

## Swing your partners high and low

The annual barn dance held to support St Mary's, Horne, was held in Centenary Hall on an extremely hot evening in July. Despite the weather outside, the dancing inside was as enthusiastic as ever, led by a great band and caller, and with a very welcome break for delicious refreshments



The beautiful artwork, on display in Burstow church on Sunday mornings, is entitled 'For Us' and was made from gold leaf and acrylic by local artist Simon Canacott, who has donated it to the church. Simon is a self-taught artist who works in many media and whose subject matter ranges from landscape to architecture, to wildlife, portraits and motorsport. And although his main career and passion is as an artist, Simon is also a qualified flying instructor, a qualified motorcycle technician and in the 1990s represented England in Karate. Find out more about Simon and his work on his website: [www.simoncanacott.com](http://www.simoncanacott.com)



# Windmill United Benefice

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## Celebrating Heritage



### St John's, Outwood welcomed the village community to the church for its Heritage Day in June

The feast of St John the Baptist was marked in a special way this year when the traditional Outwood church summer fair was enhanced by displays charting the heritage of the church and village. The aim was to celebrate the start of vital repair work on the Grade II listed church building following a substantial grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The project will safeguard the church building for future generations, while an exhibition on the day celebrated the memories of past generations, with photos and documents from villagers, as well as *(continued overleaf)*

*The top picture shows visitors enjoying the heritage display and looking through the registers. Left: cream teas, horticultural society entries and displays - the church was a hive of activity*



(continued) old church registers. Visitors were able to visit the church bells and tower, and could follow a trail of points of interest around the building, which was enhanced by the entries to the Outwood Horticultural Society Early Summer show (above right). Outside there was an ecology trail round the churchyard and some reflective walks (right), as well as tombolas, plants and shady places in which to enjoy the free cream teas. The day concluded with a rousing performance of sea shanties, the first performance by the Windmill Songmen.



At the joint benefice service to celebrate Lammastide local farmer Robert Streeter brought up grain on behalf of the farmers and farm workers of our community, asking for God's blessing on the gathering in of the crops. A loaf from the grain had been made by Ruth Streeter and was offered to God, asking for his blessing on our homes, our food, our work and our communities. The service included the baptism of Louis Nicholas Casey, Nicholas's grandson. Nicholas pointed out that

Louis's grandfather, great grandfather and great great grandfather on one side had been priests who blessed bread and that his grandfather, great grandfather and great great grandfather on the other side had been bakers who had made bread. This, he said, made Louis a little Lammastide loaf himself!

## Celebrating summer out of doors

After a wide-ranging programme during the summer months, including tap dancers, a beetle drive and a visit from the Sight for Surrey bus, CAMEO members enjoyed their annual tea in the Rectory garden in August. It was an extremely hot afternoon but the tea and chat flowed as ever!



Messy Church branched out in July to take advantage of the great weather. Based on Psalm 139 the theme was how wonderfully made we are. Praise songs were accompanied by the musical instruments and colourful praise ribbons everyone made, before a picnic tea – which included the veggie bodies teams had competed to make.

