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### WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Dear Outwoodians,

**On Remembrance Sunday, Government restrictions prevent us from gathering at the memorials in our usual way but there will be a special service on the Benefice website details on page 5.**

Culture Secretary Oliver Dowden has asked members of the public to mark this year's Remembrance Sunday service on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November at home rather than head to the Cenotaph due to the ongoing global coronavirus pandemic.

Around 10,000 people usually gather at the Cenotaph each year for the National Service of Remembrance and the two minute silence at 11am. This year, for the first time in history, the event will be closed to members of the public in line with the latest expert medical and scientific advice.

The service is expected to go ahead with representatives of the Royal Family, the Government and the Armed Forces, and a small representation from the Commonwealth, other countries and territories, all laying wreaths at the Cenotaph. The annual march past the Cenotaph will not take place, but some veterans will be invited to attend the service which will be made covid-secure by minimising attendance and ensuring strict social distancing measures are in place.

The public are urged to remember all those who paid the ultimate sacrifice by coming together for a national moment of silence at 11am as the service is broadcast nationwide on BBC One, Sky and ITV.

**RBL Poppy Appeal funds will be very severely depleted this year as a direct result of the epidemic so I will end by repeating my message in the last Outwood News.**

**In anticipation that you will be generous as usual under these very unusual circumstances, I thank you most sincerely on behalf of those worthy men and women whom we serve, men and women who have served us all with bravery and sacrifice.**

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Thank you sincerely,

**Paul Daniels**

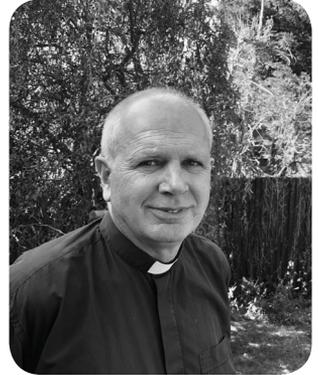
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## Rector's Ramblings

November is a remembering month. It begins with All Souls when we remember those we have loved but who are no longer with us, moves through *Remember, remember the fifth of November* and on to Remembrance Sunday. We've done quite a bit of remembering already this year as we looked back seventy-five years and remembered both VE day in May and VJ day in August, as well as looking back eighty years to the Battle of Britain in September.

Our remembering services, like all our services at the moment, will be different this year and details of our All Souls service and Remembrance Sunday service can be found at the bottom of my letter. This year, both locally and across the nation, we will not gather at our memorials or in church in the same way.



Our acts of remembrance will be more home-based: locally brought to us online or by CD and nationally by television and radio. And remembrance will be a lot closer to home for all of us this year in another way – we are all aware of those who have died because of the pandemic and they will be very much in our thoughts at this time.

On a personal note, I would just say that for those of us who have been bereaved during the pandemic, though not because of it, our remembering has been made harder because of the restrictions placed upon funerals and the social gatherings that would usually have followed afterwards. I know my sister and her family have found this especially hard, as did I, when her son, my nephew, died suddenly in April, aged 24. The funeral was held at Horne, at what felt the darkest part of lockdown when restrictions were at their highest. There could be no service in the church, and even around the grave only ten people could be present. My wife and my children, his cousins, couldn't be there – it was so hard for us too as a family.

But whether or not we have been bereaved ourselves, we are experiencing to a greater or lesser degree some sense of loss for those things we took for granted: handshakes, hugs, closeness and touch. I for one haven't hugged my children (adult as they are) in seven months. I miss that. Just recently Bishop Christopher, the Bishop of Southwark, wrote a letter to his clergy about this year's season of Remembrantide in which he talked about these personal losses that we have all experienced. His letter included resources to use at services, one of which was called "A Liturgy of Loss and Fragility". That title really struck me because I think all of us in some way have been aware of loss and fragility this year.

The liturgy begins with a very familiar passage to me, one that I have used many times at funerals over many years, taken from the biblical book of Ecclesiastes. It begins:

*For everything there is a season,  
and a time for every matter under heaven:  
a time to be born, and a time to die . . .*

and includes the lines:

*a time to embrace,  
and a time to refrain from embracing  
which are especially poignant for all of us at the moment.*

# CHURCH NEWS

And though these days Ecclesiastes, and particularly this bit of it, tends only to be heard at funerals, the whole book, this passage included, is much more about life than it is about death. At the heart of the book is a message about the cycle of life, how the sun rises and the sun sets, things come and things go, how all things must pass. And yet though life is transitory and fragile, it comes from God and is a gift from God and we need to enjoy it while we have it. And this message is I believe, a hopeful one, that in the end all will be well.

All this reminds me of a song from the musical 'The Lion King' called 'Circle of Life' and for me the words sum up both what the book of Ecclesiastes and this Remembrancetide are all about:

*From the day we arrive on the planet  
And blinking, step into the sun  
There's more to see than can ever be seen  
More to do than can ever be done  
There's far too much to take in here  
More to find than can ever be found  
But the sun rolling high  
Through the sapphire sky  
Keeps great and small on the endless round  
It's the Circle of Life  
And it moves us all  
Through despair and hope  
Through faith and love  
Till we find our place  
On the path unwinding  
In the Circle  
The Circle of Life*

With love and prayers

**Nicholas**

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## **All Souls: 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020**

Our All Souls service will be available here on the Windmill United Benefice website from Saturday 31 October onwards: <https://www.windmillchurches.co.uk/all-souls>. It will also be played in each of the churches of Outwood, Horne and Burstow at 2.30pm, 3pm, 3.30pm and 4pm on Sunday 1 November. So whether you choose to join in at home or in church, you can remember those you love but see no more and, if you wish, light a candle in their memory.

## **Remembrance Sunday: 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

On Remembrance Sunday, Government restrictions prevent us from gathering at the memorials in our usual way but there will be a special service on the benefice website, which will include the reading of the rolls of honour from Outwood, Horne and Burstow, reflections on some of the names and an act of remembrance. This will be available from Saturday 7 November onwards here: <https://www.windmillchurches.co.uk/remembrance> As the guidance from Tandridge Council states : "The two-minute silence at 11am will still take place and residents can support this mark of respect on their doorsteps or in their homes".

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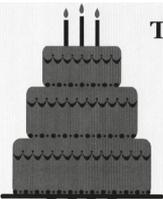
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# THE FUTURE OF 'THE CASTLE' – UPDATE

There have been some important recent developments regarding The Castle, as follows:

## **Planning application**

The application for a change of use of the pub to a residential dwelling was initially (and unfortunately) recommended for approval by Tandridge District Council (TDC) – despite the 27 public objections submitted. However, we managed to get the final decision to go to the TDC planning committee (comprising District Councillors elected by the public), instead of it being decided upon by the planning officers under delegated powers. The committee members overwhelmingly overturned this decision, meaning that the planning application was refused.

This is however likely to be only a 'stay of execution' for the pub, since the current owner can still apply again for planning permission in future (probably in around six months' time). The Castle therefore remains at serious risk of being 'lost' to the village as a pub and becoming just another house.

## **Asset of Community Value nomination**

Outwood Parish Council (OPC) agreed at its meeting on 9th June to nominate The Castle as an 'Asset of Community Value' (ACV), and this application was submitted to TDC on 15th June. Unfortunately, in late August this application was deemed as "invalid" by TDC on procedural grounds. OPC therefore re-ratified its decision at its meeting on 8th September, and this was 'validated' by TDC.

TDC has now approved this nomination, which means that The Castle is now registered as an Asset of Community Value, which affords it some planning and other protections.

## **Next steps**

The present owner of The Castle (a development company) has already formally notified to TDC that it wishes to 'dispose of' (i.e. sell) the property. This is important under ACV terms as it sets a clock ticking, and a 'community interest group' now has six weeks to come forward and express an interest in bidding for the pub. This doesn't mean that a bid actually has to be made within this period, but a community interest group will need to be set up and express in writing an interest in bidding (by 24th November). That would then trigger a six month 'moratorium period', ending on 13th April 2021, within which the present owner cannot sell the pub. Essentially this is designed to enable the community interest group to come up with the necessary funds to bid for/purchase the pub. This doesn't mean however that the owner has to accept this bid – they still has the freedom to sell the pub on the open market after the expiry of this moratorium period.

A private buyer could also still come forward who is interested in purchasing and running The Castle as a pub. There is 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!

Finally, it is worth emphasising that this initiative is completely independent and voluntary, and driven by and for the community of Outwood. While it has the support of the Parish Council, at no time has OPC considered buying the pub on behalf of the community, and this initiative will not affect the precept in any way.

**Patrick Jenn**

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The Late Summer Show was a virtual event this September with a much-reduced set of classes. However, like the Early Summer Virtual Show, members rose to the challenge and submitted some beautiful photos of their produce.

The winners are as follows:

Sunflower Trophy	Mary Baldock	13ft 9in
Spud Cup	Georgia Davis	7lb 11oz
Heaviest Marrow	Linda Lodge	14lb
Photographic competition "Harvest"	Judith Calver	



The Society's AGM will also be on line this year and will be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 11th November. Members and non-members are welcome. If you would like to attend, please contact [janeweston899@btinternet.com](mailto:janeweston899@btinternet.com) for a Zoom invitation.

The committee would like to thank all their members for their support during this difficult year



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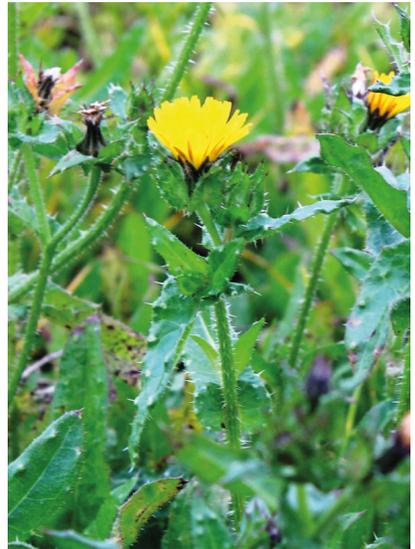
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# NATURE WATCH

After the warm, sunny weather at the end of September, October kicked off with a bang when storm Alex rolled in from the Atlantic on the third day of the month. There was heavy rainfall and high winds and the weather office confirmed that it was the wettest day on record with an average across the UK of 31.7mms. Interestingly the hottest day on record was recorded in 2019 and the last four years have been the warmest on record. Together with the melting of both the Arctic and Antarctic ice-caps, dying coral reefs and rising levels of CO2, these conditions all confirm that the climate is changing and at an increasing rate, and this paints a very gloomy picture of the future. However, there is hope. As the Secretary General of the United Nations has said "it is a race we are losing but it is a race that we can win". We have to stay optimistic. If man is clever enough to split the atom and fly to Mars then we should be able to beat climate change.

Weather conditions this year seem to have played tricks, with reports from around the country highlighting the plants that have decided to flower for a second time when they should be closing down for winter. A case in point was the purple leafed crab apple tree in the garden that bloomed at its normal time back in April/May but, early in October, Yvonne spotted some spots of colour on the upper branches and on inspection there were quite a number of buds breaking to reveal the rich pink flowers. It is obviously too late for more fruit but one wonders whether this will have an effect on the quantity of flowers next spring.

As the soil soaks up the rainfall, fungi have begun to appear with a few mushrooms pushing their white caps up through the grass and one or two groups of small cream and dark brown capped toadstools. Also, as though catching up after weeks of hot, dry weather and a recent haircut to the grass, I was surprised to spot the yellow, daisy like flowers of Bristly Oxtongue (*Helminotheca echioides*). This stiff, biennial herb grows up to 90cms in meadows, and on rough land and waysides across Europe and North Africa and has even made its way to North America where it has become a notifiable plant in some states. It originates in the Mediterranean and is believed to have been introduced accidentally by the Romans, although another suggestion is that they used the plant to treat intestinal worms. The leaves are lance shaped and covered with blisters and bristles. Regional names include ragweed, bitterweed and, because it is so prevalent in Buckinghamshire, it is said to be called Milton Keynes weed.



This year the autumn colours on trees and shrubs are being heightened by the long periods of hot and sunny weather of the summer months, which has resulted in the productions of higher levels of the pigments responsible. These pigments were masked by the chlorophyll during the growing season but as it ebbs away they are taking over and giving us a glorious mix of reds, yellows, oranges, purples and browns in what promises to be an absolute colour spectacle. The group of wild service (*Sorbus torminalis*) trees on the Dayseys Hill meadow, the spindle trees (*Euonymus europaeus*) and the horse chestnuts were already wearing their stunning colours by mid October and there is so much more to come.

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# OUTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

## OCTOBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### Updates from our District Councillors included

- Proposed expansion of Green Lane Traveller site.
- Planning application notifications not being received – including the recent Tone application
- The Local Authority re-organisation is on hold.

**Updates from Sustainable Outwood & our new Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator, Jo.** Please see elsewhere in this edition for further details.

### Tandridge District Council has granted The Castle Pub an ‘Asset of Community Value’

See elsewhere in this edition for further information on this extraordinary development. Planning applications will be affected by this.

**Concern continues to be expressed about the development of what was the Ryall & Edwards site in Green Lane into the base for one of the largest scaffolding companies in the SE.** If this is allowed to continue, we could see a large increase in the number of HGVs on Outwood roads. The site has now been cleared of most of the woodland on the site to make way for 50+ HGVs. Local residents are already affected by noise and light pollution from the site. Please continue to make complaints to TDC. The Parish Council will meet with the Enforcement Officer. Tone have recently submitted a new application.

Parish Councillor Gosling attended a training event on **Planning for the Future - The Planning White Paper**. Briefly, The Governments view is the Planning System is outdated and does not deliver the homes that are needed and Boris believes we need to 'tear it down and start again' Local plans would be simplified into 3 categories of land; **Growth Areas** suitable for substantial development, **Renewal Areas** suitable for development, **Protected Areas** subject to stringent controls.

*For more detailed meeting reports, a link to **The Planning White Paper** and any current planning applications please visit the website at [www.outwood.org](http://www.outwood.org) and click on Parish Council*

### Next Meeting: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> of November at 8pm

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

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## COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

We have managed to mount  
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and again on Dayseys Hill,  
where one vehicle was  
recorded at 77mph in the  
40mph limit.

All details have been sent to  
Surrey Police.

With the clocks having  
changed, our activities are  
restricted to the less busy  
times now and, with lower  
traffic volumes, would be far  
less productive. So we may  
not achieve anything much  
again until the New Year.

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## OUTWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



### OCTOBER REPORT

Since I took the reins from Jane I have received the following reports of issues in our lovely village.

Oct 12th - At 2 a.m Sunday 11th October the landlord at the Bell Pub heard footsteps in the gravel carpark/paths (2 or 3 people) and in the morning it was evident that gates had been opened where people had been trying to have a look around.

Oct 6th - I received a message from a resident in Wasps Green Lane to say that she received a phone call from someone who said they were from Sussex Police and asked to speak to her husband. He knew his name and also their address. After a couple of questions, it was very clear the caller was NOT a policeman.

It was clearly a Scam call so please be extra vigilant and on your guard to any callers saying they are from Police, British Gas, Bank. Anything at all.

And therefore leading on from this. Emails . I have been receiving emails very day from Amazon, Paypal, Netflix etc all saying that my account has been compromised and my account will be suspended unless I "click to update" These are SCAM emails - but look so very real.

The easy way to check this is to click onto the email account of the sender and you will notice the email address is nonsense, if anyone is unsure and does not know who to call and check, you can call me. I spent many years in IT and can help.

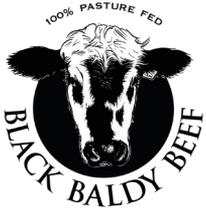
The worse it gets with COVID and unemployment the more we are going to experience these types of SCAMS.

Oct 3rd - On Saturday evening a bottle was thrown from a passing car at a car parked in a drive of a home on Scott Hill, close to Millers lane turning. Fortunately it hit a plastic part of the parked car and there was no damage. Nevertheless, it was reported by the resident to the Police.

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Crisp packets must be **fully emptied, flattened (not scrunched!) and placed in a bag (you can use a large multipack bag if you have one)** before putting in the Terracycle wheelie bin. Please do not fold into triangles or put loose crisp packets in the bin, as they will blow everywhere when the bin is emptied!

The crisp packets will be sent to Terracycle, who make them into new products. They will not be incinerated or dumped into landfill. Further information about Terracycle can be found on their website **[www.terracycle.com](http://www.terracycle.com)**

Points are awarded by Terracycle for recycling received, which is converted into money for a charity or school.

We are collecting on behalf of Tadworth Terracycle (see Tadworth Local Recycling Facebook Page) and points awarded will be converted into money for the Alzheimer's Association.

If this scheme proves successful then we can add other recycling scheme eg bread bags, laundry packaging at a later date.

**Any queries contact [Outwoodterracycle@gmail.com](mailto:Outwoodterracycle@gmail.com)**

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