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CHURCH NEWS

Rector's Ramblings

I was walking on the South Downs the other day and passed through the little village of West Firle, which nestles at the foot of the downs. I wandered into the church there and was amazed to find a framed copy of a page of the Daily Mirror dated 8th November 1940 containing an article about a shepherd from Firle, Mr. Fowler, who seen a vision of Christ crucified on the Cross:

Old Fred Fowler, sixty-six, lifted his weather beaten face skywards and pointed west. "It be there when I see it," he said. "There in the clear blue sky. A vision they calls it – it was the like of something which I never see before. It be Christ I see."



The paper's reporter had found Fred in his shelter of bracken on the downs, accompanied by his two dogs, Bob and Watch, and his 250 sheep.

"I never be one to see things," said Fred. "I am alone too much for that. I just have me two dogs, me sheep and me missus way back at the cottage, and I goes to church on a Sunday. That's all I sees or knows of life; that's all I really want to know. I'd just rounded up the flock that morning – it be about eleven. I says to meself, it's a nice clear day and I looks up west at the sky. Then I sees it. It be more like what they tells me the cinema is like, but I thinks it be more real. There came a kind of panel across the sky. Inside the panel of white there was a cross, with Christ, his head to one side, nailed on to it. Round him were six angels. I counted 'em, and they wore white cloudy robes to the feet. I knew it was to the feet because I even saw their feet. I even saw their toes. When I got to the village I knew what I had seen was really there. There were other people who had seen it too. But mine's a simple life – I've just got my two dogs, my sheep and my missus and I go to church on Sunday. I forgot," he smiled, "There's my pint I always have of a night."

The reporter also spoke to two sisters, evacuated from London, and their neighbour who told him that they too had seen the vision. The article ended with the reporter calling on the vicar, the Rev AG Gregor. "I saw nothing," he said, "and I think the whole thing is nonsense".

However, the vicar of Firle's neighbour, the Reverend JR Lawson, the vicar of Glynde said in an article published a week later in the newspaper:

"I think those people who say they saw the vision were too much in earnest to be discredited. After all, our Christian religion is based on the vision of Bethlehem, which was only seen by a few. Therefore, why should not the story of apparently

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quite earnest people living today be equally believed? I certainly think the vision was seen and I only wish I had seen it myself."

I think it's a lovely story. To me it reads like a page from the Bible, not just because of shepherds and angels but also because the vicar of Firle reminds me of the apostles on the first Easter Day. The women visiting the tomb at dawn had a vision of angels and heard their message: "He is not here. He is risen". They ran to the apostles to tell them what they had seen and heard but the apostles "did not believe them because their words seemed to them like nonsense" (*Luke 24.1-11*).

I've never seen a vision and think maybe you haven't either (but do let me know if you have – I'm more of a vicar of Glynde than a vicar of Firle!) but what I really love about the story is not Fred's account of his vision, but his account of his life.

At its heart a shepherd's life is one of tending, feeding, watching, minding and guarding, all of which can be summed up in one word: caring. The risen Christ said to Peter, "Feed my sheep" and though we might not see a vision of Christ and his angels, it is by caring that we make their message known.

With love and prayers for a Happy Easter

Nicholas

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MARCH MEETING

Anyone wandering into our March meeting would have been forgiven for thinking that we had all gone proverbially mad as a March hare! Our president, Carolyn Last, had promised us a talk about history as exhibited through headwear, so we decided to help the afternoon along by all wearing a hat. There were fabulous fascinators, curious cloches and wonderful wide-brimmed creations in a multitude of colours. Historical examples included a bowler hat, an Edwardian bonnet and a school beret not worn for almost fifty years!

Carolyn's talk (accompanied by slides) was entitled "History on your Head" and it certainly spanned a huge range of historical and cultural topics. She has an extensive collection of headwear – about 1200 items – and her passion began with the acquisition from her own family of a policeman's helmet. As a child, this object sat in the wardrobe and its provenance was never explained, although it had come home after a trip to Trafalgar Square on VE night. Other early family items were her father's tin hat from WW2 and a well-loved bowler hat. Carolyn has acquired her large collection on her world travels, and she still doggedly trails around antique fairs looking for unusual items. Knowing her passion, people come to her with interesting hats found in lofts or discovered all over the world.

We travelled, with the help of her narrative, from Canada to Kabul, visiting nomadic tribesmen in North Africa, Turkish and Indian bazaars, Native American settlements in America, Tibetan monasteries and the Chinese opera houses. Random purchases have led Carolyn to tragic stories, such as the death in a concentration camp of the Jewish milliner Fanny Berger whose Parisian fashion business was taken from her by the Vichy government. One of her proudest purchases has been a heavy leather porter's hat from the Billingsgate fish market, which it has taken her 25 years to track down. Having seen photographs of headgear made of a multitude of materials (including straw, felt, bamboo, horsehide, metal, feathers, Coke cans and beadwork) we were allowed to handle the examples of historical hats that Carolyn had brought and much hilarity ensued as we tried them on. It was a fabulous afternoon full of learning and laughter – our group's bywords!

Our next meeting is 2nd April; it is an open invitation afternoon when our guest speaker Nic Howard will be passing on many horticultural tips in "We Love Plants".



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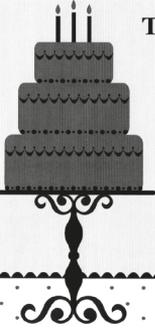
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NATURE WATCH

February turned out to be a record breaker with a temperature of 21.2°C recorded in Kew Gardens on 26 February with this being the first time the temperature had ever exceeded 20°C during winter in the UK. However, seasonal patterns are still fairly reliable and true to form March came in like a lion with a series of Atlantic storms giving us plenty of rain to help make up the shortfall of 78% over the three months of December - February. The change in the weather started on 3 and 4 March with the arrival of storm Freya which did not cause too much trouble locally. However, towards the end of the month storm Gareth arrived and three days later it was followed by Hannah both of which brought heavy rain and high winds resulting in a few fallen trees and dead branch litter on the roads but on the plus side the winds also act as a spring clean blowing the last of the autumn leaves neatly into hedge bottoms and gullies.

Despite the storms there was an absence of heavy frosts which meant that camellias and magnolia flowers were at their pristine best with no burnt edges to the petals and spring was beginning to show. Similarly for our apricot, which, in a sheltered, sunny position, was in full bloom at the start of March and by the first week the young, lime yellow leaves of weeping willows started appearing together with fresh foliage on hawthorns. A drive through to Hampshire on a warm sunny day in the middle of the month was an opportunity to see even more signs of spring including, banks of yellow gorse along the roadside and the common-lands of the Surrey Hills, patches of the golden starred lesser celandines, yellow forsythia peeping over the walls and hedges of cottage gardens, the white blossom of the wild geans and the white and pink flowers of some early cultivated cherry trees.

One of the more beautiful harbingers of spring is the primrose (*Primula vulgaris*), the common name literally meaning first flower, which can be found alongside streams, woodland paths and in hedge bottoms throughout western Europe and down into North Africa. Everyone will recognise the delicate soft yellow flowers but occasionally white and pink forms can be seen. A close inspection will reveal that the individual plants have flowers that are either pin eyed, that is to say the pistol can be seen in the centre, or thrum eyed where the stamens are prominent and the pistol is low down in the corolla. This arrangement ensures that insects need to visit both pin and thrum eyed flowers in order to achieve successful pollination. Yet another clever device is that the seeds have a structure attached to them that contains lipids and proteins (elaiosomes) which attract ants. The ants take the seeds back to their nests to feed their larvae and then deposit the seed and other waste material outside the nest which then provides perfect conditions for germination and distribution.



I'll end with the first verse of the poem *To a Primrose* written by Samuel Coleridge and which so perfectly captures the mood when glimpsing the first bloom of the year.

*Thy smiles I note sweet early flower
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MARCH MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Tandridge District Councillor Bourne was unable to attend, but was able to pass on a statement regarding the development of the Sawmills site.

'The District planning team are currently in discussions with the site owners over a new "masterplan" for the site. The owners requested the discussions and it is protocol to hear what is being suggested to see if a plan is suggested that can be acceptable. Those discussions are expected to conclude in the next couple of weeks at which point, if an agreement has not been achieved, the District may move to enforcement action'.

Tandridge District Councillor Fitzgerald reminded us that households will be provided with a new wheelie bin for the disposal of your household waste. Parking Enforcement will now be carried out by Sevenoaks Council.

National Trust - New apple trees will be planted in our orchard to replace the dead trees and a new orchard is being created on the way to Bletchingley.

Planning - On the 21st of March a meeting to discuss the Beechfields planning application will include officers from the planning and enforcement teams and OPC Councillor Gosling.

MUGA - Volunteers are carrying out minor maintenance works.

Annual Village Meeting on the 1st of April will include presentations from the various village groups and a talk from Liz Carter about Wellbeing Prescription, followed by refreshments.

Highway flooding - We received a response from Steve Cunnah. The problem is on the list for investigation but there is no timescale for the resolution of this problem at the moment. The Parish Council are also concerned about the number of HGV's on our highways which is causing major damage to various roads in the area.

LHMC are organising 2 major fundraising events this year. The next Lloyd Hall meeting is on 8th April and incorporates the Outwood Village Show start up meeting.

Community Matters. A reunion of Outwood School pupils from the 1950s to 70s will take place at The Dog and Duck on May 11th from 2-6pm. Nick Roberts is organising.

A Litter pick is taking place on the 6th April. If you are free and want to lend a hand please let the Parish Clerk know. Other dates can be arranged if this date doesn't suit you.

Next meeting Tuesday 16th April 2019 8pm Church Room.

All residents are welcome to attend

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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Meetings are held each month except August and December
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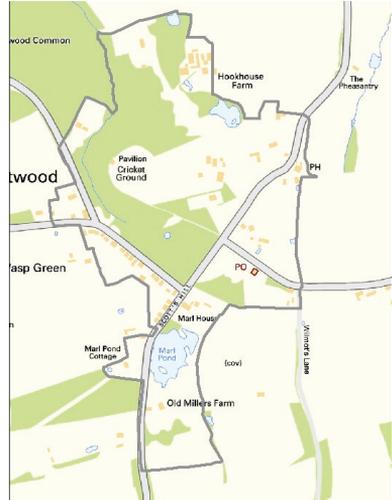
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Typo error last month - we have fewer volunteers than other areas, sorry.

By the time you receive this Outwood News, I hope that our first 2019 sessions with the speedgun will have begun. As always we are governed by prevailing weather and road conditions, but the 1 hour clock change to BST is a great help for our late afternoon monitoring.

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Palm Sunday, 14 April

10 am Benefice Service of Holy Communion with palms and dramatised reading of the Gospel at **Horne Church**

Maundy Thursday, 18 April

7 pm Passover Meal and Holy Communion in the Church Room, Wasp Green Lane, followed by vigil in **Outwood Church**

Good Friday, 19 April

2 pm Good Friday Liturgy at **Outwood Church**

3 pm Tea and hot cross buns in **Smallfield Church Hall**, together with all-age craft activities

Easter Eve, 20 April

8 pm Easter Vigil and Lighting of New Fire at **Burstow Church**

Easter Day, 21 April

7 am Early Easter service on **Outwood Common**

11 am Holy Communion at **Outwood Church**

Sunday 28 April

11 am Morning Worship at **Outwood Church**

DIARY OF EVENTS

APRIL

Monday 1st	ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING 7.30pm - Lloyd Hall
Tuesday 2nd	WI MEETING - 'We Love Plants' (All Welcome) 2.30pm - Lloyd Hall
Saturday 6th	VILLAGE LITTER PICKING 10.00am - Meet The Castle Car Park
Monday 8th	LHMC + VILLAGE SHOW MEETING 8.00pm - Lloyd Hall
Friday 12th	OUTWOOD FILM CLUB 'Stan & Ollie' 7.30 for 8.00pm - Lloyd Hall
Sunday 14th	ST CATHERINES HOSPICE - BLUEBELL WALK & TEA AT THE CRICKET CLUB 2.00pm - Meet National Trust Car Park
Tuesday 16th	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 8.00pm - Church Room
Saturday 20th	AFTERNOON TEA AT THE CHURCH (page 5) 2.00 - St.John's Church
Sunday 21st	EASTER SUNDAY
Tuesday 23rd	O.R.B.L. - ST. GEORGE'S DAY LUNCH (Cover) 12.30 for 1.00 - The Bell, Outwood

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!

LLOYD HALL

OUTWOOD VILLAGE SHOW

31st August 2019

The first meeting to start preparations for this year's show will be held in
Lloyd Hall on

8th April at 8.00pm

in conjunction with a Lloyd Hall Management Committee meeting.

If you have any ideas for the show or can help with the event
then please come along or if you can't make the meeting
but still want to help, let Roger Messenger know on 842570.

Love Lloyd Hall 50/50 Club

MARCH 2019 DRAW

1st Prize	Ticket no: 22	£82.50
2nd Prize	Ticket no: 19	£49.50
3rd Prize	Ticket no: 26	£33.00

For details of the 50/50 club contact Robin Kirkland - robin@boralo.com

OUTWOOD KIDS REUNION



A reunion of people who attended
Outwood School or grew up in Outwood
in the 1950s – 1970s is being held.

If you are one of those people,
we would love to see you on:

Saturday 11th May 2019

Commencing 2.00pm till 6.00pm

The Dog and Duck, Prince of Wales Road, Outwood RH1 5QU

A light buffet will be provided at 4pm at a cost of £10 per head

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OUTWOOD CRICKET CLUB

www.outwoodcricket.club

Countdown to the 2019 Season!

With the velvet glove of spring covering winter's iron claw, the pavilion and ground are in the final stages of preparation for the coming season.

Activity in April;

06 April	9am to 2pm;	Ground and pavilion re-opens
13 April	2pm to 4pm;	Outwood Cricket Youth Academy Open Day
14 April	Midday onwards	St Catherine's Hospice Bluebell Walk – refreshments
17 April	6pm to 9pm;	Senior Teams Training
25 April	6.30pm to 8pm;	Cricket Academy Training Starts (every Thursday through to July)

...and most important of all – we have three matches scheduled....HOWZAT!

20 April	1pm	Outwood 2nd XI v Graveney CC (Friendly)
27 April	1.30pm	Outwood 1st XI v Dormansland CC (Friendly)
28 April	1.30pm	Outwood Sunday XI v Oxted & Limsfield CC

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Or via : www.outwoodcricket.club

Or contact : info@outwoodcricket.club

OUTWOOD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Spring plant SALE

SATURDAY 4TH MAY 10AM – NOON
OUTWOOD COMMON - BY PERMISSION OF NATIONAL TRUST

Please remember to plant extra seeds and pot up cuttings or perennials which you may have divided and bring them along on the day.

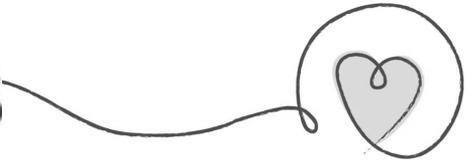
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Early Summer Show	Saturday 22nd June
Garden Stroll	Sunday 14th July
Main Show	Saturday 31st August

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National Trust

Spring has sprung and the Outwood Volunteers will soon start their important role of monitoring the diverse wildlife appearing on the Harewoods Estate - including dragonflies and butterflies.



We'd love you to also get involved in helping record what wildlife is around. Whether rare or common, it all has a huge benefit to help us understand the wildlife on our sites and how to manage them appropriately.

It's really easy if you've got a smart phone. Download the **iRecord** app and you can log your sightings on the spot. If you haven't got a suitable phone you can use the website instead. The goal of iRecord is to make it easier for wildlife sightings to be collated, checked by experts and made available to support research and decision-making at local and national levels. You can share your sightings with a wider community, explore dynamic maps and graphs of your data and make a real contribution to science and conservation.

If you'd like to get more involved with wildlife monitoring or stumble across anything interesting or unusual do let me know!

Eleanor Yoxall - National Trust Ranger (Harewood Estate & Limpsfield Common)

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OUTWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH MARCH REPORT



The following report appeared in a recent Country Watch Newsletter:

“Outwood Common, Outwood – Early afternoon on 01/03/19 informant reported that offender(s) had, most probably, driven a vehicle onto a field, got stuck and left a completely burnt out Suzuki style car in the field (Ref:45190022209)”

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This website, that initially seems potentially useful for information sharing (and has proved useful for some), has been sending 'invites' to neighbours often without permission. It sends letters inviting neighbours to join and can sign with your name even if you have not given this permission.

Apologies if anyone has received letters promoting Next Door purportedly sent from me.

Caution is advised using this website, especially disclosing personal details, as there are clearly issues surrounding GDPR and using data without consent.

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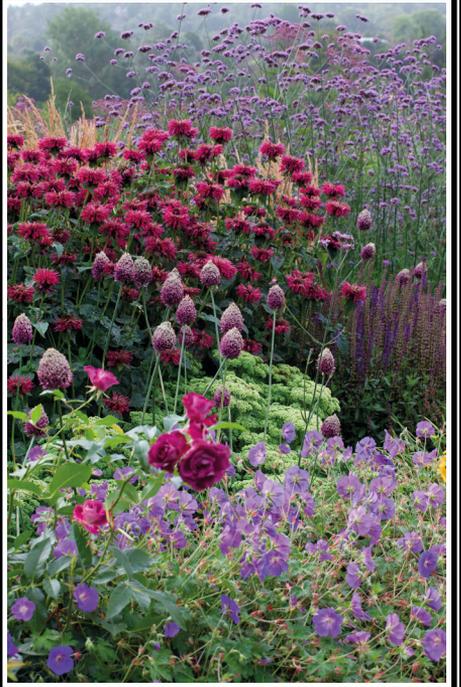
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