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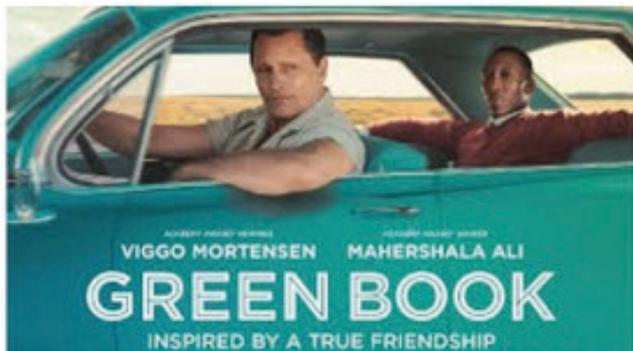
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HOW YOU CAN HELP: Bake a batch or two of flapjacks (recipes below), donate some of the ingredients (see sample recipes, we have enough syrup already) or even a pound or two toward the cost of ingredients which are bought in bulk from Bookers.

Donations of money or ingredients can be left with either Michelann Pollard or Pat Hewett by 10th June.

Will has kindly agreed to keep a pot at Outwood Butchers for cash donations. Donations of flapjacks can be left any time up to the evening of the 15th of June. Collection can be arranged, please just contact either Michelann or Pat, contact details below.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES: If you can spare some time on either Wednesday 12th June or Sunday 16th June, we need volunteers.

On the 12th we will have a massive “bulk bake” at the Lloyd Hall during the coffee morning. Come help with the measuring, stirring and inevitable washing up! Very social gathering and a great way to meet people if you are new to the village.

On the 16th we will need volunteers to man the stall or to walk around the grounds of the Dog and Duck selling from a tray. If you have never helped on the day, it is great fun. The atmosphere is fantastic and many of the regular cyclists look forward to our flapjacks every year.

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CHURCH NEWS

Rector's Ramblings

I've always loved connecting with the past and the sense of being part of something that is much older than I am and as part of that I like the sense of age and history attached to the three churches of the benefice: St Bartholomew's, Burstow, the oldest of my three churches, dates back a thousand years and St Mary the Virgin Horne eight hundred years.

St John the Baptist, Outwood is a comparative baby, but it is celebrating a significant birthday this year – its 150th.

The foundation stone was laid on 24 May 1869 by the daughter of the Rector of Burstow and it was consecrated on 23 December 1869 by the Bishop of Winchester. The new parish of Outwood was created from parts of the parishes of Burstow, Horne, Nutfield, Horley, and Bletchingley. As the date set by the Christian church for the birthday of John the Baptist is 24 June, our celebrations of the church's 150th birthday will take place on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 June.



I know I won't have a 150th birthday but on my 50th birthday I went and sat in the middle of Stonehenge, surrounded by those solid and stable standing stones. They were 5,000 years old, I was 50 and I had a sense of being connected to something much bigger than just my own life. The people who built Stonehenge would have used it as a communal clock, marking as it does both the winter solstice sunset and the summer solstice sunrise and the change of seasons associated with them. Marking the seasons was something I took back with me from my annual retreat in February. This year I stayed at Launde Abbey in Leicestershire and the week was run by Brian Draper, author of a book called *Soulfulness*. Both on the retreat and in his book he emphasises the importance of marking the seasons: *the rhythm of the seasons speaks deeply to us and connects us at a profound level with the universe and its own rhythms and cycles and seasons*. One of the best ways to connect, he says, is by gardening or, more simply, just by being outside, particularly on equinoxes and solstices. I was glad I was able to mark the spring equinox this year by being outside with the National Trust volunteers tending the apple orchard at Sandhills farm. The summer solstice this year is on Friday 21 June and I'd like to mark that, not by joining the hordes at Stonehenge, but by simply being outside at sunrise, albeit at quarter to five in the morning! For me it will be a fitting start to Outwood's 150th celebrations because of the way it connects me with the past and the passing of time.

CHURCH NEWS

The celebrations at Outwood also mark the restoration of the outside stonework and a special service with the Bishop of Croydon on Sunday 23 June will begin outside with a blessing of this work. We may think of stones as lifeless things but the stones of my three churches, like the stones of Stonehenge, seem full of spiritual energy, not least because of the people whose lives have connected with them, as the hymn *In our day of thanksgiving* reminds us:

*These stones that have echoed their praises are holy,
And dear is the ground where their feet have once trod;
Yet here they confessed they were strangers and pilgrims,
And still they were seeking the city of God.*

And so like the solstice which precedes it, the St John the Baptist celebrations connect me with the past and the passing of time. And that is something that we all need to do 'from time to time'. Perhaps you might like to think how you could do that in a way that works for you – and it doesn't mean you have to be up at quarter to five in the morning!

With love and prayers

Nicholas

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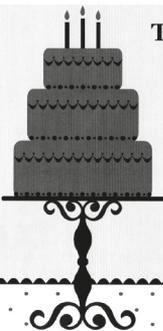
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The 150th anniversary of St John the Baptist, Outwood will be marked on Saturday 22nd June with a Heritage Day (see front cover for details) and the service on Sunday 23rd June with the Bishop of Croydon is at 11am (see church calendar for details).

Do join in celebrating this special anniversary at one or both of these events.



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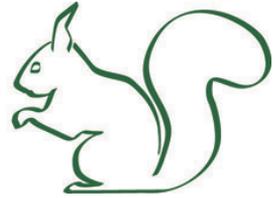


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The Centre finally opened for pre-booked tours in 1998, with David doing everything himself; looking after the animals and giving guided tours, with a friend helping out with the admin. The Centre opened fully to the public in 2000 and has been growing slowly but steadily ever since, with over 20 staff now employed.

David's inspirations for the Centre were his heroes, pioneering conservationists, Sir Peter Scott, Gerald Durrell and John Aspinall, who had started their own wildlife centres. John Aspinall actively encouraged his keepers to form close bonds with the animals and provide a stimulating environment to encourage natural behaviour; a policy we wholeheartedly embrace here at the Centre.

We are sometimes asked why we do not open every day. The reason is that on weekdays in term time we specialise in school visits and other exclusive visits. We can then focus on teaching children to appreciate and respect Britain's own wonderful native wild species, so that they may develop a life-long interest in their protection and survival. Our philosophy can be summed up as 'Conservation through Education'.

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MAY MEETING

This month's sunshine has inspired our members to enjoy colourful local gardens available, and groups have visited Pashley Manor, Leonardslee Gardens and Standen – not to mention walking through the celebrated Outwood bluebells.

Our monthly meeting gave us the chance to give votes of confidence to the annual resolutions suggested by the National Federation: lobbying for maintaining precious local buses, especially in rural areas; encouraging all women to book appointments for regular smear tests which are known to reduce deaths from cervical cancer. Last year's media and government interest in plastic soup, and damage being caused to our planet through waste plastics, was greatly inspired by the WI's national focus on bringing these concerns to the fore. Today's WI possesses a loud enough voice to make a difference on important issues; we are not just about having fun!

Rather than hosting an outside speaker, we were treated to some in-house entertainment at the May meeting. Our play reading group, who meet monthly to enjoy sharing different scripts, gave a performance of "The Book Club of Little Witterington", a lively comic play about a group of ladies who meet regularly to share opinions about a chosen book. The chosen book ("On the Beach" by Nevil Shute) does not feature very heavily in the discussion, however, as most of the group are much more interested in the recent events at the village show, when the vicar was caught in passionate embrace with a married woman! Many thanks to Barbara Garton for organising the group and directing them in what proved to be a highly entertaining interlude.

In ongoing projects, our Pins and Needles group continue to produce knitted items for local hospitals and Romania, while our craft group created some beautiful toiletry bags for the mothers at the Reigate women's refuge. New skills will be learned at the two specialised classes planned for this month: handling your sewing machine and felting.

Our next meeting will be at 2.30pm on 4th June; it is another open meeting where we are happy to greet visitors. Our speaker will be Michael Laikin who will be exhibiting and valuing antiques at our own Outwood Antiques Roadshow!

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NATURE WATCH

After the very warm weather at Easter, by late April temperatures started to dip as the airstream moved first to easterly and then north westerly as we progressed into May. Conditions remained dry and cold with strong winds, putting a check on plant growth and, unusually for the time of year, cracks started appearing across the fields but by the second week rain finally arrived and showery weather continued for a few days. Almost overnight the yellowish colour of the grass changed to a more vibrant, lively green. The winds abated, temperatures rose a little, wild flowers bloomed, trees and shrubs seemed to put on more leaf and there were more insects in the air. More insects mean more birds and as if on cue I saw my first swallow of the year flying low over the back fields and then, moments later, I saw my first skylark, which sprung out of the grass and spiralled up and up singing as it went. Skylarks don't migrate in the normal sense rather, in winter they move to coastal marshes and old stubble. In the same week, working as a member of a small team carrying out survey work for the National Trust to the north of Burstow Park Farm, we were delighted to see a small group of lapwings (*Vanellus vanellus*), which are also known as peewits or green plovers and now on the conservation Red List. The males were putting on a wonderful, tumbling, aerial display and then flying round in their trademark lapping, flapping style with regular flashing of the black and white wing feathers. A subsequent conversation with the farmer Jim Nicholson revealed that lapwings had been nesting on two areas of ploughed land for nearly a fortnight but suddenly vanished only to reappear a couple of weeks later. However, it seems likely that the reason for their initial departure was due to foxes, which were regularly grid searching the fields. Another surprise sighting was of a brown hare, which emerged from a wilded area, caught sight of us and then set off quickly in its loping gait down the edge of the plough. They are not uncommon in the area but are not often seen, however, good news came again from Jim when he said that he had seen a group of leverets in February.

Probable due to the mild weather early in the year, butterflies seem to be putting on a great show earlier than usual and in particular I cannot remember a year in which there were so many Orange-tips around. The Orange-tip (*Anthocaris cardamines*) is a medium sized butterfly and the male has a bright patch of orange on the tip of the upper surface of each wing and a black thorax whilst the female, which can be mistaken for a small white butterfly, has a black spot on the upper surface of each wing, and as with the male, the wing reverse is white overlaid with small, irregular patches of grey and yellow. Their host plants include the annual, Garlic Mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*), Ladies Smock (*Cardamine pratensis*), Honesty, and Herb Robert. Other butterflies to show early have included the Common Blue, Peacocks and Speckled Wood.



The latest reports include two on the same subject with Pat and Terry Miles and Yvonne sighting a badger on the bend in Bellwether Lane plus stories of unexplained holes in nearby gardens - which may or may not be connected. Lastly, I heard my first cuckoo on 12 May but Gerald Sharpe heard one the previous week.

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MAY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Cllrs Jane Howard and Nick Wyer were elected as Parish Council Chair and Vice-Chair respectively.

Colin White - newly elected District Councillor was welcomed to the meeting. Enforcement notices are being served on Sawmills this week. Graveyard extension – compulsory purchase of land is progressing.

National Trust: The Parish Council will write a letter to support the proposed extension of the new path in the woods and are exploring the possibility of erecting some trim trail equipment along the path.

MUGA/Wells field: A new contractor needs to be found to cut the grass. Quotes will be obtained.

Motion: The Parish Council resolves to contact TDC and SCC to request that they put climate change initiatives into their action plans, and make public the steps they are taking to become carbon neutral. Proposed by Cllr Howard, seconded Cllr Yeldham. A letter will be drafted and the County and District councillors will also ask for Council Policies.

Motion: The Parish Council resolves to consider ways the Council and Outwood residents can reduce carbon emissions locally. Proposed by Cllr Howard, seconded Cllr Yeldham. The Council will seek ideas and offers of help from residents. If anyone has any ideas or would like to help please let us know.

Highways: No action to date by SCC to the road sign audit that was done in December. Cllr Thorn will chase up with Surrey Highways. Water still present on Outwood Lane which may be originating from a water main.

Lloyd Hall: Fund raising for the car parking project will take place. Cheese and wine evening for residents on Friday May 24th.

Aviation and transport: Meeting at Gatwick this week to present new route 4 plans to Parish Councils. Ian Frow will attend.

Next meeting: Tuesday 11th June 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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Saturday, 1 June

2-4 pm Afternoon teas in Outwood Churchyard

Sunday, 2 June

11 am Morning Worship

Pentecost, Sunday, 9 June

11 am Holy Communion

Saturday, 15 June

2-4 pm Afternoon teas in Outwood Churchyard

Sunday, 16 June

11 am Holy Communion

Saturday, 22 June

2-4 pm

St John's Church Heritage Day and Horticultural Society Early Summer Show

Sunday, 23 June

11 am A service of Holy Communion with the Bishop of Croydon to celebrate 150 years of Outwood Church and the successful completion of the renovation work on the church, followed by refreshments

Sunday, 30 June

11 am Morning Worship

DIARY OF EVENTS

JUNE

- Saturday 1st** **AFTERNOON TEAS IN CHURCHYARD**
2.00-4.00pm - St.John's Church
- Saturday 1st** **TOMMY BLAIZE "Live"**
7.30pm - Lloyd Hall
- Tuesday 4th** **WI MEETING 'Outwood Antiques Roadshow'**
2.30 - Lloyd Hall All Welcome
- Tuesday 11th** **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**
8.00pm - Church Room
- Friday 14th** **OUTWOOD FILM CLUB 'Green Book'**
7.30 for 8.00pm - Lloyd Hall (See page 2)
- Saturday 15th** **AFTERNOON TEAS IN CHURCHYARD**
2.00-4.00pm - St.John's Church
- Sunday 16th** **LONDON TO BRIGHTON BIKE RIDE**
- Saturday 22nd** **HERITAGE DAY &**
OHS - EARLY SUMMER SHOW
2.00-4.00pm - St.John's Church
(See front and church pages and centre pages)
- Friday 28th** **SHOESTRING PRODUCTIONS 'Haywire'**
& **Saturday 29th** 7.30 for 8.00pm - Lloyd Hall (See page 2)

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!

BAKING FLAPJACKS: If you can spare a bit of time to bake a batch or two of flapjacks before the event, your contributions will be greatly appreciated.

Below are a couple of sample recipes. We kindly ask that you bake from “scratch” as our selling point is that our goods are “home made”.

NOTE: If you donate flapjacks please include a list of added ingredients, particularly if you add nuts or seeds.

If you want your tin/container back, please make sure it is clearly labelled.

PLEASE do not put kitchen roll under or around your flapjacks, baking parchment or greaseproof only as kitchen roll sticks.

SAMPLE RECIPES:

240g Butter (or half butter, half baking margarine)

240g Demerara Sugar

2 tbsp Golden Syrup (about 40g)

280 g Porridge Oats (NOT jumbo oats which do not stick together well).

Optional: Sultanas, raisins, coconut, mixed seeds, nuts, about 200g.

OR:

250g Butter

250g Soft brown Sugar

40g Golden Syrup

3 oz Plain Flour

370g Porridge Oats (NOT jumbo oats which do not stick together well)

Optional: Sultanas, raisins, coconut, mixed seeds, nuts, about 200g.

Method for both recipes:

Preheat oven to 190 C, Gas 5 and line a 9x12 inch baking tray with parchment or greaseproof paper. Heat the butter, sugar and syrup together in a large saucepan until the sugar has dissolved. In a large bowl, combine oats, flour (if using), and any fruit, nuts, etc. Pour the butter mixture into the oat mixture and stir until well combined. Press into the prepared baking tray and bake 10-15 minutes until golden brown. Don't worry if the flapjacks look soft as they will set as they cool. If you are going to cut your flapjacks, aim for large “fingers”, you should get 12 from a 9x12 baking tray.

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A good start to the league season for our teams with some solid performances from our 2nd XI and U21 development XI. Our 1st XI had their opening game washed out.

In June we have two dates for your diary; home fixtures in the Surrey Slam T20 competition. Music, BBQ, flashing bales and high octane cricket – all we need is you to come along to the OCG to cheer on our 'Outlaws' in defence of their title as SE Region Champions.

We have two home games, both starting at 6pm. The first on 5th June is against the Oxted and Limpsfield 'Grasshoppers' and the second on 19th June is against the Merstham 'Magics'

Come along for a warm welcome and exciting cricket played by our young team of 'Outlaws'. Keep in touch with all the action at the club through the website www.outwoodcricket.club. Sign up as a supporter and get all the new, results and events delivered to your inbox weekly.

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On Monday 29th April 2019 between 10.30-10.50am a lady was walking her two dogs on East Hill Lane, Copthorne.

Both dogs were off the lead at the time when she saw two men hiding in a bush. They tried to claim that one of the dogs was theirs and picked it up by its harness and hit it on the face with a stick causing a laceration. The owner successfully managed to confront the men and retrieve the dog before they ran off back into the bushes.

The males are described as:

- white but tanned, late 30's, stocky build about 5'6" tall with very short cropped black hair, wearing a grey t-shirt and blue jeans

- white, aged 15-18 years, slim build, about 5'7", with short blond hair, wearing a black t-shirt and black jeans which were puckered in with the belt to fit him

Both males had a south London accent.

Fortunately the dog has been checked by a vet and is all in order. If you have any information please contact surrey police by calling 101 and quote reference 45190044883

Please be vigilant when walking your dogs.

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OUTWOOD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY EARLY SUMMER SHOW

To be held on

Saturday 22nd June

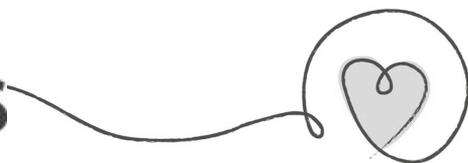
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And there are refreshments. On Saturday evening, enjoy a glass of wine, included in the price of the ticket, as you wander at leisure.

On Sunday, a team from the Outwood Support Group for St Catherine's Hospice will be laying on delicious light lunches, and home-made teas.

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Liz Ramsay



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Thank You

Many thanks to everyone who attended our recent Bluebell Walk. We raised the terrific sum of £662.53. Thanks also to the OCC for allowing us use of the Pavilion.



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

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OUTWOOD KIDS REUNION

The inaugural event of the Outwood Kids Reunion was held on Saturday 11th May at The Dog & Duck.



Four decades of children who had either passed through Outwood Primary School or had grown up in the village were represented.

The oldest was possibly octogenarian Peter Wren and maybe the youngest attendees were Sallie Case-Green, Debbie Baldock and Tina Philpot.

The near 70 who attended enjoyed an afternoon meeting up with old friends and reminiscing. Many travelled some distance, notably from Newcastle, the West Country and Gloucestershire.

There were in addition some 20 who sent their apologies for not being able to make it.

Tracking and approaching the attendees was carried out by Pat Thompson, Yvonne Longley, Linda Hinton and Nick Roberts who all attended the school in the 1950s & 1960s. Now armed with a fuller database they will try and make contact with other names which have been put forward. This should lead to an even greater attendance for the event they have planned for a similar time next year.

Anyone who wants to suggest a person to contact, please email niroland@btconnect.com

An 'Outwood Reunion in 2019' Group page can be found on Facebook where photos taken at the event will be shown.

Comments from anyone who attended the event would be welcome, also enquiries from anyone who would like to attend the Reunion next year.



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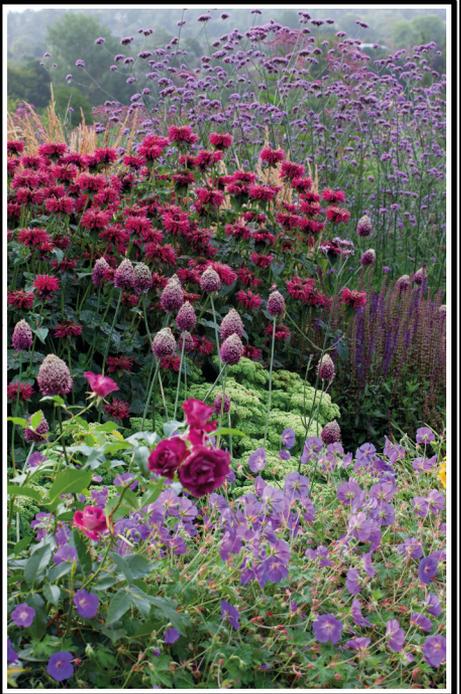
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