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The Outwood Village Show

To everyone who came to the show last year, and most of all to those who helped, a big “Thank You”.

Funds are now needed to keep our Village Hall going this year, and part of the receipts will go to our Church to help with the maintenance. So if you use the Hall, or are visiting the Church for a celebration (hopefully not in a box) please remember that we will need your help to run it. You don't need a degree to run the coconut shy, or to help put out the tables for teas.

Our Show is in three parts: the Hort Soc show in the Hall, the Teas and Stalls in the Hall Grounds, and the Welly Wanging and other activities in the Wells Field, which is maintained by the Local Council.

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Rector's Ramblings

I don't suppose you were lucky enough to receive a personal invitation to the Coronation, though it's not just "the great and the good" who have. Members of the public, over 1250 volunteers and young people, have received an invitation. But if you weren't one of them, you may have seen a picture of the invitation, and it's very beautiful.

It contains all sorts of heraldic images, including lions, unicorns and boars, all of them are surrounded by meadow flowers, such as lilies of the valley, cornflowers, wild strawberries, dog roses and bluebells.

There is wildlife too, including a bee, butterfly, ladybird, wren and robin nestled among the flowers. Talking about his design the artist said he wanted the invitation to reflect the King's "green credentials" and his passion for conservation and the environment, and as a particular symbol of this he placed an image of the Green Man, crowned in hawthorn blossoms, in a central position at the bottom of the invitation.

Though the Green Man image pre-dates Christianity (linked as it has been to the Greek and Roman god of wine and agriculture, Dionysus, also known as Bacchus), Green Man images began to appear in the illustrated Christian Celtic manuscripts of the 8th century, including the Book of Kells and the Lindisfarne Gospels. From the 11th and 12th centuries onwards, carvings of the Green Man appeared in churches and cathedrals across Europe, many in this country particularly in rural counties like Devon, Somerset, Oxfordshire and Norfolk. None in the three churches of the Windmill United Benefice though!

Celtic Christianity was deeply aware of the sacredness of creation – it too had "green credentials" and it was natural that it adopted the imagery of the Green Man and applied it to Christ. The intricate vines rather than hawthorn blossoms that often surround the Green Man clearly evoke the image of Christ as the true vine: *I am the true vine and my father is the gardener* (John 15:1)

In the Gospel of Easter Day when Mary meets the risen Christ we read that she *supposes him to be the gardener* (John 20:15). This mistaken identity actually conveys a deep truth, that Christ is, in the words of the hymn 'Praise to the Holiest in the Height', a second Adam tending the garden of God's creation to renew it and restore it as a second paradise. This year, the month of May is almost entirely in the season of Easter, which lasts until Pentecost (what used to be known as Whit Sunday), this year on 28th May. The Easter season celebrates Christ's resurrection, and the resurrection not only has something to say to us about our relationship with



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God but also about our relationship with creation. It is not only our relationship with God which needs to be healed and restored, but also our relationship with the earth. And when I say the earth, I mean the actual earth of our gardens and fields as well as our planet, which takes its name from that earth.

And though you might not have seen an invitation to the Coronation, you may well have seen or will see the official emblem of the Coronation which also pays tribute to The King's love of the natural world. It includes amongst a crown, the flowers of the four nations of the United Kingdom: the rose of England, the thistle of Scotland, the daffodil of Wales and the shamrock of Northern Ireland. The emblem will feature throughout the celebrations in May, including the Coronation Service at Westminster Abbey and the Coronation Concert at Windsor Castle, as well as national events, street parties and community gatherings, not least our own ones here in the Windmill United Benefice.

In the words of the designer:

The design was inspired by King Charles' love of the planet, nature, and his deep concern for the natural world. The emblem speaks to the happy optimism of spring and celebrates the beginning of this new Carolean era for the United Kingdom.



And on that note of the happy optimism of spring and a new era for us all, I wish you a continuing Happy Easter and a Happy New Carolean Era!

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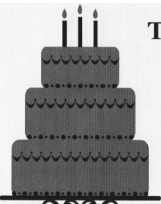
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As Spring arrives, we are all making the most of the longer days and planning outdoor activities further afield. We are also putting away the heavy, warm clothes and realising that we need to work off those extra winter pounds. At our April meeting we decided to prove that exercise can be fun! Question: What do box, fan, rocking chair and brush have in common? Answer: they are all steps used in line dancing, a lively form of dance where straight lines of people co-ordinate their movements in time to country music. We may not have been consistently accurate and co-ordinated, but we certainly blew away those cobwebs...

The committee were ready ...



The dancers were committed ...



The audience were encouraging ...



Our quiz team also exercised their grey matter this month. They took part in the quiz to raise funds for the WI tent at the coming Oxted and Edenbridge Show and achieved fourth place out of fifteen teams.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday May 2nd at 2.30pm when gardening expert Paul Patton will be helping us to encourage local wildlife into our own gardens.

Elizabeth Dyke

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NATURE WATCH

Spring seems to have started earlier than ever this year. Was it last year's drought, the driest February on record, or the wettest March for a couple of decades? The answer is almost certainly the effect of climate change. I saw the first bluebells in flower on a bank along the bridleway section at the top end of Wilmots Lane, and a comma butterfly in the garden, both before the end of March, with more comma sightings in the first week of April when Yvonne spotted a peacock butterfly. Bluebells are really starting to show at the time of writing and will be in their full bewitching-blue glory by the third week of April. In the meantime, there has been an explosion of wild flowers during the first half of the month. Woods have been carpeted with white drifts of wood anemones; blue violets peep out from their foliage on the edge of pathways; the glittering golden stars of lesser celandines are putting on the best show I have ever seen and primroses seem to be everywhere.

There are both red and white dead nettles, the purple/blue flowers of ground ivy and the delicate pink blooms of lady's smock. There have been a number of spots in the village where the sheer numbers and/or the variety of flowers have been glorious, such as the Common at the top corner of Millers Lane, the sea of celandine close to Wattlelands, also on Millers Lane and the dense patches of flowers along Prince of Wales Road.



Trees and shrubs have broken into leaf in a multitude of shades of green. Blackthorns were the first to blossom and next the wild cherry trees, aka geans, that produced their white flowers in mid-April, just as the storm Noa hit the UK, leaving the woodland floor covered in what looked at first sight like confetti.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds has released the results of their annual Big Garden Birdwatch survey, now in its 44th year, with a record number of over half a million reports. The top ten show little change from last year, with the house sparrow in the top spot, the blue tit in second position for the third year running, the starling at number three, the woodpigeon at number four with numbers on the increase, followed by the blackbird in the fifth spot nationally but coming in at number nine in Surrey. Similarly, the long-tailed tit was in 10th position nationally but 12th in Surrey and these figures support my own observations of fewer sightings of these two birds and wrens in the garden over the last couple of years. Filling in the gaps in the top ten were the robin in 6th, goldfinch 7th and great tit 9th. An interesting fact to emerge was the position of the hawfinch, sightings of which were reported by Jean Bristow back in November. It was ranked at 70 nationally and 63rd in Surrey. The results of this survey clearly demonstrate the overall decline in bird populations, although a few species are on the increase, but they should be set against the global picture, which shows that 49% of species are in decline. We all need to do as much as we can to support our wild birds, such as cutting down on pesticides, providing feeding stations particularly in winter months and follow David Attenborough's advice to fit a bell to cat collars.

Mike F Johnson

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When I first started, I was told people often want to help, but don't know how. I want people to realise that volunteering and providing support can be done in many ways. For some roles, you won't even have to leave the house!

'Giving back' is a two-way street, and the benefits to you can include:

- Building new social connections.
- Supporting your own wellbeing.
- Getting that feel good feeling!

Volunteering is not just a selfless act it can make you self-rich!

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Stuck for time? Helping at one of our **Fundraisers** could be a one-off or regular event. We often need help at local craft fairs selling our lovely items.

Are you creative? We are seeking a **photographer** to come and take some professional looking images to add to our new website and update our old marketing literature.

Do you **work for a company** that has, or arranges **Corporate Social Responsibility** days? If so, please get in touch! We have a long list of jobs need doing!

Action in the community is not as hard as you think!

For more information or join Bloomin' Arts as a volunteer, email ria@bloominarts.org.uk or call 01342 836785 or 07939 280113.

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Date	Day	Event	Fixture
12 May	F	Blazes v Dorking	Women's Softball
17 May	W	Outlaws v Reigate Priory Llamas	Men's Slam
19 May	F	Outwood U13 v Reigate Priory U13	U 13 League
26 May	F	Blazes v Capel	Friendly
31 May	W	Outlaws v Redhill Nomads Hombres Mrs Gill's Curry 'n Cricket	Mens Slam

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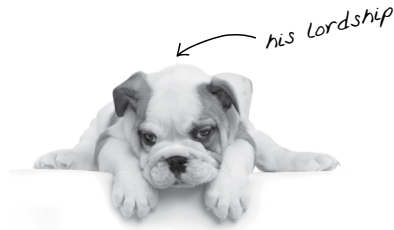
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OUTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL



CAN YOU LEND US A HAND?

To mark His Majesty The King's Coronation thousands of organisations across the country are getting together to give us all the chance to help out in our own local communities.

On Monday 8th May if you can spare an hour...fantastic. The Afternoon?...amazing. Join in, Lend a hand. Make a change.

Outwood Parish Council are organising a volunteering event as part of the Big Help Out Initiative. You are invited to join us at The Lloyd Hall on Monday 8th May between 1 and 4pm. Together with the Lloyd Hall Management Committee and the MUGA Committee, we have identified some jobs that need doing.

We are looking for volunteers to help deep clean the kitchen (not the ovens), tidy the Show Store Cupboard and dig some post holes for the new Lloyd Hall notice board.

Also, clear the grass from the drain covers around the MUGA, sweep the paths to clear moss and plant some wild flower seeds.

The ground around the Trim Trail structures requires trimming to clear emerging brambles and other vegetation.

Even if you don't feel able to participate in the physical work, we hope you can join us, as we would love your company and encouragement. We will provide tea, coffee, squash, biscuits and much gratitude!! But, please bring along a picnic to sustain you and come along dressed and ready for action.

To help us gauge numbers, please could you let Rodabe, the Parish Clerk know if you are planning to come along? Parish.clerk@outwood.org

By the time you see this we will have two new councillors. Anna Malley and Helena Devlin put their heads above the parapet in order to serve their community. They were elected unopposed as we had 5 nominations for 5 seats. The Council would like to thank Nick Wyer and Barry Gosling for the service they have put in for Outwood. As your new Clerk, I would like to personally thank them for their kindness and support.

**We would like to thank everyone who turned up for the litter pick on 1st April.
It was worthwhile and a great success.**

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MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND ALL OUR MEETINGS

Next meeting:

Wednesday 3rd May 2023, 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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Saturday 13 May

2-4pm Teas in Outwood Churchyard

Sunday 14 May

11am Morning Worship

Ascension Day, Thursday 18 May

7.30pm Holy Communion at St Mary the Virgin, Horne

Sunday 21 May

11am Holy Communion

Saturday 27 May

2-4pm Teas in Outwood Churchyard

Sunday 28 May

11am Holy Communion

DIARY OF EVENTS

*** Events planned subject to current Government guidance. ***

MAY

Tuesday 2nd	WI MEETING - 'Gardening on the wild side' 2.30pm - Lloyd Hall
Wednesday 3rd	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7.30pm - Church Room
Saturday 6th	CORONATION OF KING CHARLES 111
Monday 8th	OPC - "The Big Help Out" 1.00-4.00pm - Lloyd Hall <i>(see page 16)</i>
Saturday 13th	OHS PLANT SALE 10.00am - St John's Church
Saturday 13th	TEAS IN THE CHURCHYARD 2.00-4.00pm - St John's Church
Saturday 13th	EUROVISION PARTY - OUTWOOD4UKRAINE 7.30pm - Lloyd Hall <i>(see cover)</i>
Saturday 27th	TEAS IN THE CHURCHYARD
Tuesday 30th	FILM CLUB 'A Man Called Otto' 7.30 for 8.00pm - Lloyd Hall

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Tuesday 6th	WI MEETING - 'Gill Thompson - Author' 2.30pm - Lloyd Hall
Friday 16th	SHOESTRING - "Old Boilers"
Friday 17th	7.30pm - Lloyd Hall <i>(see page 3)</i>
Tuesday 27th	FILM CLUB 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.

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This Month's Outwood News contains a gift of wildflower seeds for you to plant as a memento of the coronation of King Charles III. Each envelope contains a mixture of native wildflower seeds including corncockle, teasel, cornflower and sunflower. Simply remove any large stones and weeds, dig over the soil, scatter the seeds, firm them down, water gently and frequently. The inner envelope can be composted or put into food waste bins.

The next ordinary meeting of Outwood Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 3rd May at 7.30pm in the Church Room, Wasp Green Lane. The Annual Meeting of the Council (AGM) will be held on Wednesday 17th May at 7.30pm at the same location.

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CHURCH NEWS

REPAIRS TO WOODEN BENCH AT ST JOHN'S CHURCHYARD

St John's Churchyard has many visitors over the year who come to visit the graves of their family and friends and pause to reflect and remember their lives.

Thanks to a kind donation from a local family the rather dilapidated wooden bench in St John's Churchyard has been repaired. The photos show the bench before and after the work took place. The repairs were carried out by young people on the community reparation scheme run by Surrey County Council.



Before.....



After.....

* More information on the proposed extension to St John's Burial ground will be given at the annual village meeting on Monday 24th April (7.30pm in the Lloyd Hall) and at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in St John's Church after the service on Sunday 14th May.

TEA IN THE CHURCHYARD

St John the Baptist Church Tea in the church yard
on the second and fourth Saturday from May to August.

Starting Saturday May 13th at 10am for the OHS plant sale
and continuing into the afternoon until 4.30pm.

Then at 2.30-4.30pm on; 27th May,
10th & 24th June,
8th & 22nd July,
12th & 20th August
(Dates may be subject to change)



OUTWOOD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

PLANT SALE

Saturday 13th May

St. John's Church

10.00am - noon



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

Annual flowers and vegetables are always in demand. It is always helpful if varieties are labelled.



Early Outwood Show reminders:

The photographic competition categories this year will be 'Bugs and Butterflies' 'Summer time' and 'Gathering'. For children the topic is 'Playtime'.

Dates for the 2023 Diary

Plant Sale + Refreshments	Saturday 13th May, 10am @ St John's
Early Summer Show	Saturday 24th June
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Jane Austen is here at The Bell, on **June 10th**, with “**Sense and Sensibility**” being played out in our garden. The same production team who ran our Shakespeare “Taming of The Shrew” evening last year are making a very welcome return visit with their version of this much loved production.

The Bard is coming back to Outwood with his “**Twelfth Night**” also known as “What You Will”. A romantic comedy believed to have been written just before The Bell was built in 1601/02. Expect some cross-dressing, hilarious inuendo, and a shipwreck. Make of that what you will... with the stage set for **Saturday 29th July** with one of our “pre-theatre suppers” available beforehand.

As always, you all make The Bell what it is and Nick & I along with the entire team thank you for this.

Very best, Steve

Hello folks

For those of you who haven't received your invites to **Westminster Abbey**, fear not, we'll be showing the key events live from London, here at The Bell. Some “of a certain age” may remember crowding around a neighbour's 9” black and white TV to watch the late Queen's crowning but in 2023 we'll go slightly larger with our huge 100” UHD upgrade and it's in glorious colour now too!

The screen is going up from Friday to show the build up in London and around the country with everything ready for the world to focus on Westminster for the Coronation on Saturday, so why not join us here, with friends, enjoying it together. The pub will be festooned with bunting to help create the atmosphere for the day and as far as that atmosphere goes, this time, “you'll do the rest”.

*We'll have the **official recipes** on with, Ken Hom's Coronation Roast Rack of Lamb, Nadiyas Coronation Aubergine and Adam Handling's Strawberry & Ginger Trifle...and I almost forgot to mention, “**Kings Coronation Ale**”, which we hear from our friends at the brewery is coming along superbly!*

Our **Smoking Oven** arrived recently, and Scott has been playing with it with the excitement that you'd see on the face of a young child at Christmas. He's bursting with ideas and you'll begin to see them pop up on our menus. The wood mixes that create the seasoned flavours are simply amazing, so pop in and try some. It really is a game changer for our menu's, here at The Bell.

*Plans are going forward for our **Outwood Beer Festival** for the August Bank Holiday, and Nick is, “purely in his professional capacity”, out-and-about taste-testing ales from local producers to offer you a superb range in our garden. All cask-conditioned here & cared for as with all our barrels.*

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