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Joan's early childhood was spent in Bournemouth, Dorset. On leaving school she joined the Air Force as a WAAF Special Duties Clerk. She was stationed in Somerset and Stanmore, plotting enemy aircraft and buzz bombs. At the end of the war Joan completed an interior design course at Bournemouth School of Art and subsequently became an apprentice at Heal & Sons in Tottenham Court Road.

Joan lived in Outwood since 1968 when she married Ray Wells of Hook House Farm.

She very much enjoyed the country life. As well as being a farmer's wife she was a keen gardener, artist, needlewoman, bee keeper and in recent years was one of Outwood Woodcarvers stalwart carvers. She was a keen supporter of the Woodland Trust and was very proud to have planted over 30 trees in her gardens. Joan designed the Outwood sign on the common. She unveiled the refurbished sign at the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee celebration held on Outwood Common on 3rd June 2022.

On 14th May this year Joan celebrated her 100th birthday surrounded by her family and friends. It was a very special occasion.

As a family, we would like to thank *everyone* who made it possible for Joan to remain independent and enjoy living at Path End.

CHURCH NEWS

Rector's Ramblings

You may or may not remember but back in July I wrote about my tomatoes. I said how I had 49 plants and then went on to say how they were good for my soul and, closely connected to that, my mental health. I said how tending them was a way of connecting to nature, and also something that enabled me to switch off, to be in the moment with all my attention, not thinking or worrying – a spiritual reboot as I called it. I encouraged you to think of something that played a similar role in yourself.



Anyway, since then I have discovered that 49 tomato plants produce a great deal of tomatoes. Kilos and kilos of them. Though blight got to some of them in the end, I have managed to fill the freezer with quantities of tomato puree which will see us through the winter. The harvest is safely gathered in. (Though not even the blighted ones are wasted. They fell to the ground where the seeds contained in them will sprout next year bringing an unexpected bonus of an unplanned future crop).

And talking of harvest, a couple of my tomatoes made an appearance at the Harvest Festival at St John the Baptist last month (as some others of mine had put in an appearance at the Outwood Show – though no prizes for me!). For Harvest Festival I brought along one large beef tomato and one small cherry tomato (both saved from the roasting and puréeing process). I said in my sermon how harvest is not just about gathering in but also about sharing, about giving as well as getting. And then I said that from a spiritual point of view what matters is not how much we give compared to others but what our giving represents for us. I reminded people of Jesus' parable of the "widow's mite" in which rich people donated large sums to the temple and a poor widow put in the equivalent of two pence. The poor widow, said Jesus, put it more than anyone because it represented all that she had.

I said how the rich people in the parable are a bit like my big tomato with plenty of seeds to give and the poor widow like my cherry tomato with far fewer seeds to give. But God does not look on the outside. God looks at the heart. What matters in God's eyes is how generous we are with what we have. And generosity is about much more than giving money to good causes, important as that is.

CHURCH NEWS

Generosity is also very much about the giving of acts of kindness and however big or small our acts of kindness are, what matters is the spirit in which they are given. Are we generous spirited in all our sharing with others?

I ended my sermon by saying that I would like to leave the congregation with my tomato motto, first asking them how you get a motto from tomato. Do you know how? With my visual aid of six big letters spelling the word 'tomato' I moved the o, the m and the a to the front and ended up with 'a motto'! And then I finished with my tomato motto. On the internet it's attributed to Winston Churchill and though he never in fact said it, it doesn't stop me liking it:

We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give.

I'd like to leave my tomato motto with you, too. And perhaps whenever you see a tomato it will come back to you – like a seed planted in the soil of your heart.

With love and prayers

Nicholas

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FESTIVE FIRS 2023

Festive Firs is back, with the same formula as before.
It will be held in the church on Saturday 9th/Sunday 10th December,
with decoration of trees on the afternoon/evening of Friday 8th.

You will be provided with a 5ft. tree, in a stand.
All you have to do is think of a pretty and witty way of decorating it,
and let me know if you'd like to take part.

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AUGUST 2023

August is the month when we get together to relax and just enjoy each other's company at our Summer Lunch event.

Our lunch was catered yet again by Jan Sturges and her team: she did us proud as always with a huge selection of gorgeous cold platters plus a delicious meringue and strawberry dessert. Members were greeted with a glass of summery Pimms as they arrived and took their seats at the tables which had been set and beautifully decorated by the committee members; wine and soft drinks were supplied and replenished regularly, while the attractive raffle raised funds for future group treats.



The annual mah jong trophy was awarded for the highest scorers over the past year: Marcia and Jackie.



Our members greatly enjoyed both the delicious food and the good company!

OUTWOOD WI
invite you to join them
2.30pm Tuesday 3rd October
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SEPTEMBER 2023

This month the annual Outwood Show took place and what a successful day it was! The Horticultural Society and the show committee had worked hard to ensure that there were plenty of entries for exhibition as well as stalls to entertain and represent local interests. Our WI members made a fantastic contribution: everywhere you looked we were manning stalls, taking money at the door, selling raffle tickets. All the cakes for afternoon teas were provided by our members and our president served them up with unfailing graciousness – over £440 were taken on teas alone.

Inside the hall several of our ladies had submitted entries for the vegetable, fruit, baking and craft categories, with many prizes awarded. The overall craft prize was won by Pam Shaw who submitted a delightful portrait of her mother; the tallest sunflower was grown by Jackie Belither who also won accolades for her vegetables and crochet skills.



Jackie Bellither with her crocheted basket of vegetables.

In the WI tent we displayed our skills and encouraged new members to join us.



At this month's meeting we were pleased to welcome Fiona-Jane Weston, who gave a professional presentation in words and music. Her theme was "Women in Wartime" and we were all reminded how conflicts in history have led to many social changes for women as they were forced into different, challenging roles. Fiona treated us to some comedic contemporary songs (particularly amusing was a rendition by a cow of her resentment of artificial insemination!) as well as some emotional classics with which we joined in. She also read some letters from women expressing their reactions to some of the most emotional times of the twentieth century. We were reminded that in 1915 it was the First World War which led to the formation of the first ever Women's Institute group in Wales, its aim to support local food production. We have come a long way since then as an organisation – but we can still prove our practical skills when it comes to the Outwood Show!

Next month's meeting is on TUESDAY OCTOBER 3rd at 2.30pm and it is an open meeting as we have invited the local charity Canine Partners to join us. Everyone is welcome to come to this meeting to see the wonderful work they do, and to meet some of the assistance dogs who are so talented in their support of their human partners.

Elizabeth Dyke

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NATURE WATCH

Autumn is coming early. I first spotted hawthorn hips beginning to show colour in early July and leaves of various trees and shrubs starting to change colour in early September. There is no doubt the weather, or more accurately climate, is like the jet stream changing tack and as we all have seen the seasons are in a bit of a mess. Since writing last back in July we've had one of the duller Augusts on record with very little sunshine coupled with lower-than-average temperatures but little or no rain. Then as though to reward our patience September arrived and with it a big change for the better with blue skies, plenty of sunshine and temperatures more akin to the Mediterranean. What a pleasure, a last gasp of summer. The mercury hit 32C in the shade in the garden for a few days and according to weather news reports Wisley managed a blistering 36C. In such conditions it is easy enough at home to meet the water needs of greenhouse and salad crops but out in the countryside the combination of very dry soil conditions coupled with high temperatures resulted in many more trees taking on autumn tones and some shedding their leaves. In particular, the ash trees already suffering from the die-back disease were prone to early leaf fall and are likely to die more quickly. However, the local hornbeams were also under heat stress and shed bunches of samaras – winged seeds – which formed pale green carpets across woodland bridleways as I found in the one at the top of Hornecourt Hill, but they will survive and hopefully new trees will fill-in the gaps left by the dead ash. Yet another response by plants to these hot and dry conditions has been to produce more seeds or fruit. Back in the garden our runner beans stopped flowering – great while they lasted - and one of the plum trees dropped most of its leaves. On a brighter note the chicory, which started flowering at the end of June, was still producing its azure blooms into mid-September. Meanwhile, the sunny warm weather continued for just over a fortnight before the westerly airstream took over, once again bringing some much-needed rainfall.

As we all know plants need the right soil to survive but some, such as rosebay willowherb (*Chamaenarian augustifolium*) aka fireweed and dialect names including Ranting Widow in Somerset and Blooming Sally in Hampshire, have one main preference. It has to be disturbed ground whether, scorched earth after fires, bombsites or garden flower borders. It grows up to 2 metres, with narrow alternate leaves, underground stems and rosy pink flowers each of which produce a seed capsule containing up to 400 seeds and a single plant can produce upwards of 80,000 seeds, each with silky hairs that ensure good wind distribution, and they can remain viable in the soil for some years. The flowers are very attractive to insects including moths such as the elephant hawk moth. In the eighteenth century the plant was quite rare, however, just like ragwort, it rapidly spread across the country following the introduction of the railways. Despite being so common the Plantlife charity nominated rosebay willowherb in their 2002 County Flower of the Year competition as the flower of the year for London.



ROSEBAY WILLOWHERB

For those interested in our wild birds Andy Wright passed on news of an excellent app for bird identification for use on mobile phones called Merlin. Published by Cornell Lab part of Cornell University, this enables users to identify birds by photo or birdsong.

Mike F Johnson

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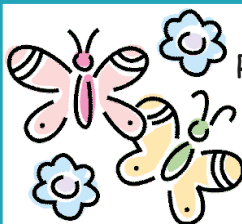
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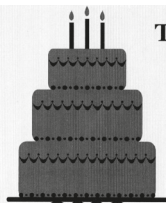
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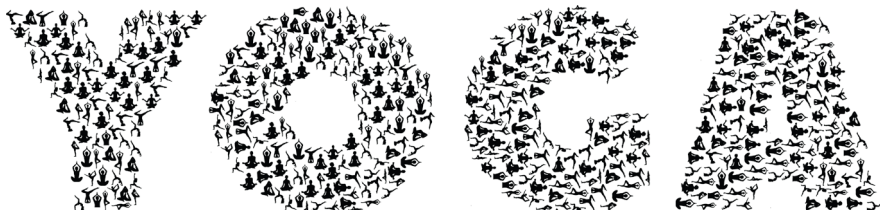
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We raised the terrific sum of £2158.50!

The collaboration between the Burstow Fundraising Group for St. Catherine's Hospice and the Outwood Show Committee meant that the Summer Draw and Silent Auction made a fantastic total of £2511.80, giving £1255.90 to the Hospice.

Our thanks to everyone who donated prizes and bought tickets. The new hospice will be opening in Pease Pottage next month and the money raised will go towards providing excellent care for patients.

CHRISTMAS MARKET AT WOLDINGHAM SCHOOL



We will be hosting an outside Christmas Market in the Quad at Woldingham School on **Friday 24th November**.

The market is a very special outdoor festive shopping event. It will feature over 40 exhibitors selling luxury or unique goods and artisan fayre and will run from **4.15pm – 7pm** 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.

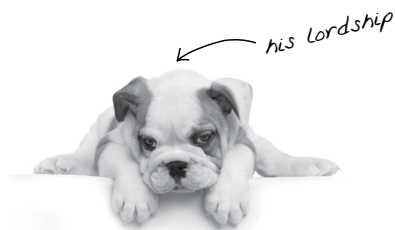
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Hope everyone has had a good summer.

The Outwood Village Show seemed to be a success – luckily the weather was kind. Over the next couple of months, the Council will be setting its budget for the next financial year and with the way things are generally in the economy, its' going to be a challenge.

There isn't much to report as we didn't have a meeting in August but:

- There is a new on demand electric bus service. The link is below – but unfortunately it does not go to East Surrey Hospital. – if you feel the urge to complain to SCC about that please feel free.
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That's all folks!

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND ALL OUR MEETINGS

Next meeting:

Wednesday 6th October 2023, 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



Gatwick Northern Runway Project application accepted by Planning Inspectorate

On 6 July Gatwick Airport Limited submitted its Northern Runway Project application to the Planning Inspectorate for development consent. Following a 28-day review, during which we were invited to submit an Adequacy of Consultation response (which can be viewed on the Planning Inspectorate's website), the Planning Inspectorate has accepted the application for detailed consideration and examination.

The Planning Inspectorate has now publicised the submission documents for the development consent order application and details of the public inquiry will follow in due course, with examination anticipated to begin in late November or December and due to last for six months. Following this the Planning Inspectorate will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State, who will decide whether development consent should be granted for the proposed scheme.

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DIARY OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

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| Tuesday 3rd | WI OPEN MEETING - "Canine Partners" 2.30pm - Lloyd Hall <i>ALL WELCOME (see page 6)</i> |
| Wednesday 4th | PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7.30pm - Church Room |
| Tuesday 31st | FILM CLUB - "Save the Cinema" 7.30 for 8.00pm - Lloyd Hall |

NOVEMBER

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| Tuesday 7th | WI MEETING - Annual Review Meeting 2.30pm - Lloyd Hall |
| Wednesday 8th | PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7.30pm - Church Room |
| Sunday 12th | ORBL POPPY LUNCH <i>after the church service at 10.50am</i> 12.30 for 1.00pm - Lloyd Hall |
| Friday 24th | HORT SOC. AGM & SUPPER AGM 7.00pm - SUPPER 7.30pm - Lloyd Hall |
| Tuesday 28th | FILM CLUB |

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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Lloyd Hall



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OUTWOOD VILLAGE SHOW 2023

The Outwood Village Show and the Horticultural Society Show are done for another year. We made quite a bit more than last year - £4060 - but our village show is all about the people who take part. From the volunteers who start getting together in April to form a Committee, to the small child throwing a ball at a coconut on the day, everyone is important.

My generation has been the luckiest of all. No one has had to ask around the family to raise five bob to visit the doctor, as my grandmother's generation did. The village organisations were really important in those days. Every Saturday through the year there were Jumble sales raising money for the Cubs and Scouts, Guides etc., the church raising money to keep the hall heated for these events.

While raising money for the Lloyd Hall, we encourage charities to come and raise money themselves to provide help for others in their field, so village life is still important as in the past. Nothing in life is guaranteed, so the need to support our community is important to all of us. The Show has raised funds that can be available to help other village charities, and can be applied for from the Lloyd Hall Committee.

I hope that more of you will be able to come next year, to visit or to help in some way.

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The standard of entries was fantastic this year and the hall looked magnificent. Many thanks to everyone who entered produce, cookery and handicrafts.

Your continued support is what makes the Show the success that it is.

HORT SOC SUPPER AND AGM

The Hort Soc Supper will take place on Friday 24th November at the Lloyd Hall 7.30pm preceded by the AGM at 7pm. All welcome.

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Well summer 2023 is over and, as far as our weather has been, consigned to the “could have been better” bin, it’s still been a huge success for us here at The Bell and busier than ever. Chillier days and nights are coming and with that our Autumn/Winter schedule, new menus, unique special dishes, (try our fondue & more smoked dishes!) charity supporting events and of course, Christmas!

We at The Bell are finalists for The Griffin Trophy, a Fuller’s annual award for “Pub of the year” being in the final three in our class! Judging is complete and we’ll hear how well we’ve done at the awards ceremony on Nov 28th. Please wish our team well, as it’ll be another recognition of their dedication. There’s just no stopping them all & we’re up for more awards that we’ll let you know about.

As always, we’re looking forward to playing our part for charity, with the Grand Bonfire and Firework organising committee this year, as always in aid of Helping Adolescents at The Marsden charity. This local event will be held on Saturday 4th November & The Bell is pleased to be able to fund the fireworks. This will be an evening of fun, it’s a Bell tradition, and an opportunity to raise lots of money for HAM at The Royal Marsden. (Don’t forget Wassail in January, it’ll be here before you know it).

Provisional plans are in place for fireworks night, and our car park will be closed as usual and, although we’ll be serving lunch, our normal dining will be closed on the night. A team of volunteers will be at entry points, to take your cash, selling tickets, glow sticks, kicking off the banter & welcoming you all to what has become one of the biggest events in Outwood’s calendar.

Whilst we are a very “dog friendly” pub, please leave them (dogs and horses) at home. They may not usually be disturbed by fireworks, but a fifteen-minute display can be quite different. Sorry but we can’t allow sparklers, as the fields are often used for grazing and sparkler debris can be dangerous.

More up-to-date information will be posted on our Facebook & Instagram pages closer to the time.

Christmas is coming! Scott Currie, our Head Chef and Natasha Harris our Manager have both been working hard planning for Christmas here at The Bell & our Christmas Fayre Menu is available from 1st to 23rd December (Monday to Saturdays). Pop over to our website for menus: www.belloutwood.co.uk Book with us now for these, to avoid disappointment, on 01342 891835 and please make sure that we know that you are booking for a Christmas menu style booking.

For the big day, Scott has created an absolute feast of a five-course menu for you to enjoy. Both Christmas Fayre & The Big Day to be booked in advance with a 50% deposit taken for Christmas Day.

Now, as with every year, we just need to order our huge village Christmas Tree from Charlotte and Dean at Holborn’s in Nutfield for outside The Bell & also remember how to fix it for decoration, which always proves to be quite a job, but Andy Wright saves the day! “Andy, a cold pint (or two) is waiting for you again!”

**Very best and thank you all for your kind support. You all do really make The Bell what it is.
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We have several regulars who really count on Wednesday Morning Coffee as a chance to get out once a week.

It is a great way to invest in our community and get to know some of your neighbours.

Please contact Michelann Pollard at ukmike@hotmail.co.uk to find out more.

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