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Dear Friends

I am delighted to be writing my first article in the magazine and to introduce myself to you as your new Rector. Rachel and I are looking forward to moving to Smallfield at the beginning of August and I to joining you as Rector of the Windmill Benefice in September. I wanted to use this opportunity to share some of my own faith and personal story and how I have ended up as your next Rector.

I grew up in a village near Swansea in South Wales called Penllergaer which is similar in size to Smallfield and was surrounded by farms and beautiful countryside. As a child, I attended St David's Church, which was at the heart of the community and enjoyed singing in the Choir and being a server on Sundays.

I enjoyed science at school and left Wales at the age of 18 to study physics at Imperial College in London. Initially, I began to doubt my childhood faith, believing that science made more sense of the world than religion and would have described myself as being agnostic at that time. However, while studying at Imperial College, I started attending the Anglican Chaplaincy and my Chaplain, who had a background in science, encouraged me to read and reflect more deeply on the relationship between science and religion. This helped me realise that it was possible to have a genuine Christian faith and to be open to the exciting discoveries about the universe that science was opening to me.

I went on to do research in astronomy and physics at UCL and, while there, I met Rachel who was studying Speech Sciences at the time.

We moved to Taunton in Somerset in 1985, where I worked as a Computer Consultant and Rachel as a Speech and Language Therapist. We got married at our local church and a year later our eldest son Jonathan was born. Shortly after this, I was made redundant and began to reflect more deeply on my life so far and what God might be saying to me through this period of change and uncertainty about my future. I became very friendly with the Curate at our church, and we would go for long walks in the Quantock Hills during which we would discuss faith, life and many other matters. I began to wonder whether or not God might be calling me to the Ordained Ministry. With his help and the encouragement of my Parish Priest, I began to explore this growing sense of vocation.

CHURCH NEWS

In the meantime, I started another job in a data centre in Bristol which led to a long daily commute up and down the M5! However, that strong sense of calling wouldn't go away and a year later I gave up my job and we moved to Durham where I trained at Cranmer Hall for the Anglican Ministry at Cranmer Hall and our second son, Edward was born.

My first Curacy was served at St Mark's Church in Bournemouth where just over 30 years ago I was ordained as Priest. While living here our daughter Rhiannon was born.

We moved back to Durham in the later 1990's where I became a University Chaplain at the College of St Hild and St Bede and I was able to pursue again my interest in science and religion and taught a number of courses on this topic.

However, I realised that the call to Parish Ministry was growing stronger and so in 2003, I moved back to Wales to be Vicar of a group of rural parishes to the north of Swansea in the area where I grew up and spent the next 13 years actively involved in the local community and helping to build up God's Kingdom in this place.

An opportunity then arose to go back into Chaplaincy work and so we moved to Croydon in 2016 where I became Chaplain at Whitgift School and an active member of the staff of Croydon Minster. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time ministering in Croydon at the school and in the wider community and have built up important links with local schools and community organisations.

Earlier this year, I began to feel again a strong calling back to Parish Ministry and went to see Archdeacon Moira to enquire about vacancies in the Diocese. She showed me a large map on the wall and pointed to an area at the southern end of the diocese. 'There are a group of 3 country parishes called the Windmill Benefice', she said, 'that are currently in vacancy and looking for a new Rector. This might be a place worth looking at'. I didn't know the area and had never heard of the Windmill Benefice at this point, however, as we talked it became very clear that this post was definitely worth exploring further.

I decided to apply for the post and was fortunate to be called for interview. As I arrived at the Church Hall in Outwood, flanked by Charles and Steve who had kindly showed me round the Benefice earlier in the day, Moira spotted me and said 'I see you're in good hands with a Sargeant and a Bishop looking after you!' I took this as a good omen for the rest of the day which did indeed turn out well. I was also pleased to discover that a previous Rector of Burstow was John Flamsteed, the first Astronomer Royal so the science and religion links which have been present throughout my life were here again with opportunities to develop these further.

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CHURCH NEWS

From September, I will be joining you as the next Rector of the Windmill United Benefice and am really looking forward to getting to know you all and to help build up the work of God's Kingdom in this place.

I am intrigued by the logo of the Windmill Benefice which has the arms of the Outwood Windmill in the shape of a Cross inside a circle with the names of the 3 Parishes of St Bartholomew's Burstow, St John the Baptist Outwood and St Mary the Virgin Horne printed inside the circle.

This reminds me so much of the ringed Celtic Crosses that are so common across Wales with a cross inside a circle representing the Cross at the heart of the world. It speaks to me powerfully of the need for the Church to be present at the heart of the community bringing the love of God to everyone who is present in this place.

I want to thank the previous Rector, Nicholas and his wife Judith for the wonderful ministry they have shared with you since 2015 and the strong legacy that he has left. I hope and pray that I will prove to be a worthy successor. I also want to thank Charles, Steve and the Wardens for keeping everything running so smoothly during the interregnum and look forward to working with them all in the future.

I hope to get to know many of you throughout the community over the coming weeks and months and hope that some of you will be able to join me for my Induction service on 30th September.

On the Sunday before my induction, I am hoping to walk round the Benefice visiting and praying in the different churches and at other places in the community. I hope that some of you will be able to join me and will be posting more information about this in due course.

I want to end these words of welcome with a blessing based on the vision that has been developed for the Benefice and offer this as a prayer for my ministry among you:

May we seek to serve God in this community

Seven whole days not one in seven

May we inspire people through worship and word

To live out God's love in their daily lives

And may we welcome everyone into our midst

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Rev. Alan Bayes

Windmill United Benefice

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JULY 2024

Summer is here and our members have been taking advantage of the fine weather to get out and visit places of interest. A large group of us enjoyed a fascinating afternoon at the Priest House in West Hoathly, originally built in the late middle ages and later owned by Henry VIII. Standing in a traditional cottage garden which is filled with gorgeous flora, fauna and herbs, the picturesque house is filled with fascinating artefacts from the local area. The actual fabric of the house - including fireplaces, ancient beams, wattle and daub walls and woodwork with deeply indented marks to keep witches away – tells its own story. Our ladies were treated to a personalised tour by the resident curator Anthony who brought many of the objects to life with his knowledge of their provenance.



To complete our afternoon, we were served afternoon tea and delicious home-made cake on the lawn in the middle of the aromatic garden.

Our speaker at this month's meeting was April Lewis who took us on a ghostly journey around Scotland, England and Ireland with her talk "Haunted Britain". She covered several well-known recorded historical sightings and shared details of the more modern equipment now used to record paranormal appearances. Even more interesting, following her talk, our ladies shared some of their own personal experiences of unexplained phenomena that they had experienced. It was fascinating to listen to the stories, even for the more sceptical amongst us!

Our next meeting is on August 6th when we shall be enjoying good food and friendship at our summer lunch.

Elizabeth Dyke



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NATURE WATCH

Foreigners say that us Brits are always talking about the weather and, being a temperate climate, we do of course get a lot of change but this year certainly takes the biscuit. However, the problem is worldwide with record temperatures, rainfall and winds and there is no doubt climates are changing. Here in the UK the problem is linked to the movements of the jet stream, which this year has spent too much time lingering to the south of us leaving us on the wrong side of the good weather. June gave us little summer weather and July had 90% of the month's average rainfall in the first two weeks followed by a short burst of warm weather then back to more rain, leaving us with the hope of some summery days in the last week of the month. On the subject of temperatures, I found myself in conversation with Lauma (sorry didn't catch her surname) at the British Legion, garden party held at Wasp Green Farm. Lauma, who lives in Horne, told me she but was born in Riga in Latvia. Talking about climate changes she said that one advantage of their saunas was that, in the event of high temperature events, they could use their saunas to remain cool, because these buildings were so well insulated against the very low winter readings. Lauma then said it was not unusual to experience winter temperatures of minus 35° in Riga and minus 40° in Finland – we should be grateful for small mercies.

Recently, whilst taking Tess for her daily perambulation, the smell of freshly cut grass was in the air as we passed Wasp Well on Millers Lane but Tess was much more interested in scenting the air for a squirrel she hadn't seen, that had darted across the lane in front of us. This got me thinking as to why she was able to ignore the all-pervading smell of the grass. A little research revealed some amazing facts. We all know that dogs have a better sense of smell than humans but better is a completely inadequate description. Humans have 6 million olfactory (smell) cells whilst dogs have between 150 and 300 million depending on breed and, their olfactory bulb, which analyses the in-coming nerve signals, is some forty times larger than that in humans relative to body size. Their wet noses enable them to attract more scent particles, they have excellent memories for scents and surprisingly they can scent in stereo because they can move their nostrils independently of each other, enabling them to detect two different smells as well as the direction of the source of the smell. This super sense enables us to train them to detect people, drugs, lost property, explosives, a wide range of diseases such as cancer and diabetes and changes in human emotions and impending attacks.



Tess - the squirrel chaser

In a recent conversation with Paul Pitts, he mentioned that along with many other villagers he had nor seen any swallows locally this year, but had managed to spot some on a trip to the west Midlands. I saw a few pairs some weeks ago but the days of swallows lining the telephone wires prior to their departure for their winter quarters in South Africa are long gone. On a bright note, Lyn Wilson of Rookwood Farm reported that her large barn was still providing a home for returning swallows that had nested and produced a couple of broods with some certainly going on for a third and overall numbers had increased rapidly.

Perhaps an Indian Summer?

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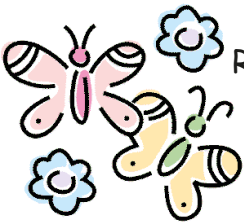
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OUTWOOD HISTORY GROUP

Does anyone know about the
Lloyd Family, any stories about them
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in the Bell?

I would like to write something about
the family that played such a big part
in Outwood's history.

The Outwood History Group meets
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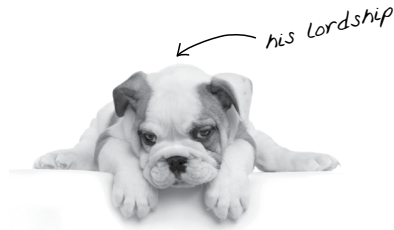
This year there will be a wonderful array of stalls, activities and demonstrations, including events for youngsters and adults. There will be talks and tours of Knepp by experts in a multitude of fields all connected to the countryside. The event maintains a strict ethos to the planet, nature and the wellbeing benefits the countryside brings to us all.

The event is organised by the Sussex branch of the national charity, Campaign to Protect Rural England that seeks to protect and promote the countryside for today and future generations.

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The Parish Council has nothing to report.

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The next Council meeting is in September.



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9.30am Holy Communion at Burstow Church
10.00am Family Service at Horne Church
11.00am **Holy Communion at Outwood Church**

Sunday 11th August

9.30am Holy Communion at Burstow Church
10.00am Holy Communion at Horne Church
11.00am **Holy Communion at Outwood Church**

Sunday 18th August

9.30am Holy Communion at Burstow Church
10.00am Holy Communion at Horne Church
11.00am **Holy Communion at Outwood Church**

Sunday 25th August

9.30am Holy Communion at Burstow Church
10.00am Holy Communion at Horne Church
11.00am **Holy Communion at Outwood Church**

Sunday 1st September

8.00am BCP Holy Communion at Horne Church
9.30am Morning Worship at Burstow Church
10.00am Family Service at Horne Church
11.00am **Holy Communion at Outwood Church**

Sunday 8th September

9.30am Morning Worship at Burstow Church
10.00am Holy Communion at Horne Church
11.00am **Morning Worship at Outwood Church**
3.00pm Café Church at Smallfield Church Hall

Sunday 15th September

9.30am Holy Communion at Burstow Church
10.00am Holy Communion at Horne Church
11.00am **Harvest Festival at Outwood Church**

Sunday 22nd September

9.30am Holy Communion at Burstow Church
10.00am Harvest Festival at Horne Church
11.00am **Holy Communion at Outwood Church**

Sunday 29th September

9.30am Harvest Festival at Burstow Church
10.00am Holy Communion at Horne Church
11.00am **Morning Worship at Outwood Church**

Monday 30th September

7.30pm Institution and Induction of Rev'd Alan Bayes
as The Rector of the Windmill United Benefice
Venue TBC

DIARY OF EVENTS

AUGUST

- Friday 2nd** **SHOESTRING - JAZZ NIGHT**
7.30pm - Lloyd Hall *(See P24)*
- Tuesday 6th** **WI MEETING - Summer Lunch**
12.30pm - Lloyd Hall
- Thursday 15th** **OPEN GARDEN - St Catherine's Hospice**
2.00-4.00pm - Doggets, South Nutfield *(See P13)*
- Saturday 31st** **O.H.S. - LATE SUMMER SHOW** *(Cover & P25)*
1.00-4.00pm - Lloyd Hall

SEPTEMBER

- Tuesday 3rd** **WI MEETING - 2000 Years of Women's Portrature**
2.30pm - Lloyd Hall
- Saturday 7th** **CPRE COUNTRYSIDE DAY** *(See P13)*
10.00-4.00 - Knepp Estate, Dial Post
- Monday 30th** **Institution and Induction of Rev'd Alan Bayes
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we would be so pleased if you would get in touch with us.

Rehearsals start in September.

01342 843661 (Sandra)

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I am both humbled and honoured to have been re-elected to serve you as your MP in East Surrey, particularly considering the national results. Thank you so much to everyone who voted for me to continue to represent our beautiful part of the world.

I must pay tribute to the polling station and counting staff, my campaign team, and to everyone who supported me locally come rain (of which there was quite a lot) or shine.

Overall, the Labour Party have won the right to govern. These are challenging times for the country and I wish them well.

However, it is not the case that people found Labour a better option than in 2019. The result instead reflects that the Conservative Party lost many of our voters.

In this new Parliament, I will shadow my previous role of Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero. An effective opposition plays a core role in our parliamentary democracy. We will not oppose for the sake of it, but I believe that when we disagree, it is our responsibility to say so – especially when it comes to securing enough cheap energy to keep the lights on in this country. I am deeply concerned about this Government's approach to energy policy – an ideological pursuit of targets that no other country is aiming for – will push up energy bills and be worse for global climate emissions.

Already, we have seen the new Government take steps which are not in the interests of our community. In the King's Speech, announced a new Planning Bill which is widely reported to remove the right of local communities to reject housing developments when they don't think they are right for their neighbourhood. I know many of you will be worried about what this means for our area.

We absolutely need affordable homes for local families and key workers including teachers and nurses, but forcing through new developments without a proper role for residents to question local infrastructure, traffic or access to green spaces or public services is not the answer.

I'm going to be meeting Tandridge District Council to discuss what these plans mean for our area, and how we can provide constructive opposition to ensure that we get the affordable homes we need, while managing infrastructure pressures and protecting our green spaces.

If you feel strongly about this issue, I've launched a survey for you to tell me how more building on the green belt will affect you. You can find it on my website: www.clairecouthino.com/campaigns

It is an honour to be able to continue to serve the residents of East Surrey. I am very grateful to be given the chance to continue my work locally and in Parliament, and to represent this wonderful seat for another term.

OUTWOOD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Outwood Horticultural Society Membership is open to all and new members are very welcome.

Please contact us at outwoodhortsoc@gmail.com if you are interested in joining.

Thank you to everyone who entered produce and visited our Early Show in June.

Prize winners were as follows:

Special Sweet Pea Cup	<i>Gerald Sharpe</i>
Special Rose Cup	<i>Mike Johnson</i>
Cavendish Cup	<i>Pat Hewett</i>
Hinton Floral Art Bowl	<i>Rosie Yeldham</i>
Children's Class 8 years and over	<i>Mason Richards</i>

Our Late Summer Horticultural Show will take place as usual this year.

31st August from 1.00pm - 4.00pm
at Lloyd Hall

See the Schedule included with this edition of the Outwood News.

Additional copies are available by emailing us at outwoodhortsoc@gmail.com

Refreshments will be available.

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Later in the year on Saturday 2nd November Firework Night!

Jim's already herding us together to organise another great fundraising evening for HAM Charity and The Marsden, so there's another date for your diary!

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We have several regulars who really count on Wednesday Morning Coffee as a chance to get out once a week.

It is a great way to invest in our community and get to know some of your neighbours.

Please contact Michelann Pollard at ukmikie@hotmail.co.uk to find out more.

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