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## RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

The Urakami Cathedral, also known as St Mary's Cathedral, built in the Japanese city of Nagasaki by French Catholics in 1914, was the largest Catholic church in Asia. On 9 August 1945 an atomic bomb exploded above it, as parishioners were attending mass and going to confession in preparation for the Feast of the Assumption on 15 August (which commemorates the death of Mary, mother of Jesus). The cathedral was instantaneously destroyed and all those within it perished.

Two months later, a discharged Japanese soldier and Catholic priest entered the ruins to pray. As he was praying, he noticed the head of a statue of Mary looking at him from the dust. The marks on her face made it seem to him as if she was crying and, overwhelmed, he took the scorched wooden head back to his monastery, where he kept it for 30 years until he returned it to Nagasaki. It was initially placed in a museum before being returned to the rebuilt cathedral where a new chapel for it was dedicated on 9 August 2005. Every year on this date the wooden head is carried in a procession as part of all the memorial events taking place in the city and this year, the 75th anniversary of the dropping of the bomb on Nagasaki, that procession and all the memorial events will be particularly poignant.

For Catholics the procession takes place during nine days of prayer (known as a novena) which begin on 6 August, another special day in the church's calendar as it is the date allocated to the Feast of the Transfiguration. This celebrates the time when Jesus was transfigured before some of his disciples while they stood together on top of a mountain: *And Jesus was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became whiter than light* (Matthew 17: 2). There's an irony, if that's the right word, about the Feast of the Transfiguration being 6 August because on that day in 1945 an atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, three days before the Nagasaki bomb. Those who experienced it and lived to tell about it, all described it in similar fashion: it began with a flash brighter than the sun and did indeed transfigure the city although in

what can only be described as a hellish, rather than a heavenly, way.

The novena of prayer ends on 15 August with the Feast of the Assumption. Although this feast is not particularly celebrated in the Church of England (but it is a public holiday in France), celebrations will nevertheless be taking place throughout the country on 15 August this year because it is also the 75th anniversary of VJ Day which marks the final end of the Second World War which we began to celebrate back in May with VE day. Of course it was the dropping of the two atomic bombs that brought the end of the war about and you can read two moving personal accounts relating to this by Bill Dare and David Vetch in the May and June editions of the Smallfield and Burstow parish news (<http://www.windmillchurches.co.uk/smallfield-and-burstow-parish-news/>).

It is good to celebrate VJ Day and the end of the war, but it is also important to remember what led up to it and to pray that such things will never happen again. You might like to make your own little novena of prayer, beginning on 6 August and leading up to VJ Day on 15 August. Each day you could say the prayer attributed to St Francis of Assisi that Pope Francis used when he visited Nagasaki in November last year:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

With love and prayers

*Nicholas*

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## SUPPORTING THE BENEFICE CHURCHES

There is a new page on the church website which enables you to give to any of the three churches of the Windmill United Benefice securely and confidentially by Direct Debit, or by making a one-off donation. Church finances are particularly stretched while no services are taking place and rental income is reduced. Any support would be very gratefully received. Visit: [www.windmillchurches.co.uk/online-giving](http://www.windmillchurches.co.uk/online-giving)

## SERVICES IN CHURCH, ONLINE AND ON CD

The churches of Saint Bartholomew, Burstow, St Mary the Virgin, Horne and St John the Baptist, Outwood are now open for private prayer each day. Please follow the guidelines posted on the doors.

A weekly service is posted on the church website. If you have internet access, go to [www.windmillchurches.co.uk](http://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](mailto:nicholas.calver@btinternet.com)) and he will arrange to get a service delivered on a CD.

At the time of this magazine going to press, we are planning to make it possible from 26 July for people to listen to this weekly recorded service in the churches on a Sunday at the previous usual times of their services (Burstow, 9.30am; Horne, 10am; Outwood 11am). Check notices and updates on the website and on the church noticeboards for the latest details and social distancing guidelines.

## Our lockdown life: Val and John Edwards

John and I are not Smallfield residents but from 'over the border' in Copthorne. We do, however have a great affinity with Smallfield and are registered with the excellent surgery, who have given us such great support over the years. Those of you with good memories may remember that John was for a couple of years manager of the pharmacy, which gave us a real link with Smallfield. Also, recently, we have been attending the monthly community lunch dates which has given us an opportunity to meet villagers.



We have weathered the lockdown, trying to keep busy, with John in the garden while I have amused myself by putting a daily challenge in the window for our two little neighbours next door aged five and six. Hopefully entertaining them too. We have been overwhelmed with the fantastic support we have had from the Practice Health Champions. Thank you all so much for delivering our prescriptions and for all the extras we have received, like puzzles, puzzle books and sweets. We are so grateful to you all for coming to Copthorne to help us. God bless you all



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## THE END OF AN ERA!

**Last month, Maria McDermott retired from Learn through Play, after nearly 50 years of service to the children of Smallfield. Here she reflects on it all, while others add their tributes – and some pictures**

I first started at the Smallfield playgroup in the church hall in 1972. Then I became leader and because we had so many children, we moved to the Jubilee Hall at Redehall School before I went private and started Learn through Play at Centenary Hall in 2005. Even then I agreed to keep fees down to benefit the children of Smallfield. I also ran an after-school club for a few years

But you can only go on for so long and it is time to hang my hat up. I'm a bit sad as I have enjoyed it all – I've made lots of good friends and can't tell you how many staff I've worked with over the years. And I have enjoyed not only all the children I've seen but also those children's children! But now it is time to move on, though it is certainly not the ending I envisaged as I couldn't even say goodbye, thanks to COVID.

I started out with my friend June Owen who passed away a few years ago. When we began the aim was to encourage children to socialise by playing with each

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### ***What can I say about Auntie Maria?***

My two boys went to Auntie Maria's Playgroup when it was in the grounds of Redehall School (now Redehall Aurora). She was assisted by Auntie Judy and Auntie Jane.

Auntie Maria was kind, considerate but firm and even so, the children respected her. The team of 'Aunties' made sure the children were happy and helped with confidence building, through play, art and activities. Fun events were preparing floats for the Smallfield Carnival – one I remember was Fireman Sam! Parents were encouraged to participate. Those were the days! In all, Auntie Maria made playgroup fun in a safe environment. She encouraged the children to be themselves. My grown-up boys still have memories of Playgroup.

So Auntie Maria, thank you for all you have done over the years for the children and I wish you all the best in your retirement.

*Claire Stephens*

other. We were hot on manners and always insisted on 'please' and 'thank you'. We had a rota of parent helpers and no funding from Government. Everything came from fees and fund raising – all those jumble sales! – and there was great community spirit. We took part in the fairs and Carnival with the children.

Children have changed over the years. When my kids were young they all went out to play in the woods. These days they are more likely to sit at home on their Playstations. I feel that parents give in to them much more than they used to. And playgroups have changed too: you have to be inspected by Ofsted now and run the same Early Years curriculum as the primary schools. And there is so much paperwork and record keeping!

We were excited when we re-opened after the refurbishment of Centenary Hall but that night my husband had a fatal heart attack and my whole life changed. So now I plan to take the summer off and enjoy my family – I have nine grandchildren and one great grandson. Then maybe I'll do some voluntary work or work in a charity shop. I'm not one to sit at home doing nothing.

The whole experience has been like meeting up with friends rather than a job and the time has gone so quickly. I mustn't complain!

My children attended playgroup from 1991 and thoroughly enjoyed their days spent in the little hut and in the summer time, in the shady playground, looked after by Aunties Maria, Jane, Annie and Judy to name a few.

Aunty Maria was no pushover, but the atmosphere was very warm and friendly and the children were very happy. My son loved being 'big enough' to stay at playgroup all day and particularly liked getting the beds out for the after-lunch nap!

The highlight of the year was the Smallfield Carnival and eager parents all gathered at a local farm (incognito, so as not to give away that year's theme) to build the Parade float. We had a circus theme, Pingu, and Postman Pat, but by far the best one was Fireman Sam; as you can imagine, Aunty Maria dressed up appropriately to be the fabulous Bella Lasagna character.

These memories have made our children what they are and it was lovely for us to hear our son telling his twin girls about Aunty Maria's playgroup just the other day (they are only 6 months old!!). I am sad that Aunty Maria is moving on – it's the end of a lovely era for our village – but exciting for her to have more time to devote to her own family instead of looking after ours! We thank her for the solid grounding she gave our two children and we wish her the very very best for the future.

**Julie, Chris, Ben and Charlotte Francis**

My memories of Aunty Maria – kind, supportive, perceptive, fair, organised and a brilliant playgroup leader. She had many talents, but her persuasive powers when enlisting the help of parents towards making the Playgroup float for the annual Smallfield Carnival were second to none! I have no doubt that the children who attended Smallfield Playgroup were happy and contented (mine certainly were), and their time there laid a solid foundation for their transfer to 'big' school. Smallfield owes Aunty Maria a huge debt of gratitude for everything she has done. Happy retirement Maria!

(Below: the class of 1990)

**Judy Wilkinson**



Both my boys, Simon and Alex Hagel, enjoyed playgroup with Aunties Maria, Jane, Judy and Lorraine. Simon started at the hut next to Redehall school and by the time Alex joined the group had moved to Centenary Hall. They had the best start to their education and enjoyed their time playing and learning. My Dad used to dress up as Father Christmas and give presents out to the children. Aunty Maria provided the children with a really happy, safe and caring environment, both my boys always could not wait to go and never wanted to leave!

**Heather Hagel**

Left: Simon Hagel saying goodbye to Aunty Maria in July 1995

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I remember my son going to playgroup from 1989 and later my daughter. When they were three they could stay all day three days a week – resting after lunch on the 'beds'. Some parents went in to help on a rota once a week.

Aunty Maria was always cheerful and smiling and popular with the children. I remember the hard work she (and all the other aunties plus parents) put into building of the float for Smallfield Carnival. Many people contributed to this and it was a very enjoyable event. Often star of the show!

**Cathy Arnold**

*Above right: Maria and the children on one of the memorable Carnival floats  
Below: the playgroup party in July 1995*



Maria looked after seven of my grandchildren and gave them a good solid grounding and lots of love. She was always smiling and always fair – she must have earned that retirement! **Mary Baldock**



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## SMALLFIELD – SOME MEMORIES

Former Smallfield resident Patricia Court (née Scott) has contacted us with some of her early memories. Who else has some memories and photos to share? Send them into the Parish News!



I was born in Careys Wood in 1950 and lived in Smallfield till I was 20. It was a wonderful place to grow up – we used to play out on the streets all day long and went on long bike rides all the way to Outwood and back. The Cravens wasn't built then but was a field owned by Mr Craven. We used to find a way onto the field by creeping behind the garages and played there too. My dad grew vegetables at home and on his allotment so we ate fresh vegetables at every meal.

I went to the Redehall School and the pictures here show my classroom and me posing for



my school photograph! The huts you can still see today were already classrooms there in the fifties. The boys playground was the one on the left and the girls' playground was the one on the right

My mother was a dining room maid for the staff at Smallfield Hospital and there was a bit of excitement in 1962 when Dirk Bogarde (left) and other actors came to shoot scenes for a film

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called 'The Password is Courage' (above). Kitty Warren, who was Matron at the time, had a small role in the film, too. They all came in to eat and my mum served them all and got their autographs.

I love the village dearly, even though I live in Crawley now, and have lots of good memories.



Burstow and Smallfield WI held a socially distanced tea party in the local cricket/football club grounds in Plough Road last month. The weather was not the best – dark clouds kept gathering and then going away. The members had to bring their own drinks – tea, wine etc – and Alison Brown provided a choice of Lemon or Coffee Walnut cake. A lot of catching up took place and the members enjoyed it so much they want to do the same next month. Let's hope the weather is good then and everybody stays healthy.

## NEWS FROM CLAIRE COUTINHO MP

**In the first of her regular updates for the Parish News, our local MP outlines what she has been involved in over the past few months**

It was great to meet some of you at my socially distanced surgery in Smallfield in March. Prior to the pandemic, I had been holding travelling surgeries with a plan to visit each town and village across East Surrey. As lockdown restrictions relax, I am visiting local businesses as they start to reopen, whilst maintaining strict social distancing measures and still holding regular telephone surgeries.

COVID-19 poses major challenges for the UK economy. Never has a Government had to lock down the economy in the name of public health before. The dexterity of the Treasury has been remarkable; significant schemes have been introduced to support businesses and workers. Locally, 13,300 jobs have been protected by the furlough scheme, and 4,600 self-employed people have received a total of £15.4m in support. But more will need to be done in the coming months.

I have also been working very closely with local council leaders on East Surrey's economic situation. I established the East of Surrey Economic Taskforce with our neighbouring MP, Crispin Blunt. It brings together our local councils, Surrey County Council and the Local Enterprise Partnership. We want to ensure that all local

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# Claire Coutinho MP

MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR EAST SURREY

Prior to the pandemic, I had been holding travel surgeries with a plan to visit each town and village across East Surrey. Unfortunately, I can't be with you in person at the moment but I am holding constituent surgeries by telephone.

If you need any help please do email me at or call me.

Thank you all for your kindness, your community spirit and your patience.

Claire

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# News from the 1st Burstow Scouts

We are continuing to run Beavers, Cubs and Scouts as online meetings using Zoom and doing all activities from our homes. The young people are still working hard on badges, with 110 Badges awarded since lockdown began; these include Collectors, My Outdoor Challenge Badge and many more. In the Zoom meetings we have been working on our Task Master Challenge, including drinking a cup of water backwards, shouting as many five-letter words as possible, holding as many soft objects as you can for 100 seconds and lifting a table with one hand (a challenge set by John, one of our Scouts).

Shere Khan, otherwise known as Joe, has been filling his time working on his Platinum Chief Scout Award. This has included him planning an evening for the Beaver and Cub sections on community. The Beavers, led by Shere Khan, looked at the various communities we are a member of and learnt about where our food comes from. This was followed with a discussion on whether buying food which is produced locally is often better. The Beavers thought it was. The Cubs talked about how flooding affects Smallfield and compared this with flooding in Kolkata, India. Both sections also took part drawing community maps of Smallfield showing the services and activities available to us.



Several of our members are taking part in the Home Adventure Challenge, which South London Scout County have written especially for this challenging time. There are three levels of challenge badge, Bronze, Silver and Gold, with activities for all ages. We have done some challenges in our Zoom meetings. We have one Beaver, Jack, with his family's assistance, who has already completed 110 challenges to earn the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. These included learning about endangered animals. He is a Kakapo in the

picture (left). In completing the awards, Jack has earned 15 other badges, including his Bronze Chief Scout Award, the highest award a Beaver can earn.

On Saturday 18 to Sunday 19 July we held our first ever virtual camp, to celebrate the Scout Group's 110th Birthday (right). During camp we made party hats, pioneered an adventure playground and made a zip wire for our rubber ducks. We also went for local walks, completing a Scavenger hunt, where we had to find items which started with each letter in Happy Birthday. We made cardboard picture frames



and took beautiful photos of nature through them. We had a fantastic camp fire over Zoom; each sub camp (family) did an act to entertain us, including jokes, songs, skits and an amazing dance using glow sticks. We played party games and baked cakes using a can of fizzy drink and decorated them for the birthday. 110 candles were shared between the sub camps so that we could blow them all out at the party. We had a great time

We have designed a 110th Birthday Badge. We are making a limited run of 200. Each badge is £2 (inc p&p). To order, and for payment details, please email [gs1@burstowscouts.org](mailto:gs1@burstowscouts.org) or call 01342 718862. If you used to be a member and have any stories or memorabilia which you would like to share with the Scout Group, please contact us as above, and if you want more details, including joining or volunteering with the Scout Group, or are able to provide a one-off activity or skill session do get in touch.

Keep Safe and Well.

**Rowenna Woodward BEM**





## News from the 1st Burstow Brownies

We have now finished for the summer holidays but look forward to returning in September either via Zoom again or face to face.

We tried our hands at making Origami animals and I must say the girls did a fantastic job, they were a little tricky at times but the girls persevered and managed to make them all. We made a pig, dog, cat and rabbit. We have played bingo and the girls favourite, a scavenger hunt!



For our last meeting we all brought a 'friend'. We had two brothers and lots of teddies! We all wore our party frocks, and made a fascinator, hat or mask, using what we had to hand at home. But the winning activity of the night was Armpit Fudge – yes that's right, fudge made in a sandwich bag, squished in our armpits to mix it all up.... it went down so well and the girls were delighted with their finished fudge!



## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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With the continuing of the steady progress in the relaxing of the protection measures against Coronavirus your council have taken measures to open an external eating area adjacent to the gym in the near future. It is unlikely that Centenary Hall will open before September although all the measures reported last month are now in place. On the plus side of COVID 19 all our allotment plots are now allocated. Our bid for CIL funding for road improvements at the junction of Wheelers Lane/Redehall Road/Plough Road has been approved and hopefully this work when progressed will include the installation of the long awaited crossing point.

Whilst talking about roads, I would like to thank our County Councillor, Lesley Steeds, for her willingness to fund remedial work to a particularly dangerous dip in the pavement on Broadbridge Lane. Unfortunately, this defect did not meet the requirements set out by Surrey Highways to benefit from remedial work and with one very nasty fall already we were concerned more might happen.

We know people are worried there won't be any child care provision at the Centenary Hall with the closure of Learn Through Play. We assure you that the Parish Council has stepped forward and has now set up The Gingerbread House Nursery Ltd. This is currently going through its Ofsted registration and, once open, will offer up to all day care (8am – 6pm) for 50 weeks of the year. This will be available to children aged six months to five years old. Please contact the nursery on 07546 376148 for more information or to register your child.

With the easing of shopping restrictions, I do hope that villagers will continue their present allegiance to our local shops remembering the great service afforded to us all during lockdown

Please continue to support and observe government advice. Stay aware, stay safe.

*Ian Wates, Chair, Burstow Parish Council*

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in five days 18 hours 15 minutes in her British designed Gull 6.

She was very glamorous and it is said she always carried a white silk dress with her so that she could be properly dressed at any celebrations. Amongst many records, she was the first woman to fly solo across the South Atlantic.



She took off from Lympe near Ashford, Kent for an airfield close to Dakar in Senegal. After refuelling and a short break, she set off in the dark over the

stormy almost 2,000 miles of South Atlantic to Brazil. She only had a compass to guide her while flying low enough to assess from its effect on the white capped waves below, how much to compensate her flight path for the constantly changing direction and strength of the wind. This included the Doldrums. She was aiming for Cape San Roque and had with her a photo from a book showing the Cape with palm trees and a lighthouse. When she reached the coast of Brazil she could see just to her right a point of land with palm trees but no lighthouse. She turned towards it to check and found the lighthouse had been shielded from her by the palms. She had arrived only half a mile off course – incredible! She landed at

Natal Brazil having taken 13 hours 15 minutes for the crossing, a world record for any type of aircraft and only 2 days 13 hours and 15 minutes from England, shattering the previous record by nearly a day. Who says women can't navigate!



I was lucky enough

to meet Jean Batten at an Air Rally in the 1990s. She never married and sadly in later life she became a recluse, dying in poverty while living in Palma Majorca and was buried in a paupers mass grave. Fittingly, her Percival Gull is on display in New Zealand's Auckland Airport International Terminal, which is named after her.

Residents may have noticed that with Gatwick very quiet, small aircraft have been allowed to route over the village when going to and from the South Coast as well as into the airport. This would be strictly prohibited in normal times by Air Traffic because it is a Control Zone. In fact they have been allowing private pilots to fly down the approach and over the runway but not below 400 ft. It gives them a good view of over 115 airliners currently parked there.

With the passage of time coupled with little real change in the coronavirus threat and a combined Aug/Sept Parish News, we will notify everyone when we feel it is safe to recommence and the posters will as usual be displayed on the notice boards situated by the parade of shops, in the Post Office and in Centenary Hall. We may be lucky and manage to start meetings again in September; as long as the presenter is happy about it, the programme should be:

■ **1 September** – 'Air Operations in Network Rail', Sean Leahy. Helicopters used to check rail safety

■ **6 October** – 'Charles Rolls and the 1910 Aviation Meeting', Stephen Robson, pioneer aviator and joint founder of Rolls Royce.

Stay safe.

*John Thorpe*

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## My lockdown life: director of music Ginette Nye

I am Director of Music at St Mary's, Horne and my husband Peter is the organist. We provide music for all the services there and work with the choir and the band. We also work with musicians from both Outwood and Burstow and the church choirs frequently join together to lead worship and to practise.

Lockdown has meant not actually going to the church, starting on Mothering Sunday in March. The choirs had been working hard preparing music for the many services in Holy Week and at Easter and everything was nearly ready. Peter and I have worked in church music for 35 years and before that were both involved in



church choirs from a young age. Church music is a huge part of our lives and of our life together. Whilst of course, we had seen the possibility of lockdown coming, it was still a big wrench when it happened and we were no longer able to make music with our choirs and band. I experienced a certain amount of shock and definitely some great sadness at not being able to be the person I am.

Nicholas, the Rector, decided to create online services for the Windmill Benefice and Peter and I found ourselves busy going through old recordings of our services, locating hymns and anthems which could be used in the online services. The recordings were only made for our musical training purposes and we had no idea at the time that they would become so useful. We also recorded some music at home with our daughter to be used in Holy Week and the Band recorded a hymn for the early morning service on Easter Sunday.

After Easter, we decided that it was time to gather the choir members together and start working on some new music. Peter and I made weekly training videos for the choir, teaching them a new anthem. We did this for six weeks; choir members worked hard and it was lovely to be back doing what we love, albeit in a very different way. At the end of May, this had been a success so we decided we should start meeting via Zoom. We had a trial meeting at the beginning of June, for which many people had to work out how to download Zoom and access it. We discovered that it was relatively easy, but mostly we found a great joy in seeing each other and being able to chat together. Singing together makes us all feel close to each other and it was lovely to be back together after so long.

So for the last few weeks we have been meeting as normal on a Thursday evening for choir practice. We see the junior choir at 6:30 and then the adults from 7:30pm. It is exhilarating to be together, but definitely nothing like choir practice in church. There is no audible singing because everyone has a different time lapse over the internet, so singing audibly together would just not work. People are singing on their own in their own homes. They can hear Peter and me but we can't hear anyone. When I think about it, it is totally ridiculous to try to run a choir in silence, but we have adapted and everyone feels it is worthwhile. We have revised already-known pieces and learnt new ones. Zoom is very good for aural tests as singers can't hear anyone else leaping in with the answer, so we try to do some of those each week. We have continued to finish each practice with an uplifting hymn.

Our next progress has been to start making a video of the choir singing one of the anthems we already know. This has required yet more technology skills, but choir members have accepted the challenge and the video is being put together. Peter and I made a 'backing video' with piano accompaniment and me conducting. Conducting is important because of pauses in the music and slowing down towards the end. We need to do that all together and therefore the usual practice

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decision-makers are working together in a joined-up way when implementing policies; our local economy does not recognise constituency boundaries. We will also work to ensure that we take full advantage of Government schemes and infrastructure funding as it is made available.

I was also delighted to be invited to sit on the One Surrey Growth Board led by the Leader of Surrey County Council, Tim Oliver. As the only sitting MP on the board, I will endeavour to make sure East Surrey's voice is heard as the County Council works-up a strategy to boost our region. Other members include the former Chancellor Philip Hammond, the two Chairmen of our local LEAs, and the Deputy Mayor of London.

I was pleased to see Surrey County Council repairing potholes on West Park Road and Massets Road earlier this year. I have also spoken to local parish councils about the effects of high HGV usage on our roads and will continue to push to ensure we deliver quality infrastructure for Smallfield and Burstow.

A key theme of my maiden speech in the House of Commons was the environment. Protecting our local area is one of my top priorities. We live in a beautiful part of the country, and people rightly want to maintain it. I have been working with the Surrey Hills AONB on a boundary review, so more of our wonderful landscape can be protected. I also recently held a Zoom meeting with constituents to discuss climate change and environmental issues, and I will be organising a public meeting in September to build on this exchange of ideas.

**If you need help, please contact me at: [claire.coutinho.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:claire.coutinho.mp@parliament.uk); or call 0207 219 5972. You can also sign-up to my regular newsletter on <https://www.clairecoutinho.com/> and check out my Facebook Page (@claire4eastsurrey) for updates**

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of having a conductor has been used. It's so much harder than normal though because singers do not have the rest of their section to rely on when singing. Each person is entirely on their own and most are understandably nervous. The end result will look and sound as if we are together, but of course we are not.

At the time of writing, we still have no idea when we might be able to get together in the same place to sing, whilst remaining safe from COVID-19. Everyone has found this a difficult time when we need more than ever to express our faith and hope through music. We have to continue to wait patiently and hold steadfastly to the belief that we will once again sing praises together with joy – and when that time comes, it will be with very great joy that we sing again as one choir.

The choir sings an anthem in each week's online service: [www.windmillchurches.co.uk](http://www.windmillchurches.co.uk)

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## THIS ISSUE OF THE PARISH NEWS

We are now half way through the Parish News year, which runs from April to March, and this issue is a joint one for August and September so your next issue will arrive in October. Very many thanks to everyone who has sent in such interesting reminiscences and reflections over the past few months – it was initially rather daunting to have to fill a magazine that relies so much on news from groups, none of whom were able to meet. However, this has allowed space for some very special contributions and I hope you have enjoyed reading them as much as I have!

Many thanks, too, to the lovely team that delivers your magazine to you. Hopefully we shall be calling for outstanding subscriptions in the autumn when it seems more sensible than at the moment to be calling at doors again. Meanwhile, I hope you all have a good summer and stay safe.

*Judith Calver*

## SMALLFIELD COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

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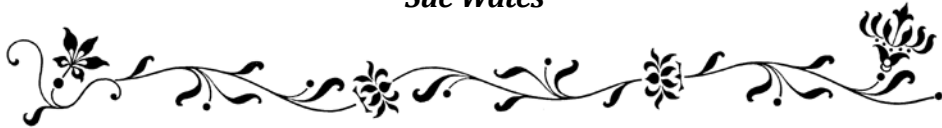
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## Skylark

I was walking with my dog when I heard a song so loud and clear,  
It seemed to come from way above but it sounded quite near,  
Billowy clouds hung round about, I stared but couldn't see the source,  
Then through a cloud-gap I saw up high... a skylark ... but of course!  
I saw him silhouetted, tiny angel rising on quivering wing,  
Proclaiming bold a message and his territory commanding,  
I gazed spellbound a while till silently he dropped with grace to earth,  
And we were left alone contented, just me and my dog on the path.

*Sue Wates*



## Gadgets

Think of all the gadgets we have  
When we find it hard to bend,  
Start with the long dustpan and brush  
Or anything that will extend.  
I get days when I'm clumsy  
Or my body is out of gear,  
I'll drop or knock things over  
But my pick up stick is always near.  
There's bottles, jars, cans and tins  
They can be a bind.  
I shouldn't have too much trouble  
Cause I have a tool for every kind.  
I have trouble putting on my shoes  
That could be a yawn,  
So I have to tell myself, "Don't panic,"  
I've got a very long shoe horn.  
Then there's the Zimmer frame and walking sticks –  
I haven't got either of those  
But as the time passes by  
I ask myself, "Who knows?"

*June Dunn*



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