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ALAN'S AMBLINGS

*'SEASON of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eaves run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;*



So begins the famous 'Ode to Autumn' by John Keats. The opening lines of Keat's poem invoke in a very special way the season of autumn that is now very much upon us. Surrounded as we are here in the countryside of the Windmill Benefice by the beautiful colours of autumn it is wonderful each day to be reminded of the beauty of the seasons and the changing colours and activities that we see in the natural world around us.

I love the colours of Autumn, the changing leaves and brightly coloured berries that fill our woods at this time of the year. One of the joys of moving to Smallfield is being able to walk out of the house and go for walks in the countryside. Very different from Croydon where we used to live and had to drive several miles to get to open countryside with proper walks.

I enjoy walking and find it a good way to reflect on the day and to think more deeply about the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead as I begin my new role as Rector of this Benefice. As I walk around the villages, I often find myself praying and thinking about the people around me in the homes I am passing, in the school, in the health centre, in the local shops and community centres. I find that this is a good opportunity to offer blessings up to God for this community and for the needs and concerns of all who live and work here.

On Saturday 28th September, shortly before my Induction Service as Rector at St Bartholomew's Church in Burstow I plan to do a walk around the Benefice, praying for the community and hoping to meet as many as possible along the way. I will be starting from the Rectory at 10am, walking to Burstow Church, then going from Burstow to Horne and Horne to Outwood where I hope to have a well-earned pub lunch before heading back down the hill to Smallfield. If you enjoy walking and the weather is not too wet, then please feel free to join me.

I have started exploring different routes and have been disappointed to find that many local footpaths are overgrown or blocked in places so might need to take something with me to clear away the brambles!

I realise that some of you might be reading this article after the event, however, I hope to do more regular walks around the Benefice so watch this space for more details in the future!

CHURCH NEWS

Walking between Churches and visiting holy places on foot is a very ancient practice of Pilgrimage that is common to all religions and is becoming more popular in our modern world.

I recently watched a fascinating programme on television called Pilgrimage in which a group of celebrities of all faiths and none walked along an ancient pilgrimage route in North Wales to Bardsey Island which was a holy place where many saints are said to be buried. When they first started the journey some of them were feeling cynical and unsure of why they were doing this, but as the journey proceeded and they began to get to know each other better they realised that Pilgrimage is not just about the outward journey that we make, but more about the inward journey that takes us into a deeper place where we discover more of who we truly are and more about the journey of life and what we learn along the way.

It was literally a life changing experience for all of them and helped them to connect with their faith in a new way. If you've never been on a Pilgrimage, I commend it to you and hope that you too will find it a meaningful experience.

We are very near the Pilgrim Way here in Smallfield which is the ancient Pilgrimage Route from London to Canterbury that was made famous by Chaucer in 'The Canterbury Tales'. This is a route I hope to walk soon, possibly to help raise money for local charities and will have more to say about this in the future!

Meanwhile, I hope that you enjoy the season of Autumn as much as I do and take time to get out into the footpaths around us and explore this beautiful countryside where we live.

I end with an ancient Irish blessing for a journey

*“May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields
And, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.”*

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Alan

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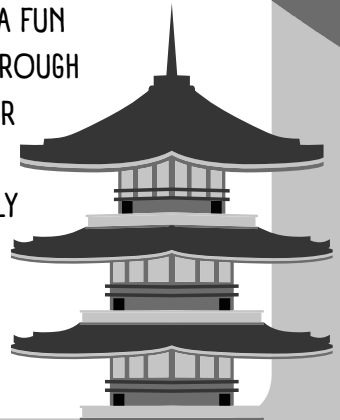
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AUGUST 2024

August is the month when we get together to relax and just enjoy each other's company at our Summer Lunch event.

Our lunch was catered yet again by Jan Sturges and her team: she did us proud as always with a great selection of gorgeous cold platters plus a delicious dark chocolate dessert. Members were greeted with a glass of summery Pimms as they arrived and took their seats at the tables which had been set and decorated by the committee members; wine and soft drinks were supplied, while the attractive raffle broke all records, raising funds for future group treats.

Our members are working on various projects: our focus for the next month is crafting orange flowers to add to the planned Surrey Federation display which will launch our campaign against domestic abuse and violence against women.

SEPTEMBER 2024

At our September meeting we were pleased to welcome the engaging and knowledgeable Kathy Hall who talked to us about women's portraiture throughout the ages. Although the images created of women in the past have usually reflected what men expect them to be, it was fascinating to see - through Kathy's visual slide presentation - how there are often clues about the actual characters portrayed included in the settings and costume choices. We enjoyed examining images from ancient Egypt and Rome, through the golden age of Tudor portraiture, to the modern paintings (including self portraits) which depict women as they really are and as they wish themselves to be presented. Our members all agreed that we valued the opportunities today to be seen as realistic and valuable individuals in modern society.

We still have an outing to look forward to later this month: a trip to Hammerwood House. Our regular clubs continue to be popular and we shall be enjoying lunch at The Bell this month.



Some of our members found a bit of remaining summer sunshine to visit Glyndebourne for a picnic in the gardens and a tour of the opera house.

The nights are drawing in and the arrival of Autumn is reflected in the latest post box topper organised by our committee member Jackie.



Our next meeting will be on 1st October when we have a very different theme for our talk: Neil Sadler will be sharing his experiences as a policeman working at Gatwick airport.

Elizabeth Dyke



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NATURE WATCH

Autumn

By John Clare

*I love the fitfull gusts that shakes
The casement all the day
And from the mossy elm tree takes
The faded leaf away
Twirling it by the window pane
With thousand others down the lane*

This first verse of John Clare's poem so aptly evokes the feeling of autumn as we leave summer behind. As we will all remember, this summer was almost a complete washout until halfway through August, when, for the second half we were treated to a period of hot weather with temperatures almost reaching 40° leaving Outwood soil like concrete. The heat eased and we settled into another three weeks of warm and sunny and sometimes windy days. Then the autumn equinox arrived on Sunday 23rd September and, as if to confirm that autumn really had arrived, it rained heavily and caused floods across the country and signalled a change to more mixed conditions. As the ground soaked up the life-giving moisture, moles took advantage of the soft conditions to go searching for earthworms, and as they did, throwing-up molehills on grassy areas like the common. I had first noticed that leaves were beginning to change colour and to start falling in mid-August but this was not due to the early arrival of the autumn season but rather a defence mechanism. Many trees were shocked by the very high temperatures, which affected transpiration and uptake of water and their response was to shed leaves.

However, cooler conditions have reset the clock. The onset of autumn has been heralded by the crops of colourful berries; such as Lords and Ladies (*Arum maculatum*) with their pillar box red spathes, blackberries, crab apples, loaded holly trees, the shiny, flask shaped red hips of dog roses and the swathes of Black Bryony (*Discoria communis*) that are draped over the hedges like strings of Christmas lights – but beware the berries are very poisonous.



The natural world is completely attuned to the seasons and provides us with an early warning system of change to come. A good example is the life cycle of the swallow, which arrives in the UK in April and leaves in September for the 6,000 mile return journey to South Africa. In this connection Lyn Wilson called to give me an update on the swallows that visit to breed on her farm every year. The breeding season wasn't as successful as 2023 but she estimated that the final number of birds was forty and they left Outwood on 14th September. The most likely explanation of the lower number was the shortage of insects due to the poor weather. On a brighter note, Lyn also mentioned that red tailed kites have been doing well this year and reported as seeing six birds at a time over the fields at haymaking time. This ties in with the marked increase in numbers of buzzards I've seen this summer. Just last week I spotted a crow persistently chasing and harassing a buzzard for about two to three minutes. Talking of sightings, I spotted yet another white squirrel, not the one seen by many in the Wasp Green Lane area last year, but in the woodland that runs from the top of Hornecourt Hill eastwards to Tile Barn.

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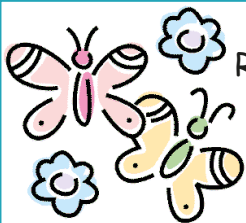
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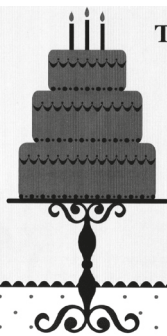
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The Outwood History Group meets on the second Tuesday of each month.

David

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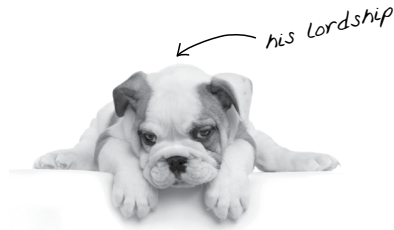
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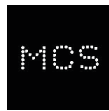
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Hope everyone had a good summer. Autumn is upon us and it also means that the Council must prepare its budget for the next financial year.

It's also the time of year when we must remind people that any fireworks they set off, whilst looking amazing, can also cause distress to animals. Think about horses and cows that are outdoors. They can suffer and, as happened a couple of years ago, die, as a result.

Joanne Barnett has created an "Animal Safe Zone, and the Parish Council is happy to endorse this. There will be posters and banners advertising this!

Looking at current and future provision of the Playground behind Lloyd Hall, The Council is keen to gauge its use and whether parents feel there is need for any other equipment. Perhaps you could let us know by email to parish.clerk@outwood.org

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The Parish Council is consulted on any planning applications in the village. We do not have the power to make decisions about applications, but Tandridge will take our views into account when reviewing applications. The Parish Council discusses all planning applications in the village at our monthly Parish Council meetings, which are open to the public and you are warmly invited to attend.

Tandridge does not give our feedback on planning applications any more weight than feedback from any other body or individual, so if you feel strongly about an application we encourage you to respond directly to the consultation on the planning portal. This will help Tandridge make informed decisions.

Top tips:

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10.am Family Service at Horne Church
11am **Holy Communion at Outwood Church**

Sunday 13th October

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Sunday 20th October

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*All Souls Day, Sunday 3rd November 2024
4.00pm at St Bartholomew Church, Burstow*

DIARY OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

- Tuesday 1st** **WI MEETING - 'Come Fly With Me'**
2.30pm - Lloyd Hall
- Tuesday 22nd** **FILM CLUB - "Les Miserable"**
7.30pm for 8.00pm - Lloyd Hall

NOVEMBER

- Saturday 2nd** **TABLETOP SALE - RBL** *(See Cover)*
10.00am-2.30pm - Lloyd Hall
- CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT** *(See page 6)*
7.00pm - Lloyd Hall
- Tuesday 5th** **WI MEETING - ANNUAL MEETING**
2.30pm - Lloyd Hall
- Friday 15th** **HORT. SOC AGM AND SUPPER** *(See page 3)*
7.00pm AGM - 8.00pm - Lloyd Hall
- Tuesday 26th** **FILM CLUB**

OUTWOOD VILLAGE WEBSITE www.outwood.org

The website Diary page, maintained by Outwood News, lists all village events (*of which we are aware*) taking place up to a year in advance.

Why not take a look to avoid a clash of dates!

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PLEASE CONTACT MICHELANN POLLARD AT ukmikia@hotmail.co.uk
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After another busy month out and about in East Surrey meeting residents, I wanted to give a particular mention to two visits to the wonderful Woodhouse Centre in Oxted, and the Prospero Theatre in Caterham to hear about their brilliant Friday Club. I'm delighted to have supported both groups through my local charity the Friendship Project, which I started to help support community groups who tackle loneliness. Overall, the Prospero Theatre has received £2000 for their Sandwich Club and the Woodhouse Centre has received £2500 for refurbishment. I'm proud to play a small part in their work as they bring people together.

I also met with the headteachers of five independent schools at Hawthorn School in Bletchingley to discuss their concerns around the Government's plan to introduce VAT on independent school fees. More than 1,000 constituents responded to my survey on this issue with 98% agreeing that this would increase pressure on local state schools and services for children with special educational needs and disabilities.

87% of parents who responded who had a child in an independent school said they would have to consider sending their child to a state school. That's up to 900 parents of children that local state schools would have to accommodate, many of whom have complex special needs.

My fellow Surrey MPs and I have written to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Rachel Reeves to ask her to reconsider this damaging policy and introduce an immediate exemption for children attending independent special schools.

Back in Parliament, in my role as Shadow Secretary of State, I led the opposition to Ed Miliband's plans to create an energy company that doesn't generate any energy, that won't save families money off their bills and cannot be guaranteed to turn a profit. You can watch my full speech on YouTube or my website.

I have also campaigned against the Government's plan to scrap the Winter Fuel Payment with no time for those affected to prepare. 17,000 pensioners in East Surrey will lose up to £300 of energy bill support this winter - including 84% of pensioners living in poverty across the country. However despite our best efforts in Parliament, the Government is determined to go ahead with this policy. I will be launching another pension credit campaign this winter just as I did in 2022, if you know anyone who is affected please do encourage them to check their eligibility and call 0800 99 1234. This is a separate payment from your state pension and could top up your weekly income by £182.60 per week if you live alone or £278.70 per week for pensioners living with a partner.

I know many will be just above the cut off line and for them I worry this will be a very difficult winter. If the Government truly wanted to means test the Winter Fuel Payment then this could have done in many better ways and with more notice.

Finally, I know some of you may be interested in the Conservative leadership election. It was a difficult election for my party. Many of you discussed your thoughts with me during that time. After much consideration, I have decided to support Kemi Badenoch. She has a fresh approach to politics, she is courageous, an engineer by background and firmly rooted to her Conservative principles.

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 Summer Show. Special thanks to Jo Barber for organising delicious tea and cakes.

Prize winners were as follows:

Victor Constable Cup	Best exhibit in vegetable classes	Mike Johnson
Harewood Cup	Highest number of points in the vegetable classes	Linda Lodge
Ivor Paul Cup	Best exhibit - bowl of roses	Linda Lodge
Society's Cup	Highest number of points in the flower classes	Janet Hall
Wendy Gordon Cup	Best exhibit- single rose	Linda Lodge
Coronation Cup	Highest number of points in the cookery classes	Rosie Yeldham
The Spud Trophy	Max weight of potatoes grown from one seed potato	Sue McIntosh
Chairman's Cup	Best exhibit in the flower classes	Sue McIntosh
Frank Witts' Memorial Cup	Highest number of points in the fruit/veg/flower classes	Linda Lodge
Geoff Le Serve Cup	Best picture in the photographic classes	Diana MacDonald
Sunflower Shield	Tallest Sunflower in the village	Mary Baldock
The Handicraft Plate	Best exhibit in the handicraft classes	Jane Weston
Basket of mixed vegetables		Shirley Vinton

Dates for your diary:

AGM and Supper	Friday 15th November 2024	7pm	Lloyd Hall.
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OUTWOOD WINDMILL

I have sent the letter which follows to John Langdown, the Senior Enforcement Officer at Tandridge District Council.

Although having been made aware of the dreadful state of our landmark Outwood Mill by our Parish Council, District Council Officers are not so receptive to single submissions by residents, but do take note and act upon multi submissions on the same topic.

I therefore ask that you please read my letter and, only if you agree of course with the sentiments expressed, write asap in your own words to jangdown@tandridge.gov.uk

My personal thanks to you for reading this and writing your own letter, if you do.

Paul Daniels

Dear Mr Langdown,

I am writing to you on behalf of myself and other Outwood residents concerning the appalling current state of our iconic Windmill, which until more recent ownerships, was the oldest working windmill in the United Kingdom, maintained in immaculate working condition by previous owners over four centuries.

Built in 1665, Outwood Mill is Grade I listed and prominently advertised as a site of outstanding beauty by the National Trust. It is a landmark at one of the highest points in Tandridge District. A Surrey Beacon is lit on the Common next to it on important occasions and it is said that the great fire of London could be seen from its top level

In recent years The Windmill has been allowed by its current owner, who does not live in the village, to fall into a state of extreme disrepair. Three of its sails have been severely battered and damaged and the fourth is virtually non-existent except for its main spar.

This not only reflects badly on our village, but cannot reflect well on Tandridge District Council either.

We request that Tandridge District Council serves a Section 215 Notice on the current owner of the windmill and then itself takes direct action to undertake the remedial work and recover the costs from the land owner. I understand that LPA's have the powers under s219 of the Code of Practice to undertake the works themselves and to recover the costs from the landowner.

I am aware that the views expressed in this letter are shared by a considerable number of villagers and also no doubt by those who visit or pass through Outwood on a daily basis.

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Tuesday		
14.30 (1st Tuesday of month)	W.I.	carolinedurance@me.com
19.30 (last Tuesday of month)	Film Club	carolinedurance@me.com
Wednesday		
9.30	Yoga	reigatmassageandyoga@gmail.com
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18.00	Dance Classes	harmonydancing@hotmail.co.uk
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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 ukmikia@hotmail.co.uk to find out more.

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