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# **JULIAN ALDERTON**



**Julian, a retired electrical engineer and respected village character since 1963, passed away on 30th January at the age of 94 after a short illness. He will be remembered for his contribution to the Outwood Society, Church and British Legion.**

**He led an adventurous life before settling down in the village having served as an RAF dive bomber pilot in the Malayan campaign before moving his family to Ghana and later travelling the African and Asian sub-continent on business.**

**A keen car enthusiast, he drove a Sunbeam Rapier in the challenging 1965 Monte Carlo Rally and maintained a 1948 Y-type MG saloon which chauffeured many a local bridesmaid to church.**

**Julian was a stalwart regular at “The Feathers” which had a raucous crew in the 1960’s and throughout the years he played his part in village theatrics and social events. A prominent letter writer he was never shy to voice his opinions, and he was a lively reporter of village news for The Surrey Mirror and other publications. He was for many decades an influential member of the Outwood and Horne branch of the Royal British Legion culminating in holding the office of lifetime President.**

**Julian is survived by his loving wife of 72 years, Thelma, and his two sons, Nicholas and Timothy. He will be sadly missed by his family and many friends in Outwood, past and present.**

**May he Rest in Peace.**

## A WARDEN'S WARBLING

A short while ago I had coffee at our local Haskins Garden Centre. Afterwards, I was looking around at all the purchases newly on show where the extensive stock of Christmas themed things had been. I came across a floor-standing sandwich board displaying these words:  
“WITH THE CHANGING SEASONS COMES  
A NEW BEGINNING”



My mind immediately thought of this magazine with my up-coming turn to contribute the letter for March. The sandwich board might have said “Looking forward to Spring” or words along that line. To me the actual words on that board were more encompassing. The statement held a broader, richer meaning. It suggested that there was the opportunity to start again, to be refreshed.

Sometimes it is necessary to make an apology. By its very nature, a genuine apology puts in position the chance for a new beginning. Other examples can be thought of and considered too.

Very soon, Burstow Church is to have its spire re-shingled with hundreds of individual oak shingles. Here is another new beginning. For the next fifty or sixty plus years, the spire will be strong again to point heavenward from a church that began its life on that very site in the twelfth century. It has witnessed countless changing seasons, and if it could talk it would be able to relate stories from bygone centuries of life as it was known through the ages. Many details of events in our history would be revealed.

It is a once in a generation renovation task. We all have the opportunity to witness and participate in the event. Each of us will have the chance to sponsor a shingle, signing it and even including a brief message. That very shingle will be part of the visibly renovated tower. Our church architect, who was with a group of us at a meeting in January, told us of a church he knew that when its old shingles were removed for replacing, names and messages that had long ago been written on them were still legible!

In the natural world change is happening as we gradually move from the darkness and depth of winter into the promise of spring's new beginning. We are aware of the earliest flowers that give us joy – the tough little snowdrops that, no matter what the weather has thrown at them, will raise their white heads to greet us. Crocuses and daffodils present their vibrant colours.

# CHURCH NEWS

The days are lengthening and later in March we will happily adjust the time one hour forward on our clocks heralding a new beginning of 'summer time'.

Yes, the natural seasons and astronomical seasons in our part of the world bring about changes and we see new beginnings and differences around us.

Words from the garden centre's sandwich board are applicable to us as people too. We have numerous chances within ourselves to maximise new beginnings. Think about it! Each day is unique. It comes but once before very quickly becoming our past. Each change of day presents us with opportunities to seize on a new beginning. As we go about each day's affairs do we make the best of our chances to show greater compassion and consideration to one another in our families, at school, at work and within the community? Could we have spoken in a kindlier way, or exercised greater concern and understanding? Should we have been more helpful and made better use of our time? The possibilities of opportunity to make even the slightest change are there to bring about new beginnings. If each of us would take one aspect of our living and implement even a small change for the good, a big difference would result.

March presents us with Spring leading into April when we look forward and celebrate the joyous festival of Easter.

Enjoy and make the most of the lengthening days, and the time that goes with them.

**Ann Sheppard**  
- a **Burstow Churchwarden**

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The coasters involved quite a lot of concentration and fine brush work with oil paints. The glass tea lights were more relaxing, where we chose to stick or stamp motifs and gem stones. The results from both were superb!

Next time we meet on Friday 7th March at 2pm for a talk from Cats Protection and of course more tea and cakes!



## CHURCH NEWS

### CAFÉ CHURCH IN SMALLFIELD CHURCH HALL

Once a month Café Church meets for an all-age, family friendly, informal Christian worship in Smallfield Church Hall.

It's very laid back. Everyone arrives at 3pm. We have a bit of a chat, and do a range of puzzles and arts and craft activities - all while eating cake of course! Towards the end, we gather to sing some songs and listen to a short bible message.

Café Church meets, usually on the second Sunday of the month at 3pm, with a few exceptions (see below). Everyone is welcome and it would be great to see you there.

#### 2025 Dates

Sunday 9th March

Good Friday, 18th April - Easter special, including making Easter Gardens

Sunday 11th May

Sunday 8th June

Sunday 13th July

No Café Church in August

Sunday 14th September

Sunday 12th October

Sunday 9th November

No Café Church in December - Smallfield Carol Service, Sunday 14th December

**For more information, contact Liz Faulkner: [jfaulkner11@gmail.com](mailto:jfaulkner11@gmail.com)**

## FEBRUARY 2025

February is “the border between winter and spring” but, with the sunshine being such a rare commodity at the moment, we need something to lift our spirits. Our February meeting at Outwood certainly provided this, as we had invited Dr. Alastair Daniel to come and talk to us about “The social art of language”. Alastair is an academic (far from a stuffy one!) who works all around the world organising, and participating in, story-telling events. Last year he visited countries including Canada, Belgium and Morocco, where he took part (with over one hundred performers) to complete over eighty hours of oral narratives – a world record! Our members were entranced with his presentation which was dramatic and lively. Whether we are aware of it or not, we all tell stories as part of our everyday lives; in doing so, we are using words to help us make sense of the world around us.



*Alastair shared his ideas about meaningful oracy with our members.*

This month we celebrated our birthday: 104 years of Outwood WI, bringing friendship and learning into the lives of our members. We have a busy year planned with a wide variety of speakers and visitors to look forward to. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 4th March at 2.30pm, when we shall be hearing a most unusual story from World War Two: retired head teacher Mary Smith will be describing “A Schoolgirls’ War”.

*Elizabeth Dyke*



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**A lunch will be held on 8th May - VE Day.**

**Details are to be confirmed.**

**Watch this space and Outwood Matters for more information.**



# NATURE WATCH

## WINTER TIME

*Late lies the wintry sun abed,  
A frosty, fiery sleepy-head;  
Blinks but an hour or two and then,  
A blood red orange sinks again.*

This first verse of Robert Louis Stevenson's poem perfectly captures the grey picture of a winter's day with thin sunshine. Although we have had a few sunny periods since the start of the new-year we do seem to have had a lot of grey, cloudy days. Early February gave us two weeks of freezing temperatures, during which we might normally expect blue skies and sunshine, but there was barely a glimpse of the sun; according to the met office we were caught in a high-pressure zone that had become static over Scandinavia. One area in the country reported eleven consecutive days without sun. Then in the last week of the month the wind direction moved to the south and south west giving temperatures of up to 15°C but with more and more rain leaving the ground completely waterlogged. One example of how poor the ground conditions had become was featured in an email to customers by D T Brown the plant and seed merchants, who reported that their trial grounds were like a mud bath and advised customers to keep off their plots until the weather and soil became warmer and drier, and in the meantime, concentrate on growing seeds inside. However, all was not gloom and despondency, the first signs of spring were beginning to show. Between the many showers there were periods of sunshine and things started to warm up. Birds begun to sing, having been silent during the cold period to save energy; flowers suddenly opened up like the primroses and garden escape crocuses on the common at the top end of Millers and I spotted my first daffodils on the verge opposite the old School House.

Buds were also beginning to swell on young hornbeam trees and in the garden, a spring flowering cherry tree was showing the green of young leaves peeping through the scales of the small brown buds. Birds have already started pairing-up and blue and great tits have been busy preparing the garden nest boxes. Generally, squirrels keep to their dreys during the cold months but I spotted one very carefully eating the small and immature, almost embryo nuts, on the twisted hazel – they clearly have a very good memory or calendar.



I have mentioned before that the Cornell University, Laboratory of Ornithology produces a free computer app called Merlin, which can recognise both individual bird song and identify birds from photographs. As the app can be used on mobile phones it is very handy to have when confronted by an unusual bird on a country walk. This specialist university department also runs an annual worldwide bird count, which this year has produced some fascinating results. They received over 232,000 online checklists from over 208 countries and sub regions, saved more than 482,000 Merlin sightings and recorded over 7,700 different bird species. For twitchers and other interested parties, the final report will be published in March.

*Mike F Johnson*

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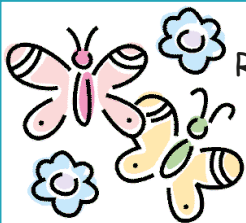
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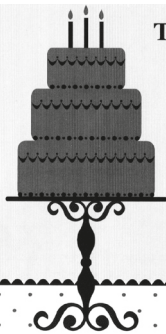
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We weren't able to run the show last year because of lack of support from the village, so please do consider offering a little of your time to help bring back what has always been a key part of the village calendar.

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## HAREWOODS HOME FARM - HELLO WALKERS

At last spring is around the corner and we would like to write about work at Harewoods Home Farm. That's us behind The Bell Pub. I'm sure you have all found the footpath extremely difficult to navigate on our heavy clay soil. We have found it very difficult to work in these conditions too. Each Season is presenting us with ever more hurdles to navigate and arable farming is becoming more and more difficult. We have always tried to protect and help wildlife and we are now focusing more on conservation projects.

We have just planted an additional hedgerow along the footpath from the stile at The Bell. This consists of 8 different hedging plants all of which will have something to offer insects, mammals and birds, either in habitat or food. The young plants (whips) are still very small at the moment and we ask for your help to protect them from being trampled on, especially whilst they are establishing.

We will be putting up some notices to explain the plants and their benefits which we hope you will enjoy reading.

As soon as the ground dries out enough to drive the tractors on again we will roll it and try to reinstate a walkable footpath!

At the other end of the farm, further North along Outwood Lane, we are trying to establish a Wild Flower Meadow together with special areas of crops for nesting birds and winter-feeding grounds.

We will keep you posted!



# OUTWOOD PARISH COUNCIL

**APOLOGIES:** Firstly, I'd like to apologise to Jane Howard. I used her maiden name by mistake when thanking her for all her years of commitment to the village by serving on the Parish Council. THANK YOU AGAIN, JANE.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** The Annual Village Meeting will be held on Tuesday 29th April in the Lloyd Hall at 8pm. There will be updates from the village organisations plus a presentation by Janet Hall, who is the Deputy Lead Governor on the Queen Victoria Hospital in East Grinstead.

**VE DAY CELEBRATIONS:** Outwood is joining Burstow and Horne to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of VE Day on Sunday 4th May. There will be lots of activities based around the Centenary Hall in Smallfield. The lighting of the Beacon in Outwood will be held on Thursday 8th May.

**LITTER PICK:** We will be conducting another Litter Pick on 22nd March – starting at 10am in the Dog and Duck car park. The council will start their verge cutting programme from April and we are keen to collect as much litter to avoid being churned up by machinery and spread further. Safety equipment, pickers and bags will be provided so just come along and join in making our village cleaner. Please email [parish.clerk@outwood.org](mailto:parish.clerk@outwood.org) if you are able to help.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 4TH MARCH AT 7.30PM IN THE LLOYD HALL**

## OUTWOOD WINDMILL

In early February, I heard from the recently appointed senior enforcement officer, planning, responsible for Outwood Mill, Victoria Groves ([vgroves@tandridge.gov.uk](mailto:vgroves@tandridge.gov.uk)).

She had contacted Historic England to request a full report and wanted to ensure that when repairs are done, they are done correctly and in line with the heritage requirements.

We have just been informed by Victoria Groves that the anticipated sale of the Mill has fallen through and she is back to dealing directly with the current owner. The saga continues.

*Paul Daniels*



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# CHURCH CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2025

## Sunday 2nd March

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

## Wednesday 5th March - Ash Wednesday

- 12.00pm Holy Communion - Smallfield Church Hall  
7.30pm Holy Communion - Horne Church

## Sunday 9th March

- 10.00am Holy Communion - Joint Benefice Service at **Outwood Church**  
3.00pm Café Church - Smallfield Church Hall

## Sunday 16th March

- 9.30am Holy Communion - Burstow Church  
10.00am Morning Prayer - Horne Church  
11.00am Holy Communion - **Outwood Church**

## Sunday 23rd March

- 9.30am Holy Communion - Burstow Church  
10.00am Holy Communion - Horne Church  
11.00am Holy Communion - **Outwood Church**  
3.00pm Organ Recital at Horne Church

## Sunday 30th March - Mothering Sunday

- 9.30am Uniform Celebration - Burstow Church  
10.00am Holy Communion - Horne Church  
11.00am Morning Prayer - **Outwood Church**

## HORLEY REPAIR CAFÉ @ ST WILFS

The Repair Café organisation is international with over 2,500 Repair Cafes worldwide. There are many in Britain and now Horley has its own. Vast numbers of items are thrown away where often a simple repair would give these items a new lease of life.

By repairing these items they are saved from landfill, raw materials are saved, and the owner saves money. It also means these repairing skills are passed to others rather than being lost forever.

We currently have a great team of volunteers covering repairs to electrical, electronic, woodwork, mechanical and general items, clothing, hi-fi & audio, bicycles, tool/knife sharpening, and computers.

The repair service is offered free of charge (parts chargeable) and donations are welcome to cover running costs.

Would you like to get involved? Whether you have a repairing skill or not we are on the lookout for more volunteers. Please contact us on the email below or just turn up at a session and see how it works.

The Horley Repair Café @ St Wilfs runs on every second Saturday of the month 11.30am – 2.30pm (last items in by 2pm please) at St Wilfrids Church Hall, Horley Row, Horley RH6 8DF.

This enterprise is only possible due to the very kind support of the Horley Team Ministry.

For more information please contact [horleyrepaircafe@yahoo.com](mailto:horleyrepaircafe@yahoo.com) or our Facebook page Horley Repair Café @ St Wilfs

## DIARY OF EVENTS

### MARCH

- Tuesday 4th**                    **WI MEETING - "A SCHOOLGIRLS WAR"**  
2.30pm - Lloyd Hall
- Tuesday 4th**                    **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
7.30pm - Lloyd Hall
- Thursday 6th**                 **ST CATHERINES HOSPICE - AGM**  
7.00pm - Church Room
- Sunday 30th**                 **MOTHERS DAY**

### APRIL

- Tuesday 1st**                    **WI OPEN MEETING - Surrey Air Ambulance**  
2.30pm - Lloyd Hall
- Tuesday 1st**                    **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
7.30pm - Lloyd Hall
- Sunday 20th**                 **EASTER SUNDAY**
- Tuesday 29th**                 **ANNUAL VILLAGE MEETING**  
8.00pm - Lloyd Hall



**OUTWOOD VILLAGE WEBSITE**  
**[www.outwood.org](http://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!

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# LLOYD HALL

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## BIKE RIDE BAKE SALE

Sunday the 15th of June will be the next London to Brighton Bike Ride and we will be out in force, once again, selling flapjacks to the cyclists to raise much needed funds for the Lloyd Hall.

### THREE EASY WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- 1) Sponsor a batch (or two!) of flapjacks for £5. My goal is to bake 100 batches of flapjacks and brownies this year, as we ran out by noon in 2024. If we can get the cost of all the ingredients sponsored, all sales proceeds will go straight to the Lloyd Hall. An especially good fundraiser as money is coming from outside the village. Plus, we are extremely popular with many repeat customers every year.  
**Transfer your £5 (or £10!) to Lloyd Hall sort code 60-11-41, account 34353224. Please put "flapjacks" as the reference.**
- 2) Join us on the evening of Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June for the BIG BAKE at the Lloyd Hall. Spend an evening sipping wine, measuring, scooping and eventually washing up. In 2024, we baked 60 batches of flapjack in 3 hours. This year, I hope to start a little earlier and have 2 shifts of bakers so we can churn out at least 80 batches of flapjack (I bake 20 batches of brownies at home).
- 3) Wander down to the Dog and Duck on the morning of 15<sup>th</sup> June and help sell our stockpile of lovely flapjacks. If you've never joined us, it is an incredibly fun event cheering on the cyclists and receiving the many wonderful compliments on our delicious flapjacks.

**Help is needed from about 9 am to 2 pm, so if you can spare an hour or two during that time, please do volunteer for a shift.**

**If you are interested in helping, please contact Michelann at [ukmikie@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ukmikie@hotmail.co.uk)**

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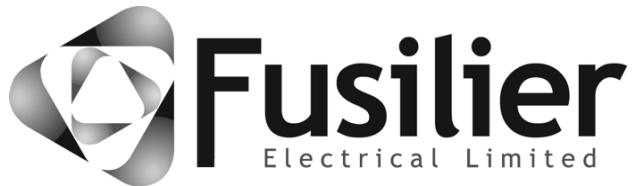
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I've also been holding regular remote surgeries by telephone, so if you need any help or want to raise an issue of importance to you, please don't hesitate to email or call me to set up a meeting.

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We are delighted to announce that Claire welcomed her son, Rafael Peter Hawksbee, into the world on 17th January. While she takes some well-deserved rest, Claire's team is working as normal and we are ready to help you with anything you need. Please feel free to continue to contact us on [claire.coutinho.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:claire.coutinho.mp@parliament.uk) if there is anything we might be able to help with.

While Claire is on maternity leave we still want to provide residents with an update on what we are working on locally and what has been happening in Parliament each month.

The Chancellor's speech on growth in February contained a commitment to a third runway at Heathrow, but stopped short of giving a firm commitment on potential expansion of Gatwick. The airport is acutely important to the lives and livelihoods of those who rely on Gatwick for their jobs – either directly or indirectly.

We will be pushing for a number of measures including an increase in noise monitors across the constituency to gather accurate, reliable data on how flight paths are affecting residents, better noise mitigation for local residents who will be affected by any construction work and flights, improvements to sewage treatment works, better car parking on-site and better traffic monitoring.

The Government has also decided to cancel this year's local elections. This is being done to pave the way for the abolition of district and county councils, which will be replaced with larger, single-tier 'unitary' local authorities. Councils are currently drafting their proposals for an interim plan, which is due by 21st March, with the Secretary of State Angela Rayner then making a decision after the submission of a full proposal by 9th May. There is no national public consultation, but our local District and Borough Councils will be looking to run consultations between 21st March and 9th May.

In the House of Commons, the Opposition has forced a vote in both Houses on cancelling the elections – something that the Chief Executive of the Electoral Commission has raised concerns about. We are clear that local government restructuring should not be imposed by top-down Whitehall diktat – the Government have been rushing this decision, and there has been a severe lack of effort to gather consensus within two-tier areas across the country.

We believe that more time should be taken to understand how these changes will affect the structure of local government, and to give residents an opportunity to share their views. In East Surrey, representatives of the district and borough councils and Surrey County Council are meeting regularly to discuss the proposal that will be submitted to the Secretary of State by 21st March, and particularly what should happen with the significant debts accrued by Woking Borough Council. We will keep residents updated as developments take place.

It is disappointing that Lloyds Bank has confirmed the closure of their branch in Caterham. Cash Access, who have confirmed they will be opening a Banking Hub in Caterham to maintain services for residents, and in a meeting they confirmed that Lloyds will not be able to close until the Banking Hub is open. An out-of-hours cash point has also been recommended. For more information on the services they will be providing, please visit [www.clairecoutinho.com/news](http://www.clairecoutinho.com/news) or send an email to [claire.coutinho.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:claire.coutinho.mp@parliament.uk).

Finally, as Network Rail and GTR were considering changes to the next rail timetable, we created an East Surrey Rail Survey to offer residents a platform to share their ideas. Over 500 people got in touch to share their views, which, at the time of writing, we are currently processing. We will be meeting with Network Rail and GTR in the next few weeks to go through residents' feedback, with the aim of reviewing and adjusting the timetable to better suit the needs of local residents.

Claire's Team





# OUTWOOD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Outwood Horticultural Society Membership is open to all and new members are very welcome. Only £5 per year. Please contact us at [outwoodhortsoc@gmail.com](mailto:outwoodhortsoc@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining.

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## VE DAY 80th ANNIVERSARY 2025

This year marks the 80th anniversary of the end of the war in Europe on 8th May 1945.

The Parish Councils of Burstow, Horne and Outwood are joining together to organise a day of celebration for this anniversary at Centenary Hall in Smallfield on **Sunday 4th May 2025**. We wish to make it a happy day for our communities, but a respectful one as well to remind us of the sacrifices made so we may enjoy our freedoms today.

This year's celebration will have live entertainment, refreshments, raffle, Tombola, bar, face painting, ice cream van and many other activities. More details will become available nearer the time. A 1940's theme is our suggestion ~ fancy dress in the style of the times, military or civilian, would be lovely but is optional. We will also have an exhibition of wartime memorabilia, particularly anything relevant to our parishes and would welcome any exhibits (on loan) for this display.

Financing a day like this is vital therefore any sponsorship is most welcome. We are very grateful to Nick Knox Plant Hire and Asprey Homes who have already been extremely generous in their recent offers of sponsorship to our event.

Nearer the time, we will be requesting donations for the raffle and Tombola, and for volunteers to help the day go well.

If you wish to donate, volunteer or need any other information please contact:

Burstow Parish Council - [debbie.hale@burstowparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:debbie.hale@burstowparishcouncil.gov.uk)

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Outwood Parish Council – [Helena.Devlin@outlook.com](mailto:Helena.Devlin@outlook.com)

## **BURSTOW PARISH COUNCIL - MEN'S SHED**

Burstow Parish Council are looking into the feasibility of setting up a 'Men's Shed' in the village.

To assist with this process, we are scoping the likely interest and support this project will generate.

Men's Shed is a national scheme that aims to promote happiness and health in men through connection, conversation and creativity.

Men's Sheds encourage people to come together to make, repair and repurpose, supporting projects in the local community, thereby improving wellbeing, reducing loneliness and combatting social isolation.

The meetings we have had in the village so far scoping interest in the project have attracted great responses, showing there is a need for such a place in the village.

If you are interested in helping deliver the scheme or just being part of it, you can contact Parish Councillor Andrew Gilbert who is leading the project by emailing [Andrew.Gilbert@Burstowparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:Andrew.Gilbert@Burstowparishcouncil.gov.uk)

# COFFEE MORNING

## COFFEE MORNING CELEBRATES 20 YEARS

The Wednesday Coffee Morning has just completed its 20th year, raising over £27,000 for the Lloyd Hall.

This weekly village gathering is open to everyone and has provided a vital opportunity to keep our close-knit village connected in addition to raising much needed funds for the Hall.

We would love to welcome more attendees, why not arrange to meet a friend at Coffee Morning, rather than at home.

It's just £3.50 for cafetiere coffee, cakes and savoury bakes.

### We do need help.

Many of our regular volunteers are advancing in age and are no longer able to run Coffee Morning.

If you can spare just 2 hours once or twice a year, please contact Michelann Pollard at [ukmikia@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ukmikia@hotmail.co.uk) to learn more about what is involved.

It is a great opportunity to support your village and neighbours.

## OUTWOOD NEWS COPY DATES

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