023 and if you feel you would like to help make that difference, do think about standing. Democracy is precious, and important at every level of local government. But it can only work if enough people put themselves forward.

I hope some of you have tried out the new Trim Trail on Outwood Common, between the Butchers and the Church. Let us know what you think on parish.clerk@outwood.org.

After many years, work will soon start on the extension to the Churchyard. This will provide additional burial plots for the whole community.

We now have a new National Trust Ranger to replace Eleanor Yoxall. Her name is Ashlie Williams and we look forward to working with her.

If you have any queries, comments or issues to do with Council matters, please contact me on parish.clerk@outwood .org.

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St John the Baptist, Outwood Services in November

Sunday 6 November Book of Common Prayer said

8 am

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

Communion service at Saint Mary

All Souls Service at St Bartholomew, Burstow

Sunday 13 November Remembrance Sunday

10.50 am

 $10\,\mathrm{am}$

11 am

11 am

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

Sunday 20 November

Practice for Christmas carol service Holy Communion

Sunday 27 November Joint Windmill United Benefice Advent Carol Service

In addition to the above, online Sunday services continue every week and can be found on the benefice website: www.windmillchurches.co.uk

DIARY OF EVENTS

*** Events planned subject to current Government guidance. ***

NOVEMBER

Tuesday 1st	WI MEETING - ANNUAL MEETING 2.30pm - Lloyd Hall
Saturday 5th	HAM - BONFIRE & FIREWORKS From 5.30pm - The Bell
Sunday 13th	ORBL - POPPY LUNCH (see page 3) 12.30 for 1.00pm - Lloyd Hall
Friday 25th	OHS - AGM & SUPPER (see page 25) 7.30pm - Lloyd Hall
Tuesday 29th	OUTWOOD FILM CLUB 7.30 for 8.00pm - Lloyd Hall

DECEMBER

Tuesday 6th	WI MEETING - Christmas Lunch 2.30pm - Lloyd Hall
Friday 9th	DICK WHITTINGTON - Shoestring (see page 23) 8.00pm - Nutfield Village Hall
Saturday 10th	4.00pm - Nutfield Village Hall
Friday 16th	DICK WHITTINGTON - Shoestring (see page 23) 8.00pm - Lloyd Hall
Saturday 17th	4.00pm - Lloyd Hall
Sunday 18th	CAROL SERVICE 5.00pm - St John's Church

OUTWOOD VILLAGE WEBSITE

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CHRISTMAS MARKET AT WOLDINGHAM SCHOOL



We will be hosting an outside Christmas Market in the Quad at Woldingham School on **Friday 25th November**.

The market will be held as part of Woldingham School's 180th anniversary celebratory events and will be a very special outdoor festive shopping event. It will feature exhibitors selling luxury goods and artisan fayre and will run from **4.30pm – 7.30pm** in the beautiful quadrangle, adjacent to the mansion. This is the oldest part of the buildings and will provide a wonderful atmospheric backdrop to the market.

The market is a charity event.

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