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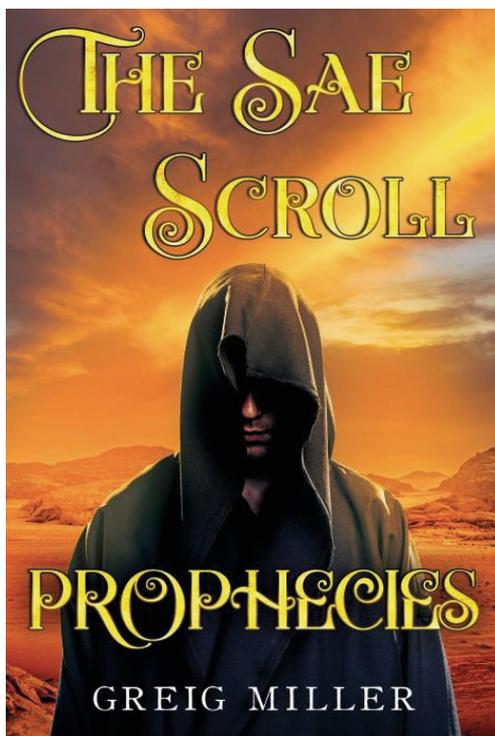
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St John the Baptist Church, Brickfield Road, Outwood

Festive Firs 2023

Saturday 9 December, 11am - 5pm

Sunday 10 December, 2-5pm

Admission: adults £2.50; children free

Come and see the Church filled with fabulously decorated trees, enjoy festive refreshments and bring the children to visit Father Christmas in his grotto (11am - 1pm on the Saturday).

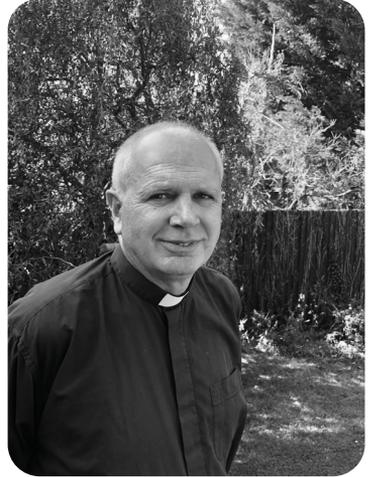
The Church Christmas Fair will be from 2-4.30pm on the Saturday:

Come along for Cakes! Raffle! Tombola!

Trees will be on sale price £30, after the event, ring Helen Winter (07774 799140) to reserve one

Rector's Ramblings

This Christmas will be my last as Rector of the Windmill United Benefice. As I said last month my last service will be on Sunday 7th January (10am at St Mary the Virgin, Horne – everyone welcome!) and that means, as this is a joint December/January issue of the magazine, that this is my last Rector's Ramblings. Following my November Ramblings one of you emailed me, thanking me for my Ramblings and saying how they were *So open, non-judgemental and thoughtful, a simple reflection on the world that makes you stop at think*. I replied saying that's just how I wanted them to be! I would also like to add to that how much I have enjoyed writing to you each month and also hearing back from you, either by email or in person.



At heart, Christmas is the celebration of the birth of baby. In the Gospel of Luke, when the angels appear to the shepherds, they tell them: *This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger*. But what sort of sign is a newborn baby? It's an amazing sign, because a newborn baby is such an amazing thing. You may or may not have held a very young baby, but over the years I have held a number them. Not just my children and grandchildren but also young babies I have baptised. And whenever I have done that I have a sense that to look on a newborn baby is to look on God, God in the form of a human child. To look on God because God is life, God is love and God is light, and a newborn child brings life and love and light into the world. And whether or not you have held a newborn baby, you were once a newborn baby yourself and when you were born you brought a little bit of God into the world. When we celebrate at Christmas the life, love and light of God coming into the world in a unique way in Jesus, we also celebrate your life and every life that comes into the world.

Whenever I've held a young baby I'm always struck by how delicate and fragile they are and that makes me think how delicate and fragile life is. And the message of Christmas reflects that. Luke's account of Christmas is full of angels and shepherds, songs of great joy and a peaceful child lying in a manger. Matthew's Gospel has wise men from the East being warned in a dream of the danger King Herod poses for the newborn child, Joseph being warned to flee for his family's life, taking the child and Mary as refugees into Egypt as Herod, realising he has been tricked, flies into a furious rage and orders the slaughter of all the little boys in Bethlehem. And so Matthew's account of Jesus' birth ends with a quote from the prophet Jeremiah: *A sound was heard in Ramah, the sound of bitter weeping. Rachel weeping for her children*.

CHURCH NEWS

We're more used to Luke. It's the account most full of peace and joy – where everything works out all right. *No tears at Christmas* as my mother used to say to my sister and me. But children do cry – and adults cry. And the tears of Matthew's Gospel are just as much a part of the Christmas story as Luke's songs of joy. Because from the beginning, in the cry of a baby in a manger, to the end, in the cry of a man on a cross, the life and death of Jesus Christ, the word made flesh, illustrate the willingness of God to be vulnerable in order to share to the full both the joy and the sadness of what it means to be human.

And for me, as I approach retirement after 35 years of stipendiary ministry, it has been a privilege to share in the joys and sadnesses of the people I have worked among and I feel very blessed to have spent the last nine of them among all of you.

With love and prayers for a blessed Christmas and New Year

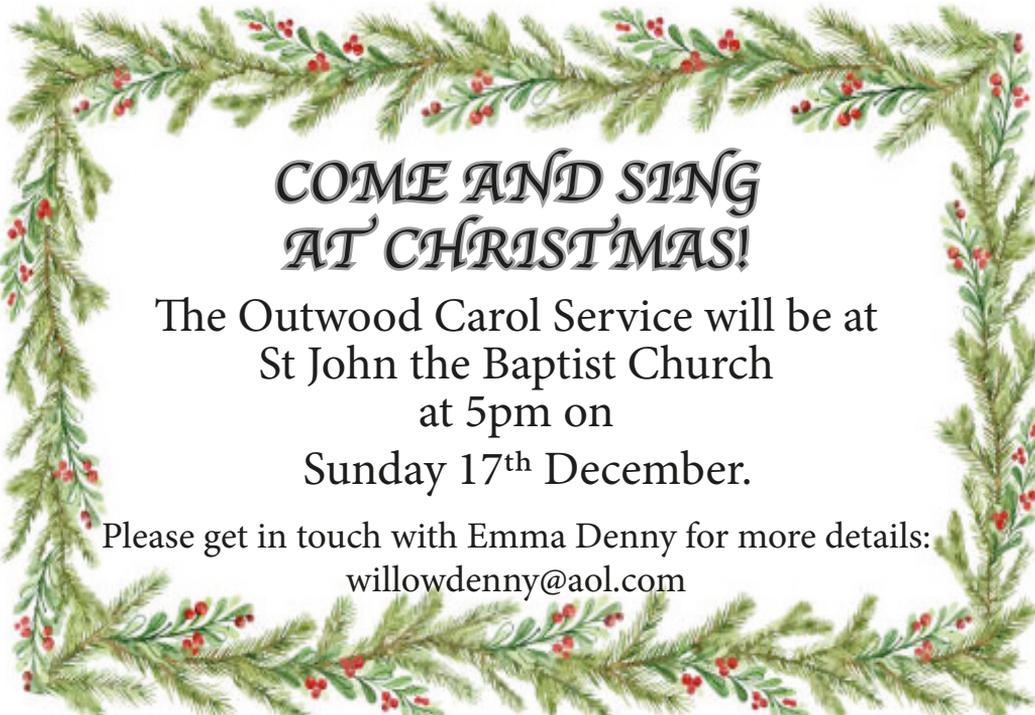
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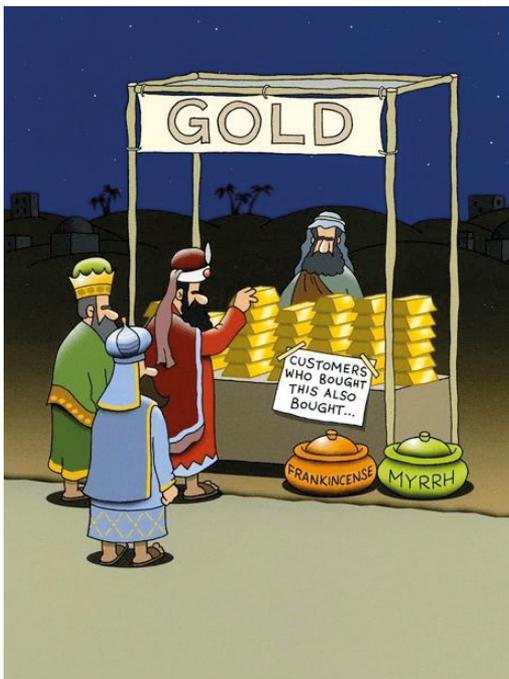
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COME AND SING AT CHRISTMAS!

The Outwood Carol Service will be at
St John the Baptist Church
at 5pm on
Sunday 17th December.

Please get in touch with Emma Denny for more details:
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NOVEMBER 2023

Whoever said that AGM meetings were boring? Thanks to the efficiency of our president, Caroline Durance, and the committee's wish to keep formal business as succinct as possible, we were treated to an interesting review of our past year's activities, followed by a swift re-election of all committee members. With our 2024 schedule booked and confirmed, we now have another year of friendship, learning and entertainment planned and ready to go!

After the general business was completed, we got into groups and enjoyed lots of different activities: a visiting crochet expert (Angela Schwarz) led a large table through the basics of her craft; committee member Liz showed another table full of ladies how to measure and fold book pages to create Christmas shapes; some members experienced their first game of mah jong; the rest played different board games. It was a convivial afternoon and we are now all looking forward to December 5th when we shall be sharing our usual Christmas lunch celebration.





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NATURE WATCH

The return of rain in late October continued through to mid-November, with some spells very heavy with strong winds, which did the usual seasonal pruning of dead tree branches but most importantly rehydrated the soil. Ditches started to flow, ponds refilled and the fungal kingdom must have breathed a sigh of relief and given four weeks of water they have responded and have begun to appear everywhere, such as the familiar Shaggy Inkcap (*Coprinus comatus*) aka Judges or Lawyers wig.



Gerald Sharp reported he had found two patches of edible mushrooms; recognised by their plain white caps, baby pink gills on the underside and the unmistakable smell. I found a colony of honey fungus (*Armillaria mellea*) had suddenly sprung up of the edge of the lawn next to a shrub border that was last badly affected over thirty years ago. This fungus which attacks a wide range of trees and shrubs often in a very random way, has light-amber brown caps with darker brown flecks and can be found across the UK and northern Europe. Other species of armillaria are found around the world. One in Canada is estimated to be between 6-8000 years of age and covers an area of 10 sq. kilometres. The fungal kingdom arose one billion years ago, whereas plants arrived 500,000 years later. It is believed that there are approximately 4 million species and they act as the earth's refuse service by feeding on detritus and breaking it down into its basic elements. They also produce enzymes, acids and other chemicals. Through their underground network of roots called mycelium some fungi (mycorrhizal) develop symbiotic relationships with plants, where mycelium burrow into their roots and supply the plants with water and nutrients and in return plants supply the fungi with sugars; without this relationship most plants and trees would not exist. Some fungi also have a mutually beneficial symbiotic relationship with algae which in turn creates lichens of which there are 1,800 in the UK and over 20,000 worldwide. Lichens fix nitrogen and breakdown rocks helping to create a stable soil structure.

Rainfall has also resulted in plenty of mole activity evidenced by the number of fresh molehills. I had a few that popped-up on the lawn so I quickly turned to the usual solution – calcium carbide - which produces plenty of smoke but causes no harm. Alas, two treatments failed and then I had the idea that moles would not like the smell of a dog. So, I scooped up some fresh dog poo and carefully placed it in the tunnels. Low and behold we've been clear of moles for over three weeks. Recently I've had a number of unusual reports. The first was from my son Andrew who was checking out a leaking roof only to find that part of the cause was squirrels that had chewed holes through the lead of a box gutter – not too good for the health of the squirrel. The second came from Alison Donald who said she had found a natterjack toad (*Epidalea calamitus*) in her garden. The natterjack is the rarest amphibian in the UK, generally found in sandy, coastal sites in the south east. They are distinguished by a yellow stripe down their backs, are smaller than the common toad and have a lifespan of up to fifteen years. The last report came from David Taylour, who helps me with the garden, and in a conversation about birds he mentioned that he used to have a local blackbird that could mimic the sound of a house alarm.

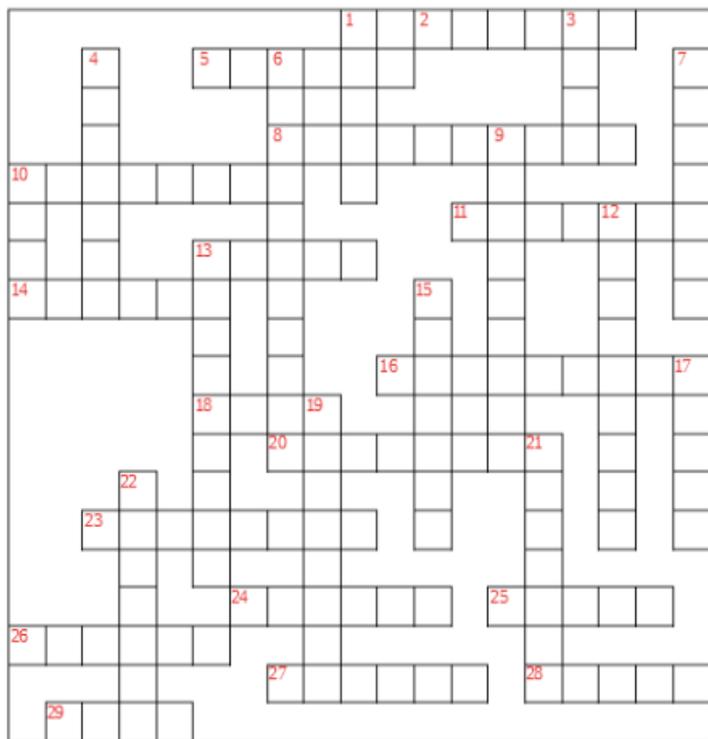
Finally, a book recommendation for Christmas: -

Entangled Life - How Fungi make our worlds, change our minds and shape our future.

By Merlin Sheldrake published by Bodley Head.

Mike F Johnson

Christmas



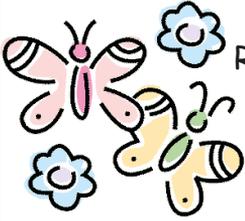
Across

- 2 Famous snowman
- 5 Traditional dairy drink
- 8 An opener or a famous ballet
- 10 Hung over the fireplace
- 11 Carrot-nosed figure
- 13 Christmas song
- 14 Circular decoration
- 16 Dance of the ____ Fairy
- 18 Tree topper
- 20 Christmas month
- 23 Tree decoration
- 24 Santa's ride
- 25 Santa's helpers
- 26 ____ Bells
- 27 Green Christmas thief
- 28 Plant with red berries
- 29 The First Christmas, "The First ____"

Down

- 1 ____ Pole
- 3 Green Christmas decoration
- 4 Mean or miserly person
- 6 Treat used to build miniature houses
- 7 How Santa gets in
- 9 Striped sweet
- 10 Frozen rain
- 12 Christmas "kissing" plant
- 13 Gift giving holiday
- 15 Little ____ Boy
- 17 ____ Christmas; A season's greeting
- 19 Rudolph and friends
- 21 Lead reindeer
- 22 Kris ____

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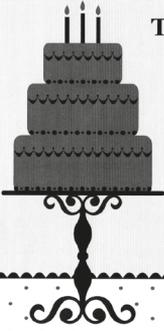
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Does anyone know about the Lloyd Family, any stories about them personally? How did they take part in village life, or maybe prop up the bar in the Bell?

I would like to write something about the family that played such a big part in Outwood's history.

The Outwood History Group meets on the first Tuesday of each month.

If you can help us, please ring David on 01342 843661

Claire Coutinho MP

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR EAST SURREY



Since I was elected, I've held regular surgeries with local residents to talk about the issues that matter to them.

I've also been holding regular remote surgeries by telephone, so if you need any help or want to raise an issue of importance to you, please don't hesitate to email or call me to set up a meeting.

Claire



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OUTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

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Just a reminder to those who have concerns/complaints about planning breaches. These should be reported online to Tandridge District Council.

What if someone does not follow the planning rules? - Tandridge District Council

Have your say on local policing as ‘policing your community’ roadshow returns

RESIDENTS will get the chance to have their say on policing in their local communities as Surrey Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner team up to hold a series of public engagement events over the next three months.

The ‘Policing Your Community’ events will take place until 29 January 2024 and offer residents the opportunity to put their questions about local policing to the Commissioner Lisa Townsend, Chief Constable Tim De Meyer and the Inspector responsible for local policing where they live.

New Chief Constable Tim De Meyer was appointed by the Commissioner in April and will talk about the current challenges and plans for Surrey Police.

The events throughout this winter will also take place ahead of the Commissioner’s consultation on the amount that residents will contribute towards policing from next year’s council tax, giving residents a chance to learn more about how their money is used both visibly - and behind the scenes - to boost crime fighting across Surrey.

For those that can’t make it, additional virtual events will take place online for each borough and district from Monday 8 January to 29 January 2024. To see more information about registering for all events please see <https://surrey-pcc.gov.uk/policing-your-community>

Chief Constable Tim De Meyer said: “We want to provide the best possible policing service and it is extremely important that our residents are kept up to date. These events will enable us to speak to the public about current challenges and our plans for Surrey Police and are an opportunity for you to ask questions. It would be great to see as many of you there as possible.”

The Parish Council will be setting its budget in the next month or so. And the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on 3rd January 2024, when the budget will be approved and the precept for the coming year set.

In the mean time we would like to wish you all
a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND ALL OUR MEETINGS

Wednesday 3rd January 2024, 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

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Meetings are held each month except August and December

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St John the Baptist, Outwood

Services in December and January

Sunday 3 December

- 8 am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion at St Mary, Horne
- 10 am Joint Windmill United Benefice Advent Carol Service at St Bartholomew, Burstow

Saturday 9 and Sunday 10 December

Festive Firs in the church (see page 3 for details)

Sunday 10 December

- 11 am Holy Communion

Sunday 17 December

- 5 pm **Outwood Carol Service** *(no morning service today)*

Christmas Eve, 24 December

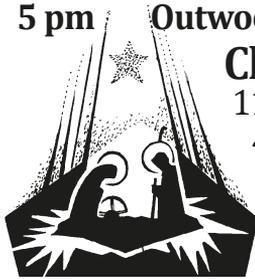
11 am Holy Communion

4.00 pm **Crib service with carols**

11.30 pm Midnight Mass at St Mary, Horne

Christmas Day, 25 December

11.00 am **Christmas Communion**



Sunday 31 December

- 10 am Joint service of Holy Communion in Smallfield Church Hall

Sunday 7 January

- 8 am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion at St Mary, Horne
- 10 am Joint service for Epiphany and Nicholas's last service at St Mary, Horne

Sunday 14 January

- 11 am Holy Communion

Sunday 21 January

- 11 am Morning Worship

Sunday 28 January

- 11 am Joint service of Holy Communion for Candlemas

DIARY OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

Tuesday 5th	WI MEETING - Christmas Lunch 12.30pm - Lloyd Hall	
Saturday 9th	CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR 2.00-4.30pm - St John's Church	
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Sunday 17th	OUTWOOD CAROL SERVICE 5.00pm - St. John's Church	<i>(See page 6)</i>

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Wednesday 3rd	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7.30pm - Church Room	
Friday 19th	LHMC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 8.00pm - Lloyd Hall	
Tuesday 30th	FILM CLUB - 'The Great Escaper' 7.30 for 8.00pm - Lloyd Hall	

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 19th January 2024

8.00pm

Lloyd Hall, Brickfield Road, Outwood RH1 5QX

At the AGM officers of the Committee will resign and stand for re-election.

Current nominations for these posts are:

Chair: Richard Pollard

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Secretary: Vacant

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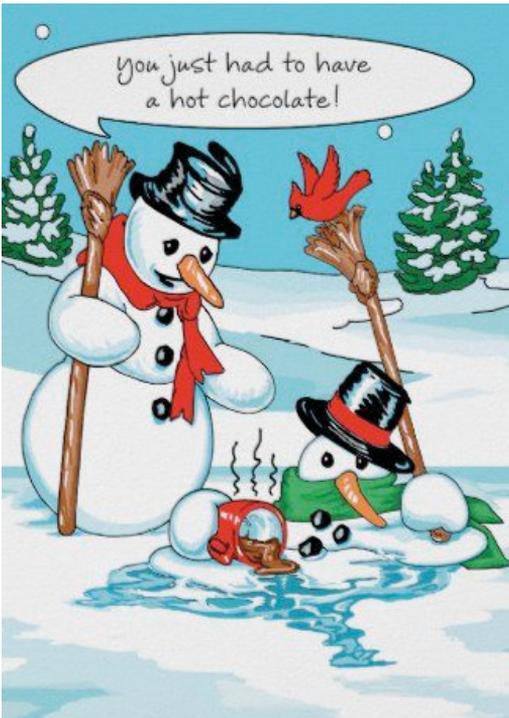
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Outwood Horticultural Society aims to enrich members' lives through plants and gardening to make our community a greener and more beautiful place. Membership is open to all and new members are very welcome.

Now is a good time to be dividing perennials. If you have any clumps to spare, we'd be very grateful if you could pot them up and bring them along to our plant sale next spring.

Dates for your diary

Plant Sale	Saturday 4th May 10-12 St John's Churchyard
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Nick and I are already planning next year...

Our Christmas Fayre Menu, as always, is proving very popular and will be available until 23rd December, Monday to Saturdays. Just give us a call on 01342 891 835 to book this menu, and Vickie will take care of everything for you.

Although Christmas Day has been fully booked for a while, with "Christmas, being Christmas," we recommend booking your table for any other day that you prefer, as we do expect to be busy throughout, including the New Year into January. (See our social media for any opening time changes).

After the New Year tidy up, we will set up and ready for January with our **Burns Night supper on Thursday 25th January**. Expect neeps, tatties and a few wee drams. Kilts optional. Bring your own bagpipes!

We'll follow this at The Bell with Outwood's **Wassail on February 3rd** and if you have any used real Christmas Trees left, we'll use them! Simply have them dropped off with us and we'll make sure they're added to our huge bonfire for the night. (The collection area is the fenced/gated area in the corner of our main car park). This traditional evening of fun, folk music, the torchlit procession and a few drinkies in Outwood seems to get bigger every year, so pop February 3rd into your diary and join us.

Scottie & our Chefs have Chinese New Year all sown up, with Helen Chong both planning some delicious authentic dishes to begin the **Chinese Year of The Dragon**. Another date, **Saturday 10th February**, to pop in your diary followed shortly after by **Valentines Day on the 14th**.

It really won't be long, once the daffodils appear, and we'll be into Easter and the rest of our 2024 here at The Bell.

We've had a wonderful year here at The Bell starting with Wassail back in January and a Coronation weekend that our old pub will never forget. Jane Austen set up her open-air theatre in our garden with her "Sense and Sensibility" - an evening of fun, theatre, and scandalous chatter. Followed shortly after by The Bard himself with his hilarious "Twelfth Night". Now, distant memories of warm summer evenings in our garden are all that remain.

As chillier evenings set in, Mussels' night welcomed in the fresh season for these tasty beauties, and our bubbling fondue has taken off, keeping many cheese fanatics very happy, with Scottie's smoking ovens also proving wonderful. Especially for developing clever and tasty ideas, using as much local produce as possible. Bonfire and Firework Night came and went in a flash but will be remembered, albeit wet, as a fantastic night raising lots of funds for HAM Charity.

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