



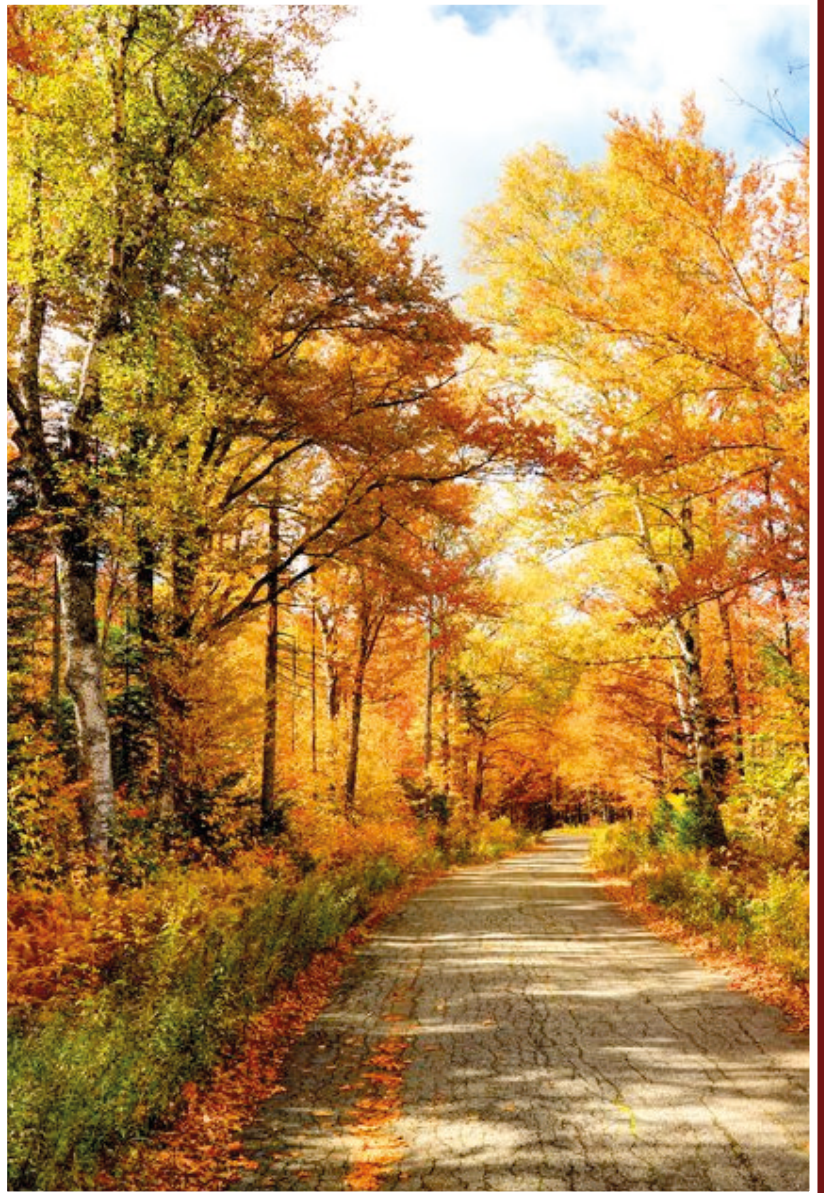
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Paul Daniels

Chairman

Outwood Branch of the Royal British Legion.

Rector's Ramblings

Last month I spent 14 days in quarantine, having had a summer break in France. I rather enjoyed it! I'm lucky to have a nice garden, including the space out the front and most of my work is computer or telephone based at the moment – even the Sunday services!

I was going to say it was my first experience of quarantine but then I realised I'd done it before! The word quarantine comes from the Italian word for 40, *quaranta*, which was the number of days that ships arriving in Venice at the time of the Black Death had to isolate.

So quarantine was originally a period of 40 days, which was the length of time that I spent in the Sinai desert in 2014. I was aware of the connection with 40 because before I went into the desert I'd read a novel by Jim Grace called *Quarantine* about a group of people who choose to spend 40 days in the desert, during which they encounter a solitary figure, and though not named as such, clearly based on the figure of Jesus.

None of the characters in the novel had a very easy time, unlike the title character of another novel, *Robinson Crusoe*, who, although occasionally lonely, basically enjoys his 25 years of solitude until he meets Friday. The author, Daniel Defoe, a devout Protestant Christian, gives Crusoe a copy of the Bible from the shipwreck and a religious conversion, in order to give him God for company. Unlike *Robinson Crusoe* I didn't have a Bible with me in the desert. There had been those who had urged me to take one, shocked almost that I wasn't, but I knew I didn't want to take anything to read. I wanted to spend time in solitude and find out what came out of me, not put anything else into me, so I took only a blank notebook and pen.

But not every Christian has found solitude an inspiring experience. John Donne, who died 30 years before Defoe was born, was just as devout as Defoe, though in a different tradition, being a priest in the Church of England. In 1623, when aged 51 and Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral, he fell gravely ill. It was a time when epidemics of diseases such as typhoid and cholera were rife, and he was forced into isolation. It was not a pleasant experience for him and he wrote: 'As sickness is the greatest misery, so the greatest misery of sickness is solitude.' It led him to write a meditation on his experience of sickness which contains the famous words 'no man is an island'.



CHURCH NEWS

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And spending time in solitude and in the beauty of the natural world was the experience of another Christian poet, William Wordsworth, who most famously 'wandered lonely as a cloud' in the Lake District and found joy in the company of a crowd of daffodils. His poem ends with this verse:

*For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.*

'The bliss of solitude' is a lovely phrase and his experience of 'wandering lonely as a cloud' was one he rejoiced in and fondly remembered. I can relate to his experiences, though my wanderings are on the South Downs rather than in the Lake District. But Wordsworth's experience is very different from Donne's. For Wordsworth solitude was 'bliss', marked by a feeling of aloneness and a positive experience. For Donne, solitude was a 'misery', marked by a feeling of loneliness and a negative experience.

And what about for me? For me, I would say that solitude is a positive experience and loneliness is a negative one. In the desert I was very solitary, but I was not lonely. I had not one but two Man Fridays, who were with me all the time, not just at the end like Robinson Crusoe. My two Bedouin guides fed and watered me and kept me safe. But they also did something else, perhaps without realising it - their company nourished me. Before I went, I didn't realise how much that would matter. They didn't speak English so we couldn't have a conversation but our shared humanity and simple togetherness, maybe chopping wood or carrying water, was in the end the most precious thing that the desert gave me and reminded me that

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CHURCH NEWS

though I have always found God in the beauty of nature, my deepest experiences of God have been through my encounters with those around me.

And what about you? All of us over the last few months have had some form of isolation imposed upon us, through lockdown, shielding or social distancing. How has that experience of isolation has been for you? I'd really like to hear how you might answer that. Do feel able to email, write or talk to me about it. I'd love to know.

With love and prayers

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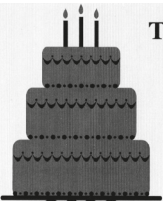
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AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

Following an open air committee meeting in July, it was decided that the time had come to take advantage of the now less stringent rules on outdoor gatherings during the threat of Covid 19: we would hold “a socially distanced tea party”. As a retired teacher, I never thought I would have to sit down again for four hours in order to prepare a detailed risk assessment for an afternoon event. But we live in strange times, so when my WI friend and committee colleague, Jackie, suggested we should work as a team to create such a document for our August get together, I resisted the temptation to raise my eyes to heaven and we got on with the job of trying to keep our members safe.

Finally, after four missed monthly meetings, our Outwood WI group managed to see some old friends (numbers were strictly limited to 30) face to face on 4th August. Luckily for us, our president Carolyn’s garden is very spacious and contains delightful areas separated by trees, shrubs and flower beds. Many thanks to Carolyn for allowing us all to descend on her lovely, tranquil space. We were able to establish a clear one way system and members could sit in small groups to enjoy each other’s company. It was such a joy to hear the buzz of excited conversation as well as the expressions of surprised delight that accompanied the new arrivals. Each member brought with her a portable seat and a cup for refreshments; the committee had worked hard to provide home-made cakes and tea. Strict adherence to the wearing of protective equipment in the baking and serving did nothing to detract from the deliciousness of the treats on offer.

Good weather prevailed as we relished the opportunity to share three months of news. It will be a while before we can meet again as a whole group of fifty in our accustomed venue of the Lloyd Hall, but we were able to plan some small group outdoor events and activities for the next couple of months. We remain determined to stay in touch, supporting each other in our common bond of friendship.

Since the time of writing the above, we have enjoyed another outdoor meeting of 30 members early in September, but we are now restricted to groups of 6 so our forthcoming activities will all be virtual or below 6 people.





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After the searing temperatures of late July and the first half of August, the rest of the month was wet and cool but, while the bank holiday was a washout, the natural world let out a sigh of relief that was almost audible as the meadows and lawns turned green again within just a few days of the first rain for weeks. However, the sun and plenty of sunshine returned for September giving us all an Indian summer. After three lengthy periods of hot weather this year trees have been put under serious stress and this has been seen in the premature loss of leaves and autumn colouring appearing much earlier, such as the reddening of hawthorn berries that started to appear on bushes bordering the back fields in the last week of July. Also, there is little doubt that tree diseases such as ash die-back will accelerate locally in the coming years. Ash die-back which has been evident in the village over the last few years has progressively worsened and the bare top branches are getting longer and more obvious. The horse chestnut leaf minor, which turn the leaves brown, has also been very active and although it doesn't directly kill the trees it certainly weakens them.

On a brighter note an email in mid August from Paul Pitts painted a picture of the natural world in his garden. He recorded that whilst breakfasting down by the pond he saw a snake appear from the grassy bank and swim into the water lilies, and, that on the hottest day of the year he looked up to see what was flying around the house and rather than the expected swallow or house martin there was a bat trying to get under the tile cladding. Due to its size he believed it was a horseshoe bat. To complete this picture I'll simply let his own words describe the scene - "Deer have been having a good nibble from the bark of a ginkgo tree in the garden and squirrels beat me to the walnuts again this year and stripped the tree. The deer, ducks and parakeets are enjoying the apples and pears that have fallen at any one time there about two dozen ducks in the garden. The top of Scott's Hill is very much a duck crossing from the Marl Pond. Unfortunately some ducks have not made it to the other side - must tell the Council and perhaps they will put up a road sign with the toad crossing".

I never cease to be amazed that no matter how many times I walk through a piece of our natural world, every now and again I spot something for the first time. This was the case back in the third week of July when I spotted a small butterfly. It was similar in size to the Gatekeeper but when at rest the wings were held open and revealed a beautiful pattern of yellowish orange and brown patches, edged in white, with three black spots on each section of the lower wings. It was a Wall (*Lasiomata megera*), so named because of its habit of resting on bare ground or walls. It used to be widespread but has been in serious decline across the country since the 1970's and is mainly limited to coastal areas including the South Downs. Yet another similarly coloured small butterfly appeared for the first time in the garden this morning - a Small Copper (*Lycaena phlaeas*). It's been a really good year for butterflies.



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OUTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

SEPTEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

A virtual Parish Council meeting was held by Zoom on 8th September.

Concern was expressed about potential expansion of the traveller site on Green Lane. The Planning Policy Team at Tandridge District Council will be asked to clarify why other potential sites in Tandridge aren't being considered.

The Climate Change Group reported that the grant application has been turned down, but the funding authority has encouraged us to re-apply, which we will do in November.

A Sub-committee continues to work to oppose The Castle Inn 's application to convert it into a domestic dwelling. The Parish Council's bid to have The Castle declared an Asset of Community Value has been turned down but the Sub-Committee will seek to have this decision overturned.

The village has a new Neighbourhood Watch coordinator. See details in the Neighbourhood Watch section of the Outwood News.

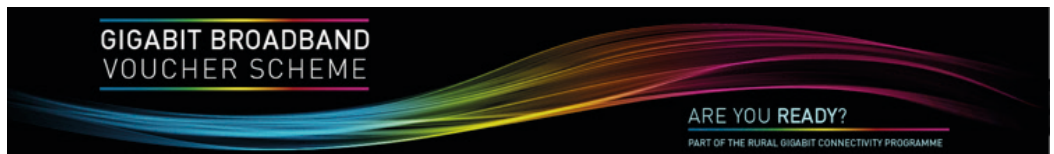
There will be prolonged disruption to traffic on Bones Lane, Dowlands Lane and West Park Road due to water works.

See ad below with information about the Rural Gigabit Voucher Scheme.

The Council are continuing to explore options to place a defibrillator at the Dog and Duck Pub.

Next Meeting: Tuesday October at 8pm Venue TBA

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The draw was held in aid of Lloyd Hall and St. Catherine's Hospice.

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The summer has seen some significant developments as we continue to explore renewable energy options for Outwood. While our grant application was commended by the Rural Community Energy Fund (RCEF), we have been asked to refine and resubmit it to meet an early November deadline. Specifically, we have been asked to increase the size of the grant application to include additional specialist engineering expertise. This will require the submission and review of further tender invitations to be agreed by the Parish Council, prior to application.

The momentum for rural communities to move away from a reliance on hydrocarbons to heat homes is growing. Great Staughton in Cambridgeshire are at the same stage in their sustainability journey as we are (see <http://greatstaughtonpc.org.uk/g0-heat-scheme-for-great-staughton/#more-2049>), and closer to home, the installation of ground source heat pumps in Firle, East Sussex, will soon provide heating and hot water to the village as part of their commitment to reduce carbon emissions to net zero by 2030.

The Bell has offered to host Terracycle recycling facilities in its car park, and is now able to accept crisp packets of any brand (flattened and in a plastic bag) for recycling since these are not currently accepted through the council's recycling facilities.

Finally, while we had a limited response to our competition for a logo and tagline, the 'Sustainable Outwood' name was well received as a positive way to describe the project. We will continue to work on ideas, and once we have secured funds from the RCEF, the Parish Council will use it to ramp up their community engagement activities and ensure everyone has a voice.

If you would like to get involved in any sustainable community initiative, you will be strongly supported and helped by the committee.

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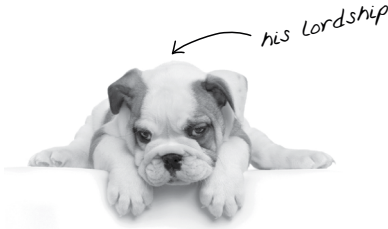
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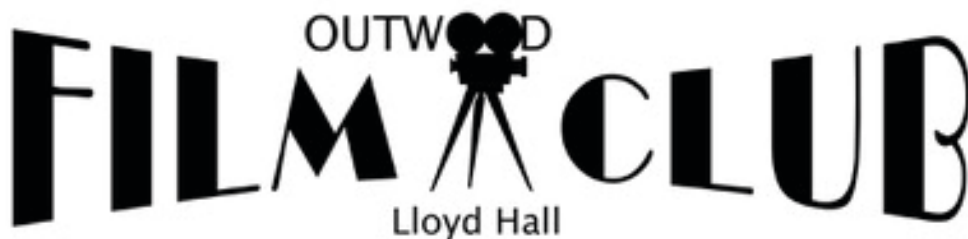
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Friends of the Film Club,

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