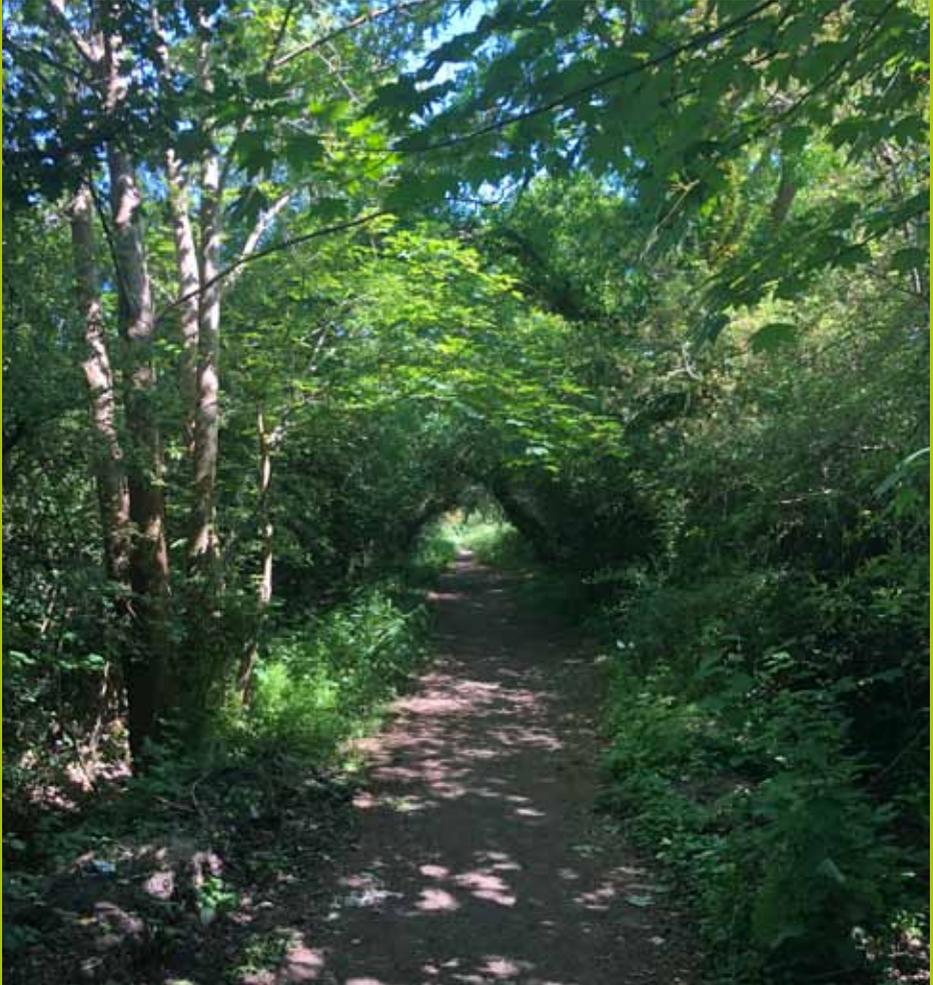


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RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

The month of June brings the longest day of the year, 21 June, the summer solstice. The word solstice comes from the Latin word solstitium, which literally means the sun standing still. From the point of view of an observer on earth, the summer solstice marks the most northerly point of the sun's annual journey through the sky, a time when the sun appears to stand still before retracing its journey in a southerly direction.

The longest day always falls near the date on which the Church celebrates the birth of John the Baptist. In my June letter last year, I wrote about the 150th anniversary celebrations we were about to have at St John the Baptist, Outwood including a special service with the Bishop of Croydon. That seems a lifetime ago now. Who would have imagined back then that a year on our church buildings would be closed and all our services online? So much has changed.

Earlier this year, before everything changed, I happened to watch on television the film 'The Day the Earth Stood Still', a modern remake of the classic 1950s film. In the modern film, aliens arrive on Earth to save the planet, which initially seems a good thing until people realise that the aliens have come to save Earth from humankind. The aliens know that the Earth is too precious and rare a thing in the universe to allow humans to destroy it, so to preserve the earth they plan to destroy humanity – it's a kind of modern take on the biblical story of Noah's ark and the flood. In the end, because one of the aliens experiences the preciousness of human love and kindness, they all relent and humanity survives. But as the aliens leave, they shut down all electrical and mechanical activity – the earth stands still. The question 'How long for?' is left hanging in the air. Watching the film really made me pause and think.

And then the earth did stand still for us all. Not literally, just as the sun does not literally stand still at the solstice, but in so many ways so much of life as we have been used to living it did stop and not just in this country but right across the world.

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Going back to John the Baptist, he is the forerunner of Jesus and the celebration of John's birth comes six months before the celebration Christ's birth. In Matthew's Gospel we read how the star lead the wise men to Bethlehem until it 'stood still' over the place where Jesus was born. Just like the sun, a star could not literally stand still, but the meaning behind those words doesn't need a literal understanding to be meaningful. There is an ancient Christian tradition that at the moment of Jesus's birth everything stood still – for a moment nothing moved and creation held its breath. And out of that stillness God came into the world.

And what will come out of our enforced stillness this time round? I wrote last month how I had begun to see people and things, including our natural world, in a fresh way. As I write this letter I have in front of me a newspaper article reporting a survey which reveals that two thirds of Britons believe we will emerge from this crisis as kinder people.

And kinder people is what we all should be because it is who we are. To be human is to be part of humankind. The word kind has the same root as the word kin. Our next of kin is our next of kind. To be kind nowadays means to be caring and loving. But it comes from the idea that we treat our next of kind in a kindly, loving way. We may not have been visited by aliens but we have been visited by something else unknown. Wouldn't it be lovely if, in the midst of all the sadness and suffering COVID-19 has brought, it also taught us what it means to be kind.

With love and prayers

Nicholas *nicholas.calver@btinternet.com*
(See also the article from Tandridge Council on the importance of being kind on page 22)

CHURCH SERVICES ONLINE AND ON CD

While the church building remains closed, you can hear a weekly service if you have internet access, by going to www.windmillchurches.co.uk where you will see the current service listed at the top of the page – you just need to click on the name to access it. If you don't have internet access but would like to be part of the weekly services, or know someone else who would appreciate them, ring or email Nicholas (01342 842224; *Nicholas.calver@btinternet.com*) and he will arrange to get a service delivered on a CD.

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A BIG THANK YOU

I wish to express my most grateful thanks to all the kind volunteers who take the trouble to deliver prescriptions for the Smallfield Pharmacy. Now that I have become too immobile to collect my prescriptions I was lucky to learn that they can be delivered. For this I am extremely grateful and I wish to thank the kind volunteers who are relieving me of the problem of collecting my numerous medicines, it is a great help and very much appreciated. Thank you so much, I am very grateful to you all.

Julian Alderton, Outwood

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June Dunn

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We wish to thank all our village shops, the Surgery, Community Helpers, Apple'n'Cor, and the pubs making meal deliveries. They have worked tirelessly to serve our village in these strange, sad times, and saving us from having to negotiate the larger supermarkets. Let's hope newer customers continue to patronise the shops when all this is finally over. We are just so fortunate to have these businesses within our village, to the envy of many others, long may they flourish. Thank you!

Jim and Judy Harris

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PETER HART 1968-2020

Peter Hart, who died from the Coronavirus on his 52nd birthday last month, was very well known around Smallfield. He came to speak at CAMEO in November about the work he and his dog Nala undertook on behalf of Pets as Therapy (see picture, left). Together they visited settings from schools to hospices and hospitals and they were both very popular visitors to CAMEO. Unsurprisingly, Peter was well known to local dog walkers but also at Burstow School, and to many through his work as a paramedic and A&E practitioner. He will be greatly missed by very many and we send our love and prayers to all his family and friends.

THE SOUND OF SILENCE

Every cloud has a silver lining they say, well this pandemic does appear to have in an odd sort of way. Go and stand outside your front door any time after 10pm and you will hear silence! Very little motorway noise, if any, no aircraft landing, taking off or just testing engines, no traffic to speak of, maybe the odd dog walker absently talking to their pet. I heard a train the other night, over two miles away, not heard that for 60 odd years! The stars appear to be brighter – less pollution? Or my imagination?

It will be good to get back to some sort of normality in the next month or so but in the meantime let us enjoy the bonus of our countryside as it once was!

Jim Harris

Plough Road Allotment Group

and friends

With the exception of a couple of plot holders who are shielding we have really appreciated our plots during lockdown (see pictures, right). We have bided by the rules, disinfecting gates and doors and we have kept a two metre distance at all times but whilst engrossed in growing and weeding the plot has been a little haven of almost normality as well as a source of daily exercise. We have chatted across our plots and have also found that many passers by have stopped by the gate and had a chat at a distance, several people asking advice on growing at home.

The real joy of gardening is that you must be optimistic, you sow seeds and tend plants always aware of time passing and the promise of things to come. There is not much to harvest at the time of writing, some rhubarb and radishes, but soon there will be an abundance of fruit, veg and flowers.

If you fancy an allotment Plough Road site is full at the moment but there are vacancies at Keepers Corner and Burstow Gardens.

If you are growing at home, June is not too late to sow quick maturing crops such as radishes, rocket, salad leaves, beetroot, spinach, baby carrots and french beans but you will need to plant sweetcorn, squashes, tomatoes and cucumbers.

We have not allowed the virus to thwart our fund raising efforts for St Catherine's Hospice although understandably there have been no 'Cake in the Café' or plants for sale at the Centenary Hall for a while. However, we have managed to have plant sales via the village Facebook page with orders taken and contactless collection arranged from the front garden with payment through the letterbox. Our last two sales this way raised £370 which brings our total to £932.30 so far this year. We do miss our regulars at the café and hope one day, once all this is over, to return.

Linda Lodge



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Long Barn Garden Visit on Friday 4 September

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Keep safe and well

Burstow Group of St Catherine's Hospice

BURSTOW AND SMALLFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Due to the ongoing COVID 19 lock down there was only a Zoom meeting of the WI again this month. We should have been hosting Michael Laikin who was going to hold an Antiques Roadshow style talk and valuation session. We do hope that he will be able to fit us in next year so that we can bring in our treasures then.



The new banner for our WI meeting has been completed – the lion's share of the work has been done by members Pauline Thorpe and Cathie Rigby, who are experienced quilters, and there was also input from Alison, Joan and Marie. Hopefully by the end of the year Members will be able to see it in the fabric.

Let us hope that the amazing scientists in various laboratories all over the World will soon produce a vaccine and we can then all return to WI on the second Tuesday of the month and life will go back to perhaps a modified, more caring normal .

Alison Brown



Last month Joan Lamb wrote about the history of the Burstow and Smallfield WI in its centenary year. This prompted the following recollection from Lynn Wilson

Angela Sullivan very kindly sent to me and my sisters, Heather and Roxane, copies of the May 2020 Smallfield and Burstow Parish News, which included the article celebrating Burstow WI's 100th Anniversary this year.

Our mother, Eileen Wilson, mentioned in that article, was a staunch member of Burstow WI, having moved to 'Old Orchard', Green Lane in 1939. Apart from a break between 1941 and 1945 when they moved back to London, this was our family home until 1961 when we moved to Charlwood, although we retained our strong links with Burstow – Mum with the WI and church and myself with bellringing (I was Tower Captain until Roger Sullivan took over from me in 1985). Heather, Roxane and I were all married in Burstow, many of our children were christened here and of course our parents, three of our grandparents and our brother, Kerry, are all buried in the churchyard so we all feel that Burstow Church is very much our spiritual home. We enjoyed endeavouring to spot our Mum in the photo of 1950 and are fairly sure which one is her! Of the earlier picture

(1935) we all agree that the lady second from the right is Wyn Milsom, one of Mum's close friends.

During her time with the WI, I believe she served in every available committee position over the years and, as a family, we attended many a Jumble Sale, Bingo Night, Beetle Drive, theatrical and musical show that was being held in the 'hut'. Mum used to say her worst nightmare would be to wake up in hospital, after a relatively minor treatment, only to find a large bouquet of flowers at her bedside from the WI, as she knew that finances usually only allowed such a gesture for those whose time was nearly up!

The WI was a welcome activity and solace for Mum who, with a large family, had a very busy home life. Our Dad was a largely absentee husband being a famous Dog Judge, Editor of *Dog World* which was printed in Yorkshire necessarily requiring him to live away from home Mondays to Thursdays, as well as much in demand all over the UK as a judge at dog shows on Fridays and Saturdays. In addition he had many overseas judging engagements abroad at a time when such travel was much more time-consuming.

We were all aware that Mum valued and respected not only the lifelong friendships she made but also the many skills and talents among the members. She always told us that, aside from being non-sectarian and largely non-political, the Women's Institute's democratic and solid organisation is a fine model.

She was proud that, unlike many WIs, Burstow had taken the plunge to purchase the land and establish the 'hut' there as they were great assets, not having to hire a facility for meetings and events and indeed also allowing the WI to hire it out to others. Of course, it did mean that it had to be maintained which involved regular expense (I was one of the men 'persuaded' to creosote the hut – a job that I recall took me two days and left me covered and smelling of creosote for some time!) Over the years, whenever I have driven passed the area, I have been saddened to see the hut deteriorating and was pleased more recently to see that it has finally been demolished and a new home replacing it.

Mum was a member of the WI choir and we do still possess a copy of the vinyl '78' recording of 'A Night in the Wood' which they made under the baton of Mr. Streeter. Under the subsequent leadership of the 14-year-old Robin Stapleton they went on to win many a choral competition. Indeed, I can claim that my interest in playing the piano was entirely due to listening to him playing Mum's piano while she cooked him tea at our house in Charlwood from time to time after their rehearsals.

Mum would have been thrilled that Burstow WI has reached its Centenary Year and that Heather and Roxane have both carried on her legacy as they are both members of Burgess Hill WI. We all wish you all the best for the future.

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After almost 50 days of lockdown the government has finally eased the brake very slightly but I would urge all parishioners to continue both sensible social distancing and vigilance. Fortunately, we have had wonderful weather over the past weeks which I am sure has made virtual quarantine easier for many to bear. I live in Dowlands Lane, on the East edge of the village and have made many new acquaintances of both walkers and cyclists passing by. How very fortunate that we all live in a pleasant corner of Surrey with open access to lovely quiet countryside walks with little or no noise from air and road traffic served by local shops and a great medical practice.

Centenary Hall remains closed until further notice and the Parish Clerk is working from home but can still be contacted if necessary, on 01342 841880. Caterers 'Apple and Cor' continue working six days a week from the kitchen preparing daily takeaway meals and the (dare I say it) 'feedback' has been encouraging. The Planning Committee continues to meet electronically fortnightly to ensure that local comment is available to Tandridge Planning Officers. Agenda are published on our website and public comment is welcomed in writing to the Parish Clerk.

The many generous and caring residents and surgery health champions that responded to our call for volunteers who could carry out shopping on behalf of those unable to leave their homes continue their work steadfastly and we thank them for their on-going help. The Council have details of those most vulnerable both in Burstow and Horne. If you, or if you know of anyone, who are struggling, please do contact the Parish Clerk. We have a food bank at Centenary Hall to assist those who may not have received their food parcels.

Our Ofsted Application for the formation of affordable childcare provision in a daycare setting, 'The Gingerbread House', has been submitted and hopefully will be up and running in early September subject to current legislation. We already have applications for acceptance. If you would like more details and to register please contact the centre on 07546 376148.

Our continuing thanks to owners of the local shops and those who work in them at personal risk who have proved invaluable. Hopefully, when the present crisis is over the shopping public will continue their present allegiance remembering the great service afforded.

Finally, on a sad note, our sympathy and thoughts are extended to the wife and young family of Peter Hart, a paramedic and active local resident, who regrettably succumbed to this vicious disease in mid May.

Stay aware, stay safe.

Ian Wates, Chair, Burstow Parish Council



AVIATION GROUP

With the 75th Anniversary of VE Day still fresh in our memories, I recall that it was a relatively low key affair in 1945 in the small Suffolk village of Yaxley near Eye close to the Norfolk-Suffolk Border where we lived during the war. Our village like all others in the area was very rural with no electricity, running water or sewerage system – even the farm close to our house used horses for everything.

Yaxley was right next to Eye Station 184 of the US Eighth Air Force heavy bomber base, I remember the giant yellow Caterpillar bulldozers used during its construction during 1943. It became operational in May 1944, initially with Liberators and then with B17 Fortresses. Aircraft were parked just across the road from our house and the ground crew used to flock to the village pub, the Cherry Tree, which is still there with the same name today. At closing time the crews went and did their maintenance work and it may have been the sound of engines being run up that sparked my 60 years in aviation.

Altogether they flew 158 missions losing 22 aircraft in action, the lowest rate of any bomb group in the Eighth Air Force. I well remember early one morning a B17 taking off failed to get airborne and crashed just off the end runway with a full load of fuel and bombs, the explosion took out almost every window in the village.

On VE Day there was a party in the village hall but in the evening I remember that the farmer set light to a large straw stack in a field close to the centre of the village. We all gathered round to celebrate and someone had a few fireworks, the first I had ever seen – to this day I enjoy a firework display. By July 1945 all the aircraft had gone and the base closed down.

Many years later when I had a Private Pilots Licence I landed on one of the old runways so as to have Eye in my Log Book. Standing beside the aircraft with the wind sighing through the corn, one could sense the ghosts of airmen past.

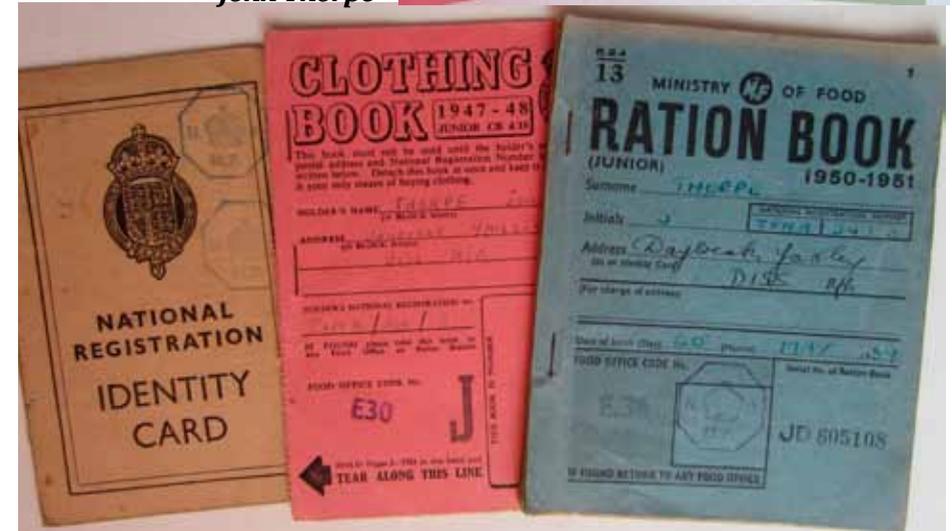
I've still got my Identity Card issued in May 1940, just before my first birthday and a blue 1950-1951 Junior's Ration Book (adults were buff) with its columns for sugar, bacon, cheese, fats, eggs and meat and pages covering soap, sweets and pages of points for other items. To complete the set I have my 1947/8 Clothing Ration Book. The photos may bring back memories for some readers as meat rationing didn't end until 4th July 1954, sweets had in fact ended in February 1953. Surprisingly bread and potatoes were only rationed after the war when bad weather caused the UK crop to fail.

Some readers may have seen a couple of unusual RAF Transport aircraft visiting

Gatwick, a C17 Globemaster 3 and an A400M Atlas which looks unusual with its contra-rotating propellers.

The Aviation Group's First Tuesday of the month meetings will resume when we are allowed to do so. In the meantime – stay safe.

John Thorpe



Congratulations to Amy Runc who is in year 5 at Burstow School. Amy decided to sell her old books and toys and donate the proceeds to her school and Brownie pack. Items were left safely on her driveway with a donation pot to ensure social distancing. Thanks to Amy's efforts, Burstow School and the 1st Burstow Brownies will receive £175 each. All books and toys that weren't sold have been donated to Charlwood House

Celebrating VE Day in Smallfield

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VE DAY MEMORIES – A REFLECTION

Last month's memories of VE Day brought this response from David Vetch, who picks up on something that Bill Dare wrote:

In the mid fifties, along with military personnel from around the world, I attended the nuclear trials in Australia. Our mission was to experience the effect of the weapon on troops and also its effect upon items of military equipment. I was responsible for three 52-ton Centurion tanks. Subsequently we went on individual lecture tours in various parts of the world – I went to southern Africa.

There was one question that I was continually asked: 'Why have such an awful weapon?' Bill gives the answer. Although 72,000 people were killed in Hiroshima, it brought the war to an end, in dramatic fashion, thereby saving many more lives. Hence Bill did not have to go to the Far East where a terrible and bloody war had been waged.

Witnessing the explosion of a nuclear weapon was another memorable moment in my life. It was both fascinating and awesome and the devastation it was capable of inflicting quite unbelievable. We were positioned only 5000 yards from the Drop Zone (DZ), the point on the ground over which the weapon, the size of the one dropped on Japan, was detonated. We were totally unprotected, such was the naivety of the day, but at the time of detonation we were faced away from the explosion not knowing what to expect. When it blew, three things impressed me. One, the intense light from the explosion – the south Australian dessert looked like an over-exposed colour film. Two, the intensity of the heat on the nape of one's neck. Three, the lack of great noise, which I had expected. This was mainly due to the fact that the wind took it and the effects of radiation the opposite way. On turning round one then saw the familiar mushroom cloud.

We were not allowed into the area for two hours so in the meantime I got into an Australian air force DC3 and flew over it. As we flew over the DZ I noticed that a large part of the area was grey/blue in colour. I thought I knew

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why but would not be able to confirm my views until on the ground. Sure enough I found that the silica in the sand had melted and turned to glass, such was the intensity of the heat generated; this explained the sight I had from the air. Also one of my tanks had been picked up bodily and thrown back nearly 100 yards.

In my various lectures I tried to justify the holding of nuclear weapons by saying that because both sides had them and because both sides were terrified of the consequences of using them we had peace. So Bill Dare and many others got lucky, but at terrible cost in human life.

Nicholas in his Ramblings says that in consequence of Coronavirus he has had a glimpse of what really matters when other things fall away, I feel the same having witnessed a nuclear explosion, and we do well to remember the Pentecost message.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING KIND

In his Ramblings this month Nicholas stresses the importance of kindness. In last month's Mental Health Awareness Week, Tandridge District Council also urged us to be kind to others – and to ourselves



COVID-19 has led to huge changes, more uncertainty and new challenges for many of us. It has also highlighted positives, like community resilience, support, kindness and hope, which can help us manage any fear, anxiety and sadness.

Mental Health Awareness Week last month focused on the power and potential of kindness. Kindness strengthens relationships, develops community and deepens solidarity. Kindness is an antidote to isolation and creates a sense of belonging. It helps reduce stress, brings a fresh perspective and deepens friendships.

We know many residents have found the current situation very challenging and we should remember to be kind, patient and understanding to everyone. It's really important to look after your mental health and to be kind to yourself as well as others. There are lots of ideas and activities to support you:

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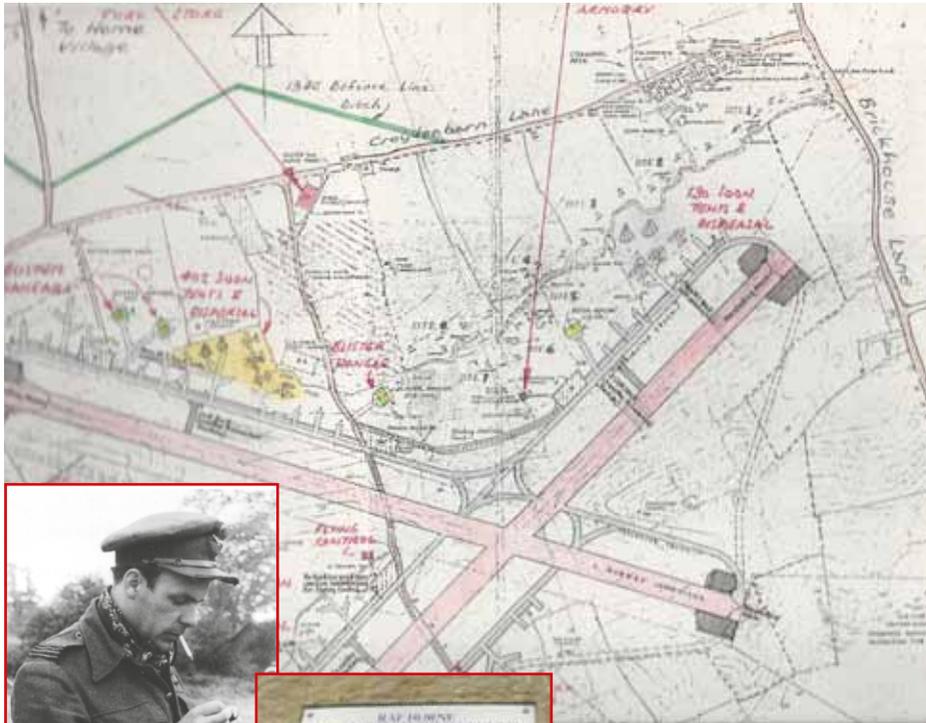
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HORNE AIRFIELD

Have you ever driven along Bones Lane and noticed that at one point the traditional English hedgerow on both sides of the road gives way to a small stretch of fencing, and wondered why? Well wonder no more! This small, but significant detail links to past use as a temporary airfield during World War II. After four and half years of war, in 1944, with the end of WW2 in sight, all around the country there was evidence of intense preparations, building towards one last major push. D-Day - the day allied forces would invade mainland Europe to reclaim lost lands from Germany. The RAF was involved in these preparation and sought out flat areas of countryside that could be used as temporary airfields. Only one such site was found in Surrey and this was in Horne.

These airfields were temporary in nature with buildings and accommodation



Above: plan of the airfield;
left the memorial plaque;
far left: Squadron Leader Bill Ireson DFC, 130 Squadron, who unveiled the plaque at Horne on 10 September 1994

constructed out of canvas, minor roads were closed to the public and the hedgerow removed and ditches culverted. Approximately 300 RAF personnel from more than five different countries were stationed at Horne for a short time. Squadrons 13(OUK), 142, 303 (Polish) and 402 (Canadian) and sixty Spitfire fighter planes were dotted around the airfield, ready to take to the skies at short notice.

The Spitfire squadrons operated from Horne Airfield for a 7-week period, between May and June 1944. It further served as an anti-V-I rocket balloon site for a month and was returned to farmland at the end of the year.

In 1994 Horne Parish Council funded a memorial for the Squadrons who were based in Bones Lane to honour their achievements and as a tribute to those who fought, were injured or lost their lives in service to their countries and to the allied forces (see pictures on opposite page).

Below: Squadron take-off at Horne in May 1944;
Bottom: aerial view of the western end of the airfield in May 1944



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- Thanks to the wonders of the internet, there are plenty of ways we can stay connected. But we aren't all tech geniuses, so do ask for help!
- Try to use video calls whenever you can – there's no substitute for seeing another person's face.
- You could arrange to have an online coffee break, lunch or drinks evening together or even organise quiz nights with groups of friends. Many book and community groups have also now gone online.
- If you or people you know don't have access to the internet, you could send family and friends a postcard or a letter.
- Send flowers to a friend.
- Offer to do some shopping for an older or vulnerable neighbour or volunteer with a local community group providing such support as helping with groceries or calling people for a friendly chat to sewing scrubs or face masks.
- Make a donation to your favourite charity or local good cause.

In public places

- Follow the rules on social distancing.
- Smile and wish a passer-by a good morning or afternoon, but don't forget to keep a two metre distance.
- Be a considerate cyclist or driver.
- Be patient if you are having to join a queue.
- Throw your rubbish in a public litter bin or take it home with you and remember to wash your hands when you get home.

It's important to be kind to yourself

- Prioritise some 'me' time, so you can relax and reflect on how you're feeling and how your day or week has been so far.
- Stay connected with friends and family and talk about how you are feeling.
- Treat yourself to something small, such as buying or planting some flowers.
- Do something you enjoy, like listening to a favourite song.
- Spend some time in nature, which is good for our mental health. Enjoy our beautiful parks and open spaces.

Kindness matters

To help improve your wellbeing, see if it makes a difference if once a day for a week you:

- Carry out an act of kindness and reflect on an act of kindness.
- Are kind to yourself.
- Keep active for 30 minutes a day, which may include running, walking or cycling. This doesn't have to be strenuous but can help improve your wellbeing. Gardening can be a great workout too, as can cooking up a storm in the kitchen! Ultimately, just take on whichever form of movement makes you happy (personally we think dancing in your kitchen is a good one!).

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the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace'*

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Leslie Totten

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

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Burstow Primary School, Wheelers Lane 01342 842010

Burstow Parish Council

- Parish Clerk: Jeannie Ryan (Centenary Hall, Wheelers Lane)
Email: burstowparishcouncil@gmail.com or ring 01342 841880
Office core hours: 9.30am-2.00pm weekdays during school term
Website: www.burstowparishcouncil.org.uk

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- Lesley Steeds (07973 872 614; email: lesley.steeds@surreycc.gov.uk)

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Tandridge Safer Neighbourhood Team

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Neighbourhood Specialist Officer

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We chat about this and that for a while, praise a blameless day,
Or condemn wind and rain as April like a lion returns to dismay,
No rain for weeks has caused the earth to crack and harden,
Although rain's inconvenient, it's extremely good for the garden!
Few cars and planes grounded, we hear birds, sheep, lambs and cattle.
And dwell on how delightful is their charming animal prattle,
Look there's a plane! We watch it climb high in blue sky,
Must be fetching folk home or essential supplies?
Ah well, time to move on, goodbye for now, enjoy your day,
It's been lovely to meet you, chat and pause to survey.
Though times are strange and life for many is hard,
There's still much of worth and beauty in this world we regard.

Sue Wates

MY SPECIAL FRIEND

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