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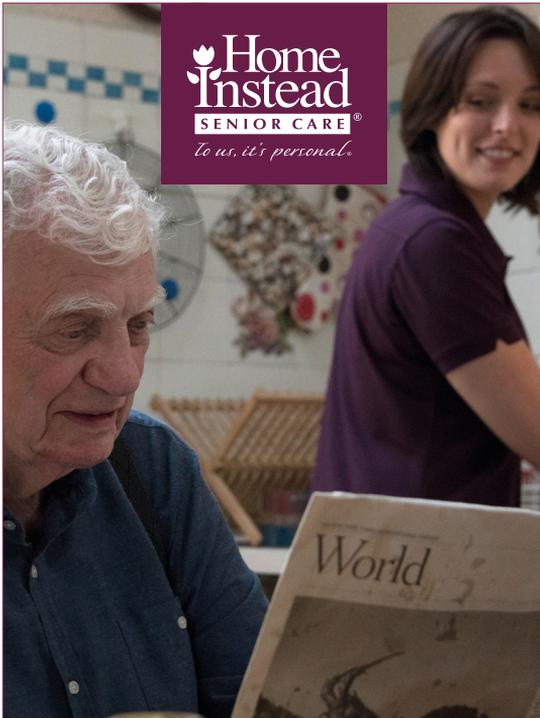


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# ROGER MESSENGER

To most in Outwood “Roger” quite simply meant Roger Messenger – trustee of the charity Lloyd Hall, long-time chair of Lloyd Hall Management Committee, some-time chair of the Village Show Committee, fundraising auctioneer *par excellence*, classic car enthusiast, musician and band leader plus commander-in-chief of three charismatic golden retrievers. A connoisseur of the finer things in life, a little known fact is that he was also fluent in Russian!

Very sadly, Outwood News reports that Roger has died after a tragic accident in his home.

Roger’s enthusiasm for and inspirational influence on the village was boundless. It was in very large part his leadership, expertise, negotiating skills and sheer hard work over many years which turned into reality the concept of demolishing the old Lloyd Hall and creating a new one.

It will be no surprise that in his professional life Roger was also of considerable influence. Senior partner of a London firm of surveyors with origins back in the 1840’s, twice president of the IRRV, Institute of Revenues, Rating and Valuation, chairman of TEGoVA, The European Group of Valuers’ Associations, which is a pan-European association of 70,000 registered valuers – and more. Roger was amongst the top few in his field and was regularly called upon either to act as expert witness or to arbitrate in high profile legal cases.

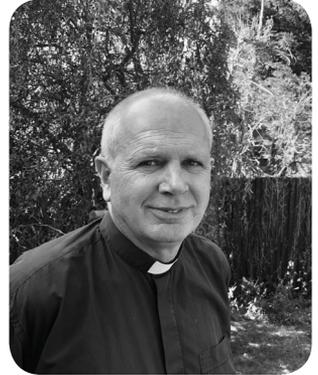
Roger put all that expertise and background knowledge to great effect for the benefit of Outwood.

Roger will be remembered for his great kindness, wise advice, sense of humour and friendship.

Outwood will always be grateful to Roger and he will be greatly missed.

## Rector's Ramblings

One of the things that has struck me about writing my magazine letters this year is how fast the situation changes. Editorial and printing deadlines mean I write two or three weeks before the beginning of the month I'm writing for and I'm left wondering what our world be like by the time you come to read what I'm writing – and this month especially so. For the first time in my ministry I'm not yet certain how to plan the Christmas services this year. There will definitely be Christmas services on our website ([www.windmillchurches.co.uk](http://www.windmillchurches.co.uk)) but at this point, whether we may also be allowed services in church and what form they might take, who knows?



This has been the year when everything has been different, and different in ways that would have been unimaginable at the beginning of the year. Maybe you're feeling the same uncertainties about plans for Christmas as well. Thinking of plans reminds of the saying *The best laid plans of mice and men often go awry*, adapted from Rabbin Burns (and after all this is a New Year letter as well so it seems appropriate to bring him in!). His poem *To a mouse* is an apology from a ploughman to a mouse for accidentally destroying the mouse's home. In the poem the mouse's plans are disrupted by man but one Christmas, 200 years ago in a little village in Austria, a mouse disrupted man's plans. . .

The story goes that the day before Christmas, Christmas Eve, the church organ had broken down – a mouse had eaten a hole in the bellows. The young pastor of the church wondered what to do – it would be a silent night without the organ – and with that he remembered the poem he'd written a couple of years earlier 'Silent night'. He showed it to the organist who there and then wrote out a simple tune to be played on a guitar. And that night at midnight mass the priest and the organist sang the song to the congregation – and a carol was born. *Silent night* is a beautiful carol, originally written in German and translated into nearly 300 languages and dialects across the world.

Throughout this year we have lived with so much uncertainty and as Christmas approaches uncertainty is still with us. But Silent Night tells of the birth of the Christ child and of the light and love of God that he brings into the world. What the Christmas story is all about. In our uncertainty the celebration of Christmas reminds us of the certainty that the most important things in the world are love and kindness – and at heart they are the same thing. And I think if the pandemic has taught us anything, as individuals, as a community and as a world, it has taught us that.

# CHURCH NEWS

So however uncertain your plans are for Christmas, the timeless certainty of the message of Christmas sounds out across the years. And this year especially (though this is also true of every year), it tells us that the best things we can ever do, the best ways we can live our lives, come from love and kindness, sharing them, spreading them around, reaching out to one another and bringing the light and life and love of God into the world.

And you know, one thing I'm certain of, one way or another, is that we will be singing Silent Night this Christmas:

*Silent night! Holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from Thy Holy Face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy Birth!  
Jesus, Lord, at Thy Birth!*

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**Nicholas**

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## **DECEMBER SERVICES IN CHURCH, ONLINE AND ON CD**

At time of writing no services are allowed in church, though hopefully, this will have changed by the time you read this. The latest information about services can be found on the church website ([www.windmillchurches.co.uk](http://www.windmillchurches.co.uk)) and on the noticeboard at the church. But whatever the guidelines about services taking place in church, all the December and Christmas services will be available on our website.

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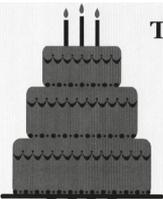
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## Outwood Branch

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On behalf of the Outwood Branch of the Royal British Legion, I would like to thank each and every one of you who donated to this year's disrupted Poppy appeal. By the size of the donations of which I am personally aware, you were most generous and for those of you who would like to make a donation even now, lines are still open!

Let us all hope and pray that on 11/11/2021 we will be able to commemorate those who gave their lives, in a more appropriate manner again.

**Paul Daniels**

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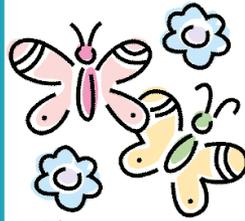
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# NATURE WATCH

Autumn colours have been glorious and many trees have been hanging onto their leaves, particularly the oaks that from a distance, look a dull, reddish brown but when the sun shines the colour changes to a glistening bronze. High winds, mainly the leftovers of Caribbean hurricanes, have been a regular feature over the last two months but I always think of them as nature's broom usually piling leaves in the difficult to reach corners. From mid October to mid November the general pattern was for generally mild conditions but with one or two frosty nights at the half-way stage, which finished off the dahlias. The last of the swallows left for their winter quarters in late October to fly south over the west of France, Spain, Morocco and the Sahara down to South Africa. By early November wood pigeon numbers increased locally with the arrival of flocks of birds from the north as they migrate to their winter feeding grounds in the south and south west of the country.

The cooler moist conditions of autumn are ideal for fungi, when many produce their fruiting bodies, such as the white caps of the edible ones including field mushrooms and the chef's favourite the chanterelles, or the toxic or downright poisonous such as the white spotted bright red toadstool the fly agaric. Fungi are fascinating organisms and there is no doubt that without them life on earth could not exist. There are believed to be between 1 and 3 million species worldwide of which about 120,000 have been identified. Here in the UK there are over fifteen thousand, hence the reason that it is often difficult to identify some of the more unusual or uncommon ones. Such was the case at a property near South Park manor when I came across what at first seemed to be dark brown, almost black, fallen leaves on the front lawn. On closer examination and research they turned out to be Bay Cup fungi (*Peziza badia*) one of a family of over a hundred species of fungi that grow on old wood and dung and can be found across Europe and parts of Asia. Bay refers to the reddish brown colour of the young fungi which darken to almost black as they age. An unusual feature is the method of spore distribution in that wind-blown particles landing in the cup trigger the release of spores.

It was back in October 2010 that I mentioned on a visit to my daughter Elaine's in northern France, I saw, for the first time, a swallowtail butterfly, which is a slightly different to our rare sub species found in Norfolk. However, an even bigger surprise was to receive a photograph from Elaine, once again taken in her garden, of a scarce swallowtail (*Iphiclydes podalirius*), also called a sail or pear-tree butterfly. It is very rare in the UK but fairly common across Europe. The wings are delta shaped with black tiger stripes and span of between 6.5 and 8cms; the main host plant is blackthorn.

An exciting piece of good news to end the year is that the UK is creating a 690,000 square kilometre protected marine reserve around Tristan da Cunha, which will be over three times the size of the UK.

Finally a couple of books that will make great reads over Christmas;

**Crow Country** by Mark Cocker published by Vintage provides a fascinating insight into the lives of rooks.

**The Salt Path** by Raynor Winn published by Michael Joseph tells the story of a walk around the South West Coastal Path.



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# OUTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

## NOVEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**Planning Matters** We were joined, this evening, by some extra local residents, keen to discuss the planning application: **2020/1461, The Standard, Brickfield Rd, Establishment of an annual temporary (April to October) glamping site (max 10 Bell tents)**. The residents expressed concern that not all the comments submitted were appearing on the website. District Councillor (Cllr) Harry Fitzgerald reassured the residents that the planning officer responsible would ensure all the comments would be considered before a decision is made. Cllr Jane Howard advised that comments have been submitted on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Fitzgerald has followed up with the planning officer to ensure all comments, submitted in whichever format, would be attached to the application.

Eleanor, our local **National Trust** Ranger, is back in her office and the Volunteers hope to be able to get back to work in the spring

Plans to install additional **Defibrillators** in the village continues with plans for one to be installed at the Dog & Duck.

**Castle Asset of Community Value** - please see elsewhere in this issue

Cllr Howard will be progressing with the project to install a **natural play trail** in the woods

**Our local MP, Claire Coutinho, has initiated a Local Roads Survey for Burstow, Horne & Outwood.** By now you should have had one through your door.

**If you have any concerns at all** about the use of our roads by HGV's you should complete the survey and return it to Clare as soon as possible. It is vital that residents complete and return the survey, to provide evidence of the HGV levels travelling along and through our local areas. **Please include details of the roads you feel are most affected.** If you have not received the survey please do get in touch and we will get one to you.

### **Sustainable Outwood**

The application for funds to carry out the feasibility study has been submitted to the Energy Hub. We should know the result of the application in January

**Members of the public are invited to attend our meetings. Please contact [parish.clerk@outwood.org](mailto:parish.clerk@outwood.org) and you will be sent a link to the Zoom meeting**

**Next Meeting: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> of January at 8pm**

*For meeting agendas and minutes and any current planning applications please visit the website at [www.outwood.org](http://www.outwood.org) and click on Parish Council*

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subsequently reversed that call,  
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are taken and masks are worn.

However, I have to say that with  
the winter temperatures and  
likely weather/light conditions  
being poor for the most part now,  
it's doubtful that we will have  
anything to report for the next  
couple of months.

My thanks to the volunteers for  
remaining willing and I hope we  
can resume a full service in 2021.  
To them and everyone else, have  
as good a Christmas & New Year  
as possible and  
keep safe and well.

## KNOW YOUR LIMITS ...

Nigel Shaw

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

of the Lloyd Hall Management Committee

will be held (*probably using Zoom*) on

**Friday 29th January 2021 at 8.00pm**

Please contact Jane Forbat ([lhmc@lloydhall.org](mailto:lhmc@lloydhall.org)) if you wish to attend this meeting.

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## November Results

For details of the 50/50 club contact Robin Kirkland - [robin@boralo.com](mailto:robin@boralo.com)

## OUTWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NOVEMBER REPORT



Hi Outwood news readers.

My name is Jo-Anne and I have recently taken over the Neighbourhood Watch from Jane Weston so this is only my 2nd month of updating everyone.

The main notice I have this month is a "caution" when driving on A25 from Bletchingly to Godstone. There seems to be a lot more activity from the notorious "Catapult Gang". They are randomly shooting at passing cars as well as home windows. The latest sightings are of the assailants hiding behind the trees along that stretch of road and then darting out to catapult using stones or whatever they can find on the ground. Observers have said that you can see the torch light from their phones if you look carefully. The police are finding it incredibly hard to catch or identify anyone - lets hope they do so soon.

Outwood village has been quiet - which is very pleasing to write, except for the incredibly annoying "Fly Tipping". Many readers came across the incident in Wasps Green Lane where the culprits dumped a Bath, Asbestos, roofing and much more blocking the road to traffic and then again a week later along Brickfield Road numerous Tyres and Mattresses were stewn along from the Dog and Duck to the Butcher. I feel so angry when I see and hear about the Fly Tipping, in fact it brings the vigilante out in me and I feel I want to don a Balaclava and walk the streets after dark with a Torch and Infra red camera so we can catch whoever is using our wonderful village as a Rubbish Bin. I cannot see a way of stopping it all the time the council recycling tips such as Earlswood ask all Van/Truck owners to have a license and additionally charge on entry and charge everyone in a car for Plasterboard, Rubble, etc. There is a way we can help fight back, if you see any Flytipping and have your phone camera ready - take a picture and you can upload it onto an App called "ClearWaste" It was created by a guy in Manchester who was "fed up with the Fly Tippers". You don't have to have a photo but it does help. All councils are on board country wide and the information goes straight to the council and it means they can monitor the problem Countrywide. There is also the Tandridge Council website you can report the problem to.

The page is <https://www.tandridge.gov.uk/Parking-streets-and-transport/Streets/Flytipping>

To round off this months update, If you do not receive the Neighbourhood Watch notices by email or popped into your letterbox please let me know and I will "fix it for you" but without the Balaclava!

**Jo-Anne Barber**

**07967 157402**

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# THE FUTURE OF 'THE CASTLE' – REMINDER

Following last month's update regarding The Castle, this is a reminder that there is significant interest in the village in setting up a community interest group, and investigating the possibility/feasibility of purchasing The Castle, and this was strongly confirmed from the recent online survey regarding The Castle's future.

However, in order to progress this initiative further we need volunteers to come forward to form a steering group/committee – particularly if you have professional skills such as business management; financial management/accountancy; legal; hospitality; fundraising; marketing/PR/social media; authoring/writing skills. If you are interested in helping in any way, or would simply like an informal discussion about what this would entail, do please get in touch via the email below.

Please don't be put off if you feel you don't have any of the above specific skills., or don't wish to join a formal committee at this stage. We definitely need general assistance, involvement and support too! We are also fully aware that everyone has other calls on their time and energy, so this doesn't have to be a case of a regular, fixed commitment, but more about doing what you can, when you can. While we've got a good group coming together now, this will really help to 'spread the load' too.

If you feel you can help in any way, do please get in touch!

**Patrick Jenn**

**Email: [pjenn36203@aol.com](mailto:pjenn36203@aol.com)**



## **VOLUNTEER TO HELP FIND THE VACCINE FOR COVID-19**

Join the national effort and sign up for the **NHS COVID-19 vaccine research registry**. Be part of the fightback against the virus by volunteering to be contacted by researchers to take part in COVID-19 vaccine research.

There are a number of vaccines being identified, but only large-scale studies can give researchers the information needed about how effective they are.

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) is working with the NHS and aims to recruit as many people as possible onto the registry, which will allow people to be put in touch with the vaccine studies in the coming months.

Researchers are looking for people from all backgrounds, ages and parts of the UK - including both people with or without existing health conditions - to take part in vaccine studies, to make sure that any vaccines developed will work for everyone.

The service is available to anyone aged 18 or over, living in the UK. There is no obligation to join in any study, if you are contacted. But by taking part, you could help researchers find vaccines to protect us all more quickly - which in turn could help the NHS and save lives.

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**challis668@btinternet.com**

With so many fundraising events cancelled this year, we had to come up with alternative ways of raising funds for the hospice.

Our **virtual quiz and supper** evening during lockdown last month was a great success with 109 quizzers taking part.

Thank you to everyone who participated.

We raised over £1000!

**Wishing everyone a very merry Christmas and Happy New Year.**

### THANK YOU

I would like to thank Theo Charlesworth for helping to keep our village free of rubbish for the past year as part of his D of E award...

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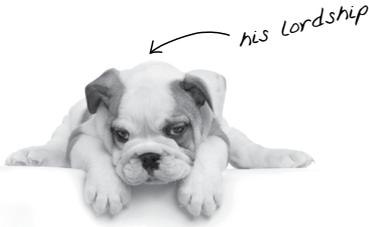
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# SUSTAINABLE OUTWOOD - UPDATE

The Rural Community Energy Fund (RCEF) funding application (mark 2) is in!

This funding (if awarded) will cover a study of approximately 15 weeks long (February-May 2021) looking at the feasibility of a **renewable 'heat network'**, amongst other renewable energy options, to replace Outwood's reliance on oil/LPG gas. As part of this, the study will cover the technical, financial, governance, community engagement/benefit and business assessment elements and **we expect to hear the funding result in the last week of January.**

Understanding your opinions, ideas and concerns are of primary importance and a critical part of the feasibility study will be to reach out and fully engage with as many people in the village as possible.

*This is a vital part of the study and we really hope that residents will be happy to find out more!*

Following extensive liaison with the Greater South East Energy hub, the Sustainable Outwood sub-committee embarked on a new tender process, sending out 7 Invitation To Tenders (ITT) to relevant companies.

(The ITT is available to view at [www.outwood.org](http://www.outwood.org) – Sustainable Outwood – Documents)

The committee worked hard, interviewing relevant companies by Zoom, reading and scoring tenders and finally deciding on our preferred company - a 'consortium' of three firms, all experienced with this kind of project. After being voted through by Outwood Parish Council, the application for £40K was put in on 5th November. All costs of the study will be covered by the grant and OPC will not be liable for any expenditure.

We are very much following in the footsteps of other communities such as Swaffham Prior, Cambridgeshire ([www.heatingswaffhamprior.co.uk](http://www.heatingswaffhamprior.co.uk)) and will apply the learning from their project to our own.

In July 2020, CBI released a report recommending the move away from domestic oil and gas boilers in all homes in the UK by 2035. This pushes UK policy further from its current position which bans oil and gas boilers in new homes.

There is an interesting article on the topic on Swaffham Prior's website - Aug 27th 2020 – the Future of Oil and Gas.

Renewable heat networks are very much the 'norm' in Denmark (Nearly 60% of citizens are served by these – having grown from 34.4% in 2005) and we will benefit from a Danish engineering firm involved in our study.

Outwood Parish Council and the sub-committee have the full backing of our local MP, Claire Coutinho, who is writing a letter of support to the Energy Hub, and has featured our project(s) on her facebook page (October 17th 2020 entry.)

Our local Surrey County Councillors, Rose Thorn and Jonathan Essex are also extremely supportive.

**Find out more in the following ways: (including our funding application result at the end of January 2021)**

- Updates on [www.outwood.org](http://www.outwood.org) website - under 'Sustainable Outwood'
- Monthly 'Sustainable Outwood' updates in the Outwood News
- Follow Outwood Climate Change Community on facebook
- Email Fi Mellington (Co-Chair Sustainable Outwood) / Nick Wyer (OPC Vice Chair) on [sustainableoutwood@outwood.org](mailto:sustainableoutwood@outwood.org) with any questions, feedback or ideas.
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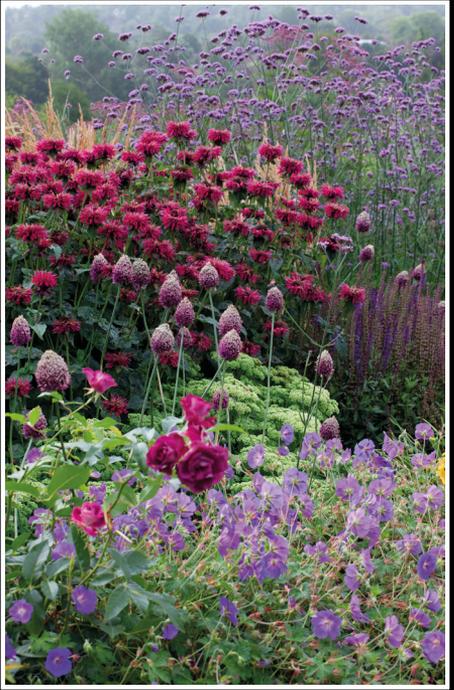
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