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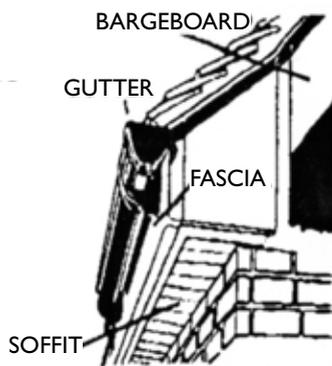
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RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

We were given a tin of Quality Street at Christmas and as there were quite a few of us in the house we managed to get through it all on Christmas Day! I always think there is something about Christmas and Quality Street and having got the taste for it I went across the road to the Co-op on Boxing Day to get some more. But I was too late – the Quality Street had all gone and in its place were Easter Eggs!

In the retail world the turning from Christmas to Easter happens on Christmas Day itself. In the church that turning happens 40 days later, on 2 February, the day that is known in the church as the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, or Candlemas, which marks the time when, according to the Gospel of Luke, Mary and Joseph went up to the temple at Jerusalem and Simeon proclaimed the infant Jesus as 'a light to lighten the Gentiles'. In the Windmill United Benefice the three churches (Burstow, Horne and Outwood) meet together for a joint service at the end of which we turn from facing the crib at the front of the church to face the font, a symbol of resurrection, at the back of the church – a literal turning from the 40 days of Christmas and Epiphany, to the 40 days of Lent, the preparation for Easter.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which this year is on 26 February. As usual we shall be running a Lent Course and this year's is called Encountered: Meeting God in Ordinary Places. The sessions explore the ordinary places of the Easter story – 'Home', 'On the Road', 'In the Wilderness', 'By the sea', and 'In the city' – and encourage us to look at the ordinary places of our own lives and rediscover them as places in we can experience the presence of God. You are very welcome to attend the Lent Course – whether you attend church or not – and the details of the dates and times follow this letter.

Going back to Quality Street, I discovered that Nestlé, the makers, caused outrage among chocolate lovers this year by replacing the old favourite Toffee Deluxe with a new variety, the Honeycomb Crunch. This wasn't a problem to me as my favourite is the Toffee Penny and perhaps this controversy has completely passed you by too! It also struck me that they had changed the labelling so that it wasn't so easy to see what flavour each one was. This reminded me of the scene from the film 'Forrest Gump', where Forrest says: "Mama always said life was like a box of chocolates. You never know what you're gonna get!"

Of course chocolates are often what people give up for Lent and Lent is often associated with giving something up. But I always like to think of Lent as a time of taking something up, of doing something extra that helps you to grow spiritually, like taking up a Lent Course! Have a little think about what you might take up for Lent. Above all, Lent is about finding time and space – for God, for others and for ourselves. For you to do that you might just find that you need to give something up – in order to make space for taking something up.

With love and prayers

Nicholas

The Lent Course, ***Encountered: Meeting God in Ordinary Places***, will take place in groups in peoples' homes for five weeks, starting in the week beginning 2 March as follows: 8pm on Mondays, 10am on Tuesdays, 8pm on Wednesdays or 2pm on Thursdays. If you would like to come along to one of these groups, please let me know (01342 842224; Nicholas.calver@btinternet.com)

Quiz night

Come along to the Burstow Church
QUIZ NIGHT
on Saturday 15 February from 7-10 pm
in Smallfield Church Hall

Make up a team of six or join others on the night
Lucky number tickets, price £8, include a ploughmans supper.
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For your tickets ring: Judith Absalom on 01342 842532 or Angela Sullivan on 01342 843515 (leave a message if the phone goes to answerphone) or speak to them at Burstow Church. Tickets are limited to 66 so buy yours promptly and in any case, to aid catering arrangements, please book your places by Wednesday 12 February

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The advertising year in the Parish News starts again in April and so if you have not advertised before but would like to, or you know someone else who would, please contact Val Hood (tel: 01342 842038; email: t.vhood@tiscali.co.uk). The prices of advertisements are not going up this year so remain very reasonable: quarter page, £40 for the year, half page, £80 and full page, £160. We also have some colour advertisement spaces available, costing: quarter page, £50 for the year, half page, £100 and full page, £200.

And if you are not thinking of advertising yourself, do please make good use of the businesses who do, because it is thanks to their continued support that we are able to produce such a good value magazine!

Judith Calver

All about Christmas

**Christmas has been and gone
but memories will linger on**

**so let's look at life from a different angle
Forget last year which was such a tangle.
There's always something to look forward to –
New resolutions could carry you through.
Wrap up warm for the months that are cold
Then wait for springtime to unfold**

Happy New Year!

Sparrows

**There's lots and lots of sparrows that visit us each day.
They wait for bits of bread and cake
that we might throw away.
the shy ones hide among the trees
and wait till no one's near
But the brave ones come real close to you,
they seem to have no fear.
When the sun decides to shine you hear them chirp and sing
But when the rain comes pouring down
You just don't hear a thing.**

June Dunn

If you would like to hear more of June's poems, come along to the community coffee mornings in Smallfield Church Hall every Wednesday, 10.30am - 12.30pm

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By the time this goes to press the Christmas festivities will be far behind and we will have entered a new decade. I wish you all the very best for a happy, healthy and prosperous new year.

We are pleased to announce that there will be no increase in the amount of precept charged by Burstow Parish Council for the forthcoming financial year, however it is likely that there will be increases made by County and District Councils and the Police Authority.

On a happier note your Council is proposing to celebrate the 75th anniversary of VE day on May 8th. Preparations are at a preliminary stage and we would welcome both volunteers to help and ideas on how to best commemorate this historical event. All interested please contact the Parish Clerk, Jeannie Ryan, 01342 841880.

On a sadder note we say goodbye to Roy and Eileen Sowter and George Streeter who have relinquished their plots at Plough Road Allotments after many years of industrious toil. We wish them all the very best for the future and hope that they enjoy the new activities they have chosen to replace the hours spent on their plots.

The new hot fresh food café at Centenary Hall has opened and will be open every Friday from 8.30am to 4.30pm. Subject to demand we will look at options such as extending the hours or adding extra days. This is your opportunity to support a local café and in time old adages there is a 'use it or lose it' clause. We hope it will be a success as for many years now residents have lamented the lack of a café in the village.

Another item of note is to mention that also on Friday mornings we hold a 'drop in and play' table tennis session between 8.30 and 11.15 am. This costs just £1 per hour per person and bats and balls can be borrowed from the Clerk. As it is not a supervised session no unaccompanied children are permitted.

The present roadworks in Plough Road are likely to remain for some lengthy period due to the necessary renewal of 200 meters of broken sewage pipe.

More worryingly there is a proposal to close West Park Road for a year for SES work from April which will unfortunately bring yet further pressure on the traffic flow through our village

Finally, a note for your diaries. The Parish Annual Meeting will be held at 7:30pm on Monday 20 April. This is your opportunity to learn what your council and associated bodies have been doing during the past twelve months and raise any questions that you may wish answered.

**Ian Wates
Chairman, Burstow Parish Council**

Why not try something new?



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Want to get back to weekend cricket but find that time and other commitments are against you?

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Not played for a while? Think you might be too 'rusty' to get back to the game? We have indoor nets arranged through February and March and outdoor nets at our home ground from April. Coaches are on hand to help. You will be back to match readiness in no time.

If you like a longer format but still leave you time for other commitments, we have two teams in the Sussex League playing a 40 over a side format. Saturdays starting at 1pm finish around 7pm. As with the Slam, divisions are on a regional basis to minimise travel time with away matches.

In addition to this we have the conventional Sunday friendly format and a Ladies section, together with mid-week friendly T20s.

We would of course welcome those new to the game as well as seasoned cricketers. We have coaches available to help any newcomers.

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There are no auditions or any nerve-racking experiences. Just come and meet a happy group of people who love singing!

Rehearsals are every Monday, 8-10pm, at Christ Church Centre, Kings Cross Lane, South Nutfield, RH1 5NG; come and give us a try: you can join at any time! Please contact Pat Denchfield on 07841 827496 if you would like more information.

TREK THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA

The Orpheus Centre is an independent specialist college in Godstone that focuses on developing independence skills through performing and visual arts and makes dramatic improvements to young disabled adults' lives. They believe that every young disabled person should have the same opportunities as their non-disabled peers and offer a personalised study programme focusing on building independence, communication and social interaction skills through the arts, supported housing and a personal care service.

The charity is looking for people to join them in May 2021 for a trip to China. It will involve a five day trek on a remote section of the wall from Gubeikou to Simatai. The trek takes in stunning views of rolling hills and mountain peaks, with one of the great wonders of the world as the backdrop. This difficult but rewarding trek will give participants a chance to experience rural China.

The sponsorship target for the trip is £3000. Funds raised will provide a substantial donation to the Orpheus Centre and also cover the cost of all your travel arrangements. By taking on this challenge of a lifetime you'll be helping young disabled adults on their journey to independence. If you're interested email fundraising@orpheus.org.uk or come along to an information evening at the Orpheus Centre in Godstone on Wednesday 18 March at 6pm.

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We ARE making a difference.

So much more could be achieved with more members.

Should you wish to join the team please contact the Parish Clerk,
Jeannie Ryan (01342 841880, burstowparishcouncil@gmail.com)

Visit: http://www.burstowparishcouncil.org.uk/community_speed_watch.asp

IN MEMORY OF JOHN FLAMSTEED

As mentioned in the last parish news, on 31 December it was 300 years since the death of John Flamsteed, who was appointed in 1675 by Charles II to be the first Astronomer Royal – and who was also the Rector of St Bartholomew, Burstow from 1684 until his death in 1719. This anniversary was marked by a special service in Burstow Church on the feast of the Epiphany. The Archdeacon of Reigate, Revd Canon Moira Astin preached and the new MP for East Surrey, Claire Coutinho was present.



The joint choir of the Windmill United Benefice (Burstow, Horne and Outwood) sang an anthem composed for the occasion by Burstow organist, Roger Hind, on words from St Matthew's Gospel: 'We have seen his star in the east and are come to worship him', words that appear on the east window which was installed in Flamsteed's memory.

Flamsteed's work as Astronomer Royal took up most of his time and he spent much more of the year in Greenwich, where he worked at the Observatory, than he did in Burstow. But he visited Burstow on major festivals, such as Easter, Harvest and Christmas, but for most of the time he paid a curate to take the services at Burstow and to look after the pastoral needs of the parish. This was not unusual for clergy at the time, said the Archdeacon. Because the church was the leading provider of scientific

education, and theology was considered the queen of sciences, there were many priest scientists – and she considered herself one of their successors! And she emphasised that she had never seen any conflict between theology and science, the study of science only serving to emphasise the wonder of God's creation.



Left: The east window of Burstow Church, installed in Flamsteed's memory, was floodlit over the week of the tercentenary of his death.

Top: At the end of the service, a wreath in the shape of a star was laid in the chancel where John Flamsteed was buried.



Members of Cameo enjoyed a wonderful Christmas lunch at Horne Golf Club in December (*above*). In January they met in Smallfield Church Hall for tea and cake and to enjoy a musical afternoon, courtesy of Roger Hind and his keyboard (*below*). Roger entertained everyone with a talk about George Gershwin, who composed a wealth of songs, musicals and orchestral pieces before his tragically early death. The talk was interspersed with plenty of musical interludes which were very much enjoyed.

The next meeting of Cameo will be at 2pm on Friday 7 February when paramedic Craig Prentice will be coming to talk about his life and work. If you have not been before and would like to speak to someone before coming along, ring Jo Coulson-Davis on 01342 843498.

HEAR HERE: NHS-trained hearing volunteer Helen will be at the hall from 1.30-2.30pm to provide batteries for and to maintain your hearing aids.

Everyone is welcome at HEAR HERE or at CAMEO or at both.



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PLOUGH ROAD ALLOTMENT GROUP

Plough Road Allotment Group and Friends would like to thank those of you who support our 'Cake in the Café' coffee mornings and plant sales. Our December and January sales raised £150.60 and £118.70 respectively for St Catherine's Hospice.

You can find us in the Centenary Hall cafe on the second Monday of each month from 9am to 12.30. Just a few plants at this time of the year but always plenty of cake to enjoy with your coffee. It's a good place to meet up with friends and you can be assured of a warm welcome all whilst contributing to a very good cause.

Our next dates are 10 February and 9 March. Our April meeting is moved forward a week to 20 April to avoid the Easter bank holiday.

Linda Lodge

BURSTOW GROUP OF ST CATHERINE'S HOSPICE

We were delighted to support the Festive Firs held at St John's Church, Outwood in December. It was lovely to see the church lit up with so many beautifully decorated Christmas trees. The trees were greatly admired by the many visitors with 'In the Pink' receiving the most votes. Over £800 was raised for the church and the Hospice. Many thanks to everyone who attended.

Forthcoming events:

Annual General Meeting on Monday 2 March, 7.30pm in the Church Room, Wasp Green Lane, Outwood

Bluebell Walk on Sunday 19 April. Meet at 2pm on Outwood Common. Teas and home-made cakes served afterwards in the cricket pavilion by kind permission of the Outwood Cricket Club



Roaring 20s Picnic Summer Ball on Saturday 20 June, 7pm in the Lloyd Hall, Brickfield Lane, Outwood – beautifully decorated hall, tables and marquee.

Live music performed by the brilliant dance band Perfidia. Guests provide their own picnic dinner. Tables of 10 guests, £45 per person. Book your table early to avoid disappointment!

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SMALLFIELD CLUB AND READING ROOM NEW ROAD, SMALLFIELD

The Committee would like to thank all our Members for their support over the past year and hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

December was certainly busy with the Children's Christmas Party selling out within hours resulting in the number of children being increased, so apologies to anyone who missed this event! As always, a huge thank you to Santa and Mrs Claus and the Committee who all helped make this special for the children and to Del Champion for his kind donation.

The Christmas Draw was a huge success with the addition of starting with the church choir singing carols which we hope brought a festive feel to the evening!



On 5 January we held our Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch. Unbelievably this was sold out within three days but unfortunately we are unable to increase the numbers for this. We would like to thank Tony of James Harris Butchers, Fran of Gordon's Greengrocers, Paul of Apps Grab Hire and Del of Del's Farm for their kind donations which were very much appreciated by the Senior Citizens and the Committee.

A reminder to all Members who have not yet renewed their a Membership: please be aware you have until 1 February to renew before a late fee of £5 will be charged.

The Committee

News from the 1st Burstow Brownies



We had a full and busy autumn term. Four new girls joined the unit and took their promise.

We joined up with other Brownies in the area and attended the annual Brownie disco. We made salt dough tree hangers and iced some biscuits. We had a Christmas party and made origami trees to place on our Christmas tree; hot chocolate with marshmallows was enjoyed too!

We headed to the Panto at the Hawth with parents to watch Dick Whittington.



Above left: We also had a bonfire building session. **Above right:** Amy enjoyed reading at the Smallfield Carol Service and did a grand job.

We have started back the New Year with a much excitement and enthusiasm as the girls ended last year. The girls were learning about the importance of getting your mind and body ready to do something you're not used to doing, how it can give you a boost and encouragement. The girls became frogs in various situations e.g. a frog in a freezer... a frog in a sports car..! They had to remain being a frog and in the new surroundings – great hilarity and confidence building. Girls then had to work as a team, connected by piece of string that they couldn't let go of and complete an obstacle course and then compete against each other - teamwork and leadership skills.

We have a full term of exciting meetings planned and hope to keep the community up to date with our antics.

Jen and Mel



In September I started a Ranger unit (14-18 yr old girls) at St Francis, Horley. We meet on a fortnightly basis and follow an age-appropriate universal programme that has themes running from rainbow age at 5 years up to rangers at 18 years. I applied for a grant from the Trefoil Guild – adult Guiding for 18-99+yrs! – and our very own Angela Sullivan came and presented the gifts to the unit.

Jeanette Ralph-Molyneux



BURSTOW AND SMALLFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Members of Burstow and Smallfield WI were entertained by Duo Decimus – two lady hand bell ringers (*below*) – at their December meeting. There was also an opportunity for the WI ladies to take part in playing a carol – it was enjoyable but didn't sound as good as when the experts were playing. Mince pies and Christmas cake were served with the afternoon tea.



At January's meeting the speaker was Felicity Parsons – a Community Fundraiser from St Catherine's Hospice in Crawley.

Although based in Crawley the hospice has satellite venues as the catchment area is very large - covering from Caterham to

the north down to Hurstpierpoint in the south. The hospice has 18 beds for in patients – but most of the care offered by the hospice is carried out within the patients own home. There is also a 'drop-in' centre for patients and carers. The ethos is to allow patients to live their life to the best they can and not to focus on the inevitable. There is also emotional support and bereavement counselling



WEDNESDAY CLUB

The December meeting of the Wednesday Club was entertained by the Windmill Songmen (*see left*).

At our next meeting on 5 February Veronica Hill will talk about 'The Hebrides'. Veronica is a Wednesday Club member who knows the Hebrides well. The stall will be for Trash!

Meetings start at 2pm in the Lloyd Hall at Outwood, all are welcome.

Ivy Hollingshead

for adults and children. Spiritual support is offered by an in house chaplain. The hospice can help with advice on practical matters such as obtaining a Blue Badge , applying for Carers Allowance or funeral arrangements. The Help Line receives nearly 44,000 calls a year.

Last year the hospice helped 2,500 patients and that has a significant cost. £10.3 million is needed to run each year – the Government provides between 20-30% but the remaining £7.5 million needs to be raised to cover the expenses. About a quarter of that sum comes from legacies and the rest from fund raising at events and in the shops.

However the hospice is limited by its size and the condition and siting of the buildings. They are only reaching 1 in 3 of the people that they would like to help - so there is a plan to relocate and build a new hospice at Pease Pottage and eventually close and sell off the property in Crawley. The developers Thakeham have donated a 5 acre site and the hope is that building will start this spring and be completed by 2222. The 'Capital Appeal' has been going for 2 years with the intention of raising at least £17 million to build the new hospice. So far they have raised £13 million, helped greatly by a £6 million bequest. Initially the new hospice will have 24 beds and a respite and living well centre but the design of the building allows for expansion when funds become available. Felicity then took a question and answer session but had to leave before she got her well deserved cup of tea so that she could get to Christ's Hospital for another talk and fundraiser.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 11 February and will feature – Creative Talks – covering the 60's – We meet at 2.00pm at Smallfield Church Hall in Redehall Road Smallfield – all welcome – tea and cake always served. *Alison Brown*

AVIATION GROUP



The next meeting in Smallfield Centenary Hall will be at 7 pm on Tuesday 4 February when Mike Wickings will describe 'My Airline Life Behind the Scenes'. Before a flight takes off there is a lot of unseen activity to make sure it all goes to plan and preferably on time. We will hear about his fascinating life working for 40 years in over 50 countries.

- **3 March** – 'My Wobble Through Aviation', Stratton Richie. His career as a British Airways pilot and airshow commentator
- **7 April** – 'Random Jottings of a Concorde Pilot', Terence Henderson

Visitors are always most welcome, admission is £3 for the evening which includes refreshments, newsletter and two tickets for the transport books raffle. Membership for the 2020 is £16, (£24 for couples and £5 for those under 20), the phone number for further information is 01342 842594.

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News from the 1st Burstow Scouts

The Scout Group had an enjoyable time leading up to Christmas. We had an excellent Christmas Fair, at the end of November, which included decoration making, melted snowman biscuits, lucky lollies and lots of mince pies. During our weekly Beaver, Cub and Scout meetings we made chocolate reindeer faces and completed Christmas crafts including Scratch Art Wreaths, Snowman Baubles and candles.

The Scout Group Family attended Jack and the Beanstalk at the Harlequin Theatre, Redhill. The Panto was excellent and our Scout Leader, Andy, got the Christmas Panto Kiss from Silly Simon; his Christmas wish was granted!

The Beavers and Cubs had a lovely party at which they all dressed up in fancy dress costumes. The Scouts saved Christmas by solving the case of the stolen presents, in time for Santa to deliver them from the North Pole. *More Scout news on next page*



News from the 1st Burstow Scouts...

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We have started the new year with the Beavers and Cubs looking at the world in which we live in and how we look after it. They will be taking part in the RSPB Big Birdwatch as part of looking after our world. This month they will be creating kindness stones and placing them around the village to help spread a little happiness to our community.

The Scouts are hoping to earn their Geocaching Badge this term. The Cubs and Scouts are also going to visit the Houses of Parliament during the February Half Term after taking part in Parliament Week last term and our visit from the Outreach Engagement Officer in September 2019.

We are looking forward to attending the Mothering Sunday Church Parade at St Bartholomew, Burstow on 22 March. We are holding our popular annual Easter Egg Bingo on Saturday 2h March at 6pm. Tickets will be £6 per adult and £3 per child including light refreshments. Advanced booking helpful. For tickets please call 01342 718862 or email gsl@burstowscouts.org

If you want more details, including joining or volunteering with the Scout Group, social events, or booking our hall for your own event, please email gsl@burstowscouts.org or call 01342 718862. **Rowenna Woodward BEM**

Family Quiz

Quiz with activity and question rounds

Saturday 8 February: 6-8.30pm

1st Burstow Scout Hall, 134a Redehall Road, Smallfield RH6 9RH

All Welcome! £6 per person; £20 per family (2 adults, 2 children)
Filled jacket potato, tea, coffee and squash provided

Teams of up to 8 people. If you don't have a team you are most welcome to come and we will place you in a team

All proceeds will support Scouting at 1st Burstow Scout Group

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CLAIRE COUTINHO MP'S Maiden Speech

Claire Coutinho, recently elected as the new MP for East Surrey, made her maiden speech in the House of Commons on 15 January. Claire will be introducing herself in a future issue of the parish news. In the meantime, here are some extracts from her speech:

I'm proud to be here representing the beautiful constituency of East Surrey.

I'd like to begin by paying tribute to my predecessor Sam Gyimah. We have more in common than representing East Surrey. We are both the children of immigrant doctors and although we may have slightly different views on Brexit, I know that he was passionate about the prosperity of this country which our families now call home. I'm sure this House would agree with me that he made many important contributions in this place as Childcare Minister, Prisons Minister and as Universities Minister.

East Surrey is known for its local beauty. There are four Local Nature Reserves, eight sites of Special Scientific Interest and over a third of the area is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or of Great Landscape Value. If you walk through the North Downs or the High Weald, you will be met with chalk downs, rolling hillsides, lowland meadows and woodlands. Our vibrant village spirit is evident in the communities of Tatsfield, Warlingham, Woldingham, Lingfield, Felbridge and many more besides. I hope to be a champion in this House to preserve and protect this treasured way of life for the future.

In Outwood near Godstone, work began in 1665 on one of the oldest working British windmills. The owner is said to have watched the Great Fire of London rage 25 miles away from its roof. And I'm proud that what East Surrey helped to pioneer in the renewable energy sector in the 17th century, has now become one of the most remarkable success stories in the UK today. Not only are we the world leader in offshore wind, seven out of ten of the biggest wind farms in Europe are right here in the UK.

However, in order, for East Surrey to continue to fulfill our role as the lungs of London, I hope to secure much needed investment in local infrastructure – for vital improvements to roads and tackling potholes which are crucial to local productivity. And in public transport, particularly rail. More than half the area's working population commute out to places like London, Crawley and Gatwick and yet we have some of the most congested rail lines and roads in the UK. Making sure that people can get to work and public services successfully is not only good for the environment and the wellbeing of residents, but it ensures that our local towns Horley, Caterham, Oxted can continue to thrive.

Politicians today have a near impossible task. We live in world of changing technology, behaviour, demographics and indeed - as has been the subject of many excellent speeches today – environment. I hope in this place to contribute in a small way to preparing this great country for the future to come.

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Doorstep crime is also something to be wary of, for example builders turning up uninvited to 'warn' of roof or gutter problems. If someone you don't know contacts you unexpectedly or it seems too good to be true it may be a scam, so be cautious and do not pay any money upfront. Citizens Advice have lots of information about how to recognise a scam and what to do if you think you've spotted one.

Scams are crimes that can happen to anyone and you should not feel embarrassed if you fall victim to one. By reporting it you could help protect someone else from falling victim to the same scam.

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- The bin lid must be closed, so it can be lifted safely into the vehicle.
- Excess rubbish on top of or down by the side of the bin will not be collected.

We have delivered a year's supply of green council bin bags to households which don't have room for the new rubbish bin, or have access issues. Up to five of these bin bags will be collected each fortnight, but don't put broken glass or sharp objects in them and please keep them away from babies and children.

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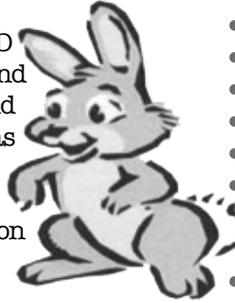
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GATWICK EXPANSION: CAGNE VIEWS

'The Gatwick Airport management plans for significant expansion from the main runway is simply unsustainable growth for the planet and us all,' believes the committee of CAGNE (Community Against Gatwick Noise Emmissions). 'It is fundamentally wrong that a commercial organisation can propose to place such a burden on us all without full parliamentary or even public inspection.'

CAGNE has raised with local authorities that this proposed growth should be called in due to the huge burden on surrounding areas and lack of consideration to the impact on the planet; many local authorities having declared a climate emergency but feel powerless against such a commercial organisation as Gatwick.

The organisation believes the prime issues surrounding Gatwick's growth plans are:

- Growth from the main runway will not be part of the Development Consent Order (DCO) unlike the emergency runway
- An increase in aircraft movements will be predominantly from the main runway and with emergency runway, once reconstructed as a new runway, bringing 390,000 ATMs a year with 74m passengers, nearly 40% increase;
- Lack of any funding to meet the huge increases in migrating workers into areas currently with low unemployment; lack of affordable housing; lack of healthcare, school provision and amenities;
- And a significant increase in noise for all

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St John the Baptist, Outwood

Baptism

22 December

Harry Mason Huw Rees

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- Sunday morning worship, 2 February at 11 am
- Sunday evening worship, 2 February at 6.30 pm (with communion)
- Sunday morning worship, 9 February at 11 am
- Sunday morning worship, 16 February at 11 am (with communion)
- Sunday morning worship, 23 February at 11 am

Sunday School:

Sundays from 11 am to noon

Bible Study and Prayer meetings:

- Day of Prayer, 10-11 am on Wednesday 5 February
- Every Wednesday in February at 7.30pm (except 5 February) looking at the letter of Hebrews

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Hear Here! NHS hearing volunteer Helen will be at Smallfield Church Hall to provide new batteries and maintenance for your hearing aids from 1.30 - 2.30pm on **Friday 7 February**

The next **Saturday Markets** at Centenary Hall will be on **1, 5 and 29 February**

February

4	Tuesday	Aviation Group	<i>see p19</i>
5	Wednesday	Wednesday Club	<i>see p18</i>
7	Friday	CAMEO and Hear Here!	<i>see p12</i>
8	Saturday	Scouts Family Quiz Night	<i>see p22</i>
10	Monday	Allotment Group coffee morning	<i>see p13</i>
15	Saturday	Burstow Church Quiz Night	<i>see p4</i>

March

2	Monday	Lent groups begin	<i>see p4</i>
3	Tuesday	Aviation Group	<i>see p19</i>
9	Monday	Allotment Group coffee morning	<i>see p13</i>

April

20	Monday	Burstow Council Annual Meeting	<i>see p7</i>
28	Saturday	Scouts Easter Egg Bingo	<i>see p22</i>

The Windmill United Benefice

St Bartholomew, Burstow, St Mary the Virgin, Horne
and St John the Baptist, Outwood

Church Calendar for February 2020

Sunday, 2 February

- 8 am BCP Holy Communion at **Horne** Church
11 am A joint Windmill United Benefice service of Holy Communion to celebrate Candlemas at **Outwood** Church

Thursday, 6 February

- 10 am Holy Communion in **Smallfield** Church Hall

Sunday, 9 February

- 9.30 am Holy Communion at **Burstow** Church
10 am Holy Communion at **Horne** Church
11 am Morning Worship at **Outwood** Church

Sunday, 16 February

- 9.30 am Holy Communion at **Burstow** Church
10 am Morning Worship at **Horne** Church
11 am Holy Communion at **Outwood** Church

Sunday, 23 February

- 9.30 am Morning Worship at **Burstow** Church
10 am Holy Communion at **Horne** Church
11 am Morning Worship at **Outwood** Church
4 pm Messy Church in **Smallfield** Church Hall

Ash Wednesday, 26 February

- 10 am Holy Communion in **Smallfield** Church Hall
7.30pm Holy Communion at **Horne** Church

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