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Hello, it's time to start organising our Show again and I'm hoping to get a committee with a member of each organisation in the village. I think based on the feedback I received we need to keep about the same size.

Last year I asked stallholders to have a game or activity for visitors to take part in and most people did well at this. The National Trust Volunteers with their display of photos and helping people assemble bat boxes and bird boxes to take away, also their game throwing rabbits down a hole was a great setup.

Just a couple of hours once a month then a bit more work on the day of the Show is all we need.

Please call me if you can help with anything, things like manning tables, the welly wanging or collecting the £1 entry on the gate.

We need first aiders and Outwood Treasure Hunt volunteers and most of all ideas on how to keep it fresh. Please call me on 843661.

David Crittall

*P.S. If anybody knows about engines,
the tractor I use to cut the Wells Field needs a bit of first aid!*

CHURCH NEWS

Rector's Ramblings

I got an email the other day from my brother in law Andrew saying how he's hoping to take a month off in the summer to walk from Oslo to Trondheim along St Olav's Way – 'not so much a "pilgrimage" for myself as much as to reassess life after 60 and reset work/life balance a bit.'

My first thought was I could do that with him! After all, a few years back, when he had announced that he wanted to repeat the walk that his father had made in 1994 as an escaping prisoner of war over the Appenine mountains in Italy I asked if I could come too – and did so! But my second thought was that this was his walk, not mine, and he didn't need me along this time.



I did look up the way though. It's a 400-mile path through Norway from Oslo to Trondheim where the remains of the 11th century St Olav are interred in the cathedral. And in any case, my brother-in-law has a connection with Norway that I don't have (he lived and worked in Oslo when he was younger and his wife comes from Trondheim). My connection, as I wrote in last year's March magazine letter, is with The Way of St James, or, in Spanish, El Camino de Santiago. I've always felt an affinity with St James as my second name is James, after St James's Church, Stonesfield where I was born and my Dad was the Rector and one day I would like to walk from there to Santiago de Compostela, finishing at the cathedral where the remains of the apostle St James are interred.

And actually, as I write this letter, I have on my desk a map of west France because for my retreat this year I am walking just a little bit of that way, spending three days walking 60 miles down the Atlantic coast of France – a little trial run, as it were, of what would be a walk of over 1200 miles!

There's a Latin phrase *Solvitur ambulando*. It translates as It is solved by walking. It's an ancient phrase which bears witness to the therapeutic power of walking – something my brother-in-law is aware of when he talks about resetting his work/life balance. And alongside the map on my desk I have a book called *The Art of Mindful Walking*, written by Adam Ford, a retired Church of England vicar in which he talks about the healing power of thoughtful walking. In the introduction he says *For 'thoughtful walking', there is no need to worry about the thinking – thoughts will arise quite naturally*. In other words, he says don't take your mind for a walk, just go for a walk!

One essential item that I shall take on my walk is my staff, a simple wooden stick left over from coppicing which I picked up in a forest years ago. It accompanied me during my 40 days in the Sinai Desert back in 2014. I say essential, not because I need it to help me in the physical act of walking but because it helps me walk in a more reflective way, a more thoughtful way. It reminds me that what matters is not arriving at a future destination but being in the moment of each step of the walk itself – remember that life is a journey not a destination.

And talking of journeys, my wife Judith and I will be travelling to America after Easter to celebrate Andrew's 60th birthday at his home in Texas. I think I shall take him a copy of Adam Ford's book as a present. And what I would like to leave with you is the thought that any walk can be a mindful one. It doesn't need to be as long as the ones I've talked about, it can simply be a walk to the shops or the end of the road. What matters is that you don't take your mind for a walk with its worries and daydreams that take you into the past or the future.

CHURCH NEWS

You just go for a walk and be present in the moment. As another priest writer RS Thomas puts in in his poem *The Bright Field*:

*I have seen the sun break through
to illuminate a small field
for a while, and gone my way
and forgotten it. But that was the pearl
of great price, the one field that had
treasure in it. I realize now
that I must give all that I have
to possess it. Life is not hurrying
on to a receding future, nor hankering after
an imagined past. It is the turning
aside like Moses to the miracle
of the lit bush, to a brightness
that seemed as transitory as your youth
once, but is the eternity that awaits you.*

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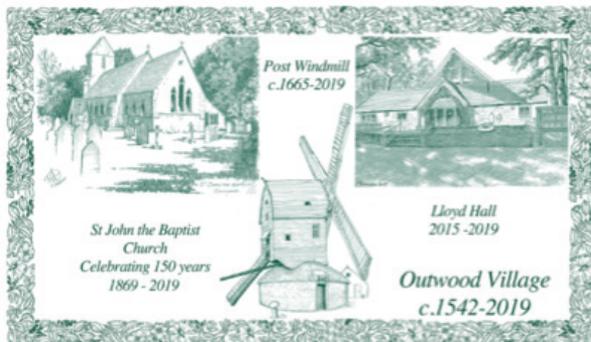
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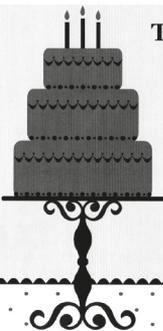


The tea towel includes original sketches, produced by three local artists, of the Church, The Lloyd Hall and The Windmill.

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FEBRUARY MEETING

“Happy Birthday to us!” we sang at our February meeting; we were celebrating the 99th year of the Outwood WI. Now up to a membership of over 50, we are a proudly thriving group and we are looking forward to our centenary next year. We are planning to celebrate in style; we also have been working for months to design a large banner for our meetings, including images that represent the local area as well as the camaraderie and support we offer each other within our group. In the next twelve months, it will be worked on as a team – a key word in the WI philosophy.

We invited Rachael Forkam to join us as she is one of the teachers running the PSDS group (Parents Supporting Downs Syndrome) which use the Lloyd Hall three days a week to help 100 families who have children with Downs Syndrome. We all learned something new about the challenges of improving both the mobility and the communication skills of the children. Happily, we were able to contribute by collecting over £100 on the day and promising support with good quality equipment for the group.

We enjoyed a very special tea with delicious savoury and sweet baked treats and played some silly games during the afternoon. Some subtle enquiries amongst our members (never ask a lady her age!) revealed that we have some who joined in the 1970s and 1980s. They are still with us, so we must be doing something right!

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 3rd March, when our speaker will be Gordon Gillett, talking about the beautiful Tollsworth Manor.



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NATURE WATCH

A walk through the woods on Outwood Common in the second week of February is not normally the time one expects to see the early signs of spring. However, with the continuance of the mild, winter weather, and despite a number of overnight frosts, the leaves of bluebells, which had started emerging by the end of January, were becoming more prominent. Hazels were dripping with brownish, amber coloured catkins, which will gradually turn yellow as the pollen breaks through, and most surprisingly a hawthorn, sheltered by the overhead tree canopy, was carrying buds which had begun to break showing young green leaves. In the garden, magnolia flower buds look to be close to opening and roses are sprouting their pinkish, red, leaf shoots. Grey squirrels have been busily playing "chase the lady" through the tree-tops. The bird feeding stations have been busier than usual in terms of both species and the numbers of each, with gold finch, blue, great and long-tailed tits, greater spotted woodpeckers, robin, chaffinch, wren, blackbird, collar dove, woodpigeon, ring-necked green parakeet, starling and an extended family of house sparrows, and the list goes on. Paul and Linda Pitts reported a couple of sightings of a kingfisher perching and fishing on their pond and the appearance of Muskovy duck. As Paul remarked he has seen a kingfisher in the past but it is a rare visitor and this is reflected in the number of reports I've received since the mid nineteen seventies and covered in this column more recently, including 2014/15/18/20. Normally it is just a flash of the iridescent blue feathers and then it's gone, or, if you are really lucky, the bird will be seen perched on a branch overhanging the water waiting to dive for a stickleback or dragonfly. The good news is that they have been resident in Outwood over many years. Late afternoon in early February, on a walk across the back fields, a group of three mute swans came flying over from the west and seemed to be en route to the Marl Pond: it is fairly common to see and hear small groups, or even large skeins of geese but a flight of swans is relatively uncommon. Another unusual report comes from Lewis Ashby who, when he lifted a clock off an outside wall, was surprised to see a roosting bat - his immediate reaction was to replace the clock and move quietly away.

This year the storm season has brought some serious weather conditions to the UK none more so than Storm Ciara at the end of the first week of February. Ciara brought very heavy rain coupled with gale force winds, and even though Outwood was not affected as badly as more northern areas, there were a number of fallen trees, reports of lost roof tiles and badly damaged green-houses.



Within a week Storm Dennis arrived starting on Saturday 15th and continuing through to late the following day with wind speeds less than the previous week but with non-stop rain. Streams and ditches that would normally have been quietly trickling along became raging torrents and, like a Severn bore, swept debris aside and in places ponds formed across the waterlogged fields. Being on higher ground we are generally unaffected by flooding but there is little doubt that the Burstow Stream and the River Mole will give rise to problems in the low lying areas of Horley and Charlwood. The Met Office were forecasting that yet another weather system, Storm Ellen, was following close behind. The good news is that spring is just around the corner.

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OUTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

FEBRUARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

MUGA/Wells Field – new goals Have been purchased thanks to SCC members allocation. Cllr Wyer to investigate cost of grass cutting.

Climate change committee are to apply for funding for a feasibility study into alternative energy sources for the community.

Cllr Training – CIL funding training was attended by Cllr's Baldock & Yeldham. Cllr's Gosling & Wyer attended a meeting about use of the **Gatwick Northern Runway**, which could increase capacity by 50% by 2038. Flight paths won't change. Cllr Howard found at a **Policing Your Community** event that there is more fraud crime than other forms of crime. Crime in rural areas gets less police attention than urban areas.

Lloyd Hall – AGM was reported on by Cllr Gosling. A small profit was achieved over all for the year. LHMC need to raise £30k/yr. £50k is needed to be held in reserve. Fund raising events have been arranged to contribute to the reserve. Cost to improve the parking has increased significantly.

Annual Village Meeting Monday
20th April in the Lloyd Hall

National Trust – The pond behind the church is host to a Hibernaculum project.

Fly-tipping in Branslands car park. Several fallen trees to be cleared up in Horncourt woods.

Highways (including speed limits)

Residents from Dayseys Hill asked if something could be done about the vehicle speeds at the junction of Rookery Hill and Dayseys Hill. Cllr Howard to arrange a meeting with SCC Highways and Cllr Rose Thorn

Vehicle damage to **Dayseys hill meadow** was discussed including what can be done to prevent it.

Community Matters The recycling point at the Bell is to be removed. **Domestic waste & recycling** - Residents may have multiple recycling bins but only one waste bin with lid closed for collection.

The OPC were thanked for the contribution to the **VE day event on the 8th May**. (See elsewhere for further details).

Cllr Howard walked the route of the **Trim Trail** with Eleanor Yoxall (NT). A report to area estate manager should establish what is going where.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 3rd March at 8pm in the Church Room

ALL RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND OUR MEETINGS

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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I am hopeful that we won't have to wait much longer to get out there.

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Sunday 8 March

- 11 am** **Holy Communion**

Sunday 15 March

- 11 am** **Morning Worship**

Mothering Sunday, 22 March

- 11 am** **Holy Communion and
distribution of posies**

Sunday 29 March

- 11 am** **Morning Worship**

Calling all babies, toddlers, parents, grandparents and carers – **a new, local baby and toddler group** is starting in Smallfield Church Hall, Redehall Road, Smallfield (opposite the Co-op) from 9-10.30am on Wednesday 4 March. Come along to meet, play and chat over refreshments. The group will then meet weekly at this time during school term time. Further details from Judith.calver@btinternet.com

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DIARY OF EVENTS

MARCH

Monday 2nd	SCH - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7.30pm - Church Room
Tuesday 3rd	WI MEETING 'Exploring Tollsworth Manor' 2.30pm - Lloyd Hall
Tuesday 3rd	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Saturday 7th	OUTWOOD MOVEABLE FEAST - SCH
Friday 13th	OUTWOOD FILM CLUB 'The Keeper' 7.30 for 8.00pm - Lloyd Hall
Saturday 21st	JOE STILGOE PERFORMING LIVE Doors open 7.30pm - Lloyd Hall (<i>see page 3</i>)
Sunday 22nd	MOTHERS DAY

APRIL

Tuesday 7th	WI MEETING 'Catra' Barber Shop Group
Friday 10th	OUTWOOD FILM CLUB 7.30 for 8.00pm - Lloyd Hall
Sunday 12th	EASTER DAY
Sunday 19th	BLUEBELL WALK - SCH (<i>See page 27</i>) 2pm - National Trust Car Park Outwood Common
Monday 20th	ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING 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

Saturday 21st March 2020

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Our annual Wassail was a lovely evening again this year. With more people attending than ever. Thankfully the weather kept dry and apart from it being very soggy underfoot, it was a perfect evening for it.

Setting off from The Bell Inn, as it got dark, with the wonderful procession of people carrying hand-held wax torches, being led by the Wassail folk band playing traditional songs all the way to our community orchard on the common. With the finale of the bonfire and the ceremonial 'blessing of the trees', speeches, songs and a few traditional loud bangs to top it off. With the folk band then returning to The Bell Inn to finish the evening in traditional style, with lots of singing and merriment.

The Outwood Volunteers again helped make the whole event possible, with all their assistance in preparing for the event, including helping with setting everything up on the day and lighting the beacon.

However, none of it would have been possible without the very kind donations from R&S Etherington Ltd at Smallfield and The Bell Inn.

Here's hoping we'll have the opportunity to hold it again next year.

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

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