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RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS

Christmas seems a long time ago now. In the shops it feels as if Christmas ends on Boxing

Day, but in the church's calendar it's just beginning then. The actual season of Christmas has I2 days (as I'm sure you know from the carol!), followed by the season of Epiphany which begins on 6 January and lasts until 2 February, making the combined Christmas and Epiphany season last a total of 40 days. The 40 days come from the Gospel of Luke where we read that it was after this length of time that Mary and Joseph went up to the temple at Jerusalem and Simeon proclaimed the infant Jesus as 'a light to lighten the Gentiles', a time in church that we call Candlemas and which we tend to celebrate on the nearest Sunday before 2 February, which this year is 30 January 30. So by the time you read this, whichever way you look at it, Christmas will be over!

Candlemas is, in a way, a last look at Christmas, and I'd like to have a last look at Christmas in this letter and take you back to an assembly I did last month for Burstow school. I wasn't actually in school because of the virus, so recorded it at home for them to watch in school. I began by showing them a gold bar – not real gold, I explained, as that would be worth £50,000 or so! But, I said, its value lay in the fact that it always stayed shiny and could be used to make beautiful jewellery and other special things. Then I showed them some frankincense and told them it is a form of tree resin which gives off a lovely smell when burnt. I lit some which soon filled the room with smoke and wonderful smell. I then explained that Myrrh is also a tree resin that can also be distilled to form an oil. I put some drops of myrrh oil into an oil burner. I said it was a shame that they couldn't actually smell the aromas but that burning incense and using fragrant smelling myrrh was a way of making or showing that a person or place was special.

Then I went on to tell them that it's not just expensive or exotic things like gold, frankincense or myrrh that are special. Ordinary, everyday things can be special too. I said how on the morning I was recording the assembly, there was a beautiful frost which had made the grass glisten and the cobwebs sparkle and how the night before there had been a beautifully clear starry night. And as I write this letter, sat at my desk, I look out on wonderful late winter sunlight and the gleaming rosehips outside my study window. But, I told the school, we have to take time

to notice these things. It's all too easy to miss them unless we take time to pause for a moment and to look, really look, to stand and stare as it were. And on that note, I finished with a poem, which may well be familiar to you and you may also recognise as one of my favourites. So here it is for you too, it's called Leisure by W.H. Davies:

What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare?No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep or cows:
No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass:
No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night:
No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance:
No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began?
A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

With love and prayers *Nicholas*

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Time to try something new!

Smallfield Short Mat Bowls Club Needs YOU!

The Smallfield Short Mat Bowls Club has been meeting in the Centenary Hall for many years, it is now in need of new members. The men would especially welcome more men as the ladies keep beating them!

Short Mat Bowls is an enjoyable (if frustrating) game. The exercise is gentle, good for backs and knees, and although you may not believe me it's very good for the brain. It really is a strategy game and far more thought provoking than people realize. We have three mats, so are able to accommodate up to 24 players each week. We meet on Wednesday mornings with play from 10am until 12 noon . You need to wear clean flat shoes and we have spare woods in several sizes available, so all we need is folk to use them. We look forward to making you welcome on Wednesday mornings. Phone me on 01342 843629 if you have any questions.

Rita Hendy

Help start a new ladies group

A new Ladies Group is starting on the second Tuesday of the month at 2pm in the Committee Room at Centenary Hall. The first meeting will be this month, on 8 February. Initially this will just be for chat and tea and cake and next month there will also be a couple of games of Bingo (not for money, just chocolate!). Come along to see what's on offer for your input into this new group.

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Welcome to 2022. We wish you all a happy and healthy new year and for starters some good news that the parish council precept will not be increased for the forthcoming year. The Annual Parish meeting, your chance to meet councillors, raise questions and comment on local issues will be held at Centenary Hall on Monday 4 April commencing at 7pm. The final task of 2021 was the judging of the Christmas lights and the winners were the parishioners residing at 1, Hayes Walk. Congratulations to them.

Although Covid still continues to raise its ugly head most group activities have returned to Centenary Hall following government guidelines. Predominant amongst those groups are those playing 'Short Mat Bowls' on Mondays where extreme competitiveness has been exercised between the teams of 'Boys v Girls'. The girls have been sweeping the board but the boys stormed to a well-earned victory in January's competition. There is plenty of room for new members so why not come along and give it a try; equipment is provided.

Our crochet group aka our 'yarn bombers', led by Angela Schwartz, has been visibly active and I am sure that you all will have seen the amazing display heading the post box adjacent to The Post Office in Wheelers Lane in the run up to Christmas, together with the displays around the nature garden in the hall car park. The group is open to all and if you have any spare yarn lying around please donate it to the group to enable them to continue making their wonderful displays.

Another important village group is the Speedwatch team whose presence I am sure you have been aware of on occasions. Although slightly controversial the activities of this group over the past few years have proven to have had a strong effect in the overall reduction in the speed of traffic passing through our village. Unfortunately, team membership is dwindling and they desperately seek more volunteers who can perhaps devote a little of their time to this worthy cause. An hour a month would be helpful but more if you felt so inclined and free police training will be arranged.

For further details of any of the above groups please contact the Parish Clerk, Jeannie Ryan ,0134284 1880.

We have finally agreed terms of lease with Burstow Primary School for the use of part of their playing field in Redehall Road as a community car park which now rests with The Department of Education for a final nod and hopefully the longawaited construction work will commence in the later part of this year. Our thanks to District Councillor Kevin Bourne for helping to resolve a couple of the

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BURSTOW AND SMALLFIELD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On 2 December 2021 Burstow and Smallfield WI were at last able to celebrate their Centenary and their 101st Birthday combined with a Christmas Party at the Centenary Hall in Smallfield. Covid had put paid to the much grander celebrations that had been planned for 2020 – and this party was a smaller celebration than they would have liked due to the continuing situation and was for Members and invited guests only.



The entertainer who had been booked for 2020 said he was still available despite having to be rescheduled twice, however on the day before the party he had been 'pinged' by the Covid contact system and although he was booked to have a PCR test, he was unable to fulfil his role as a Panto Dame. However he kindly said he would contact his many friends who are speakers and hopefully source a replacement. Thankfully one of his friends could oblige – however not as a Panto Dame, but would appear as Anne Boleyn recounting the way Christmas was celebrated in Tudor times.

On the day Kate arrived early whilst the WI committee were setting up and decorating the hall – she needed plenty of time to don her costume which is an authentic reconstruction of a Tudor lady's apparel and constituted several layers of undergarments as well as the sumptuous gown. She also had to cover her glorious auburn hair with a black wig to complete her appearance as Anne Boleyn – Henry VIII's second and ill fated wife.

The members and guests arrived and took their seats after having admired the cake, looked at the raffle prizes and collected their glass of Prosecco.

Kate/Anne then appeared and kept everyone enthralled with her descriptions of Tudor Christmas celebrations — which truly did go on for the full 12 days of Christmas — a lot of hard work for the servants and enormous quantities of food and drink for the nobility.

When Kate had completed her presentation she sat with some of the guests and answered their questions - meantime the committee served the afternoon tea of hot savouries and Christmas sweetmeats along with a refreshing cup of tea.

During the tea former President of Burstow WI, Joan Lamb, gave a talk about the 100 year history of Burstow WI from its beginnings during the First World War up to the present day.

Once the tea had been eaten the raffle was drawn. There were some beautiful



prizes including real pearl earrings, a sumptuous fruit basket donated by Gordons Greengrocers, vouchers from Harris Butchers and Helgaz Flowers, a collection of gifts from Smallfield Pharmacy, a hamper of Champagne and a very large Christmas door wreath.

After an entertaining afternoon the Members left with their goody bags and the guests with a slice of celebration cake.

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OUTWOOD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

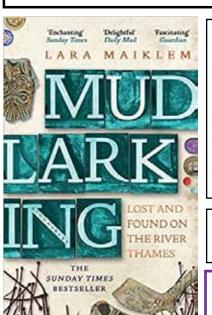
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SMALLFIELD COMMUNITY LUNCH

At the January Community Lunch, the team of helpers was joined by local MP Claire Couthino (see also page 27). Claire chatted with the diners, as well as joining the team to serve and clear up afterwards. The Community Lunch is served every month at Ipm on the third Sunday, so the next one is on Sunday 20 February. Everyone is welcome to come along: there is no set charge as payment is by

donation. If you would like to come along for a roast dinner and pudding, ring Kay Hammond on 07808 322440. to reserve your place.





CAMEO Come And Meet Each Other

Cameo began the New Year with a visit from Roger Hind on Friday 7 January. Roger spoke about the life of George Gershwin, interspersed with plenty of songs and music. Cameo meets in Smallfield Church Hall on the first Friday of the month at 2pm for friendship, tea and cake. The next meeting is on 4 February and

all are are most welcome.



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AVIATION GROUP

Due to the big increase in Omicron cases we informed all members before Christmas that we felt it best to cancel the meeting on 4 January.

All being well, with Covid measures in place, the Tuesday 1st February meeting at 7pm in the Centenary Hall will be Sean Leahy describing 'Air Operations in Network Rail'.

They use helicopters and drones fitted with specialist equipment to check the rail tracks, embankments, cuttings etc for actual and potential problems. We hear on TV etc of the problems they do suffer, the evening may tell us more about the problems they have nipped in the bud. If we feel the need to cancel, all members will be informed and it will be on the Notice Boards in the Post Office and inside the Centenary Hall.

The speaker at the meeting on I March will be Kirsty Gibson with 'Wg Cdr Brendan 'Paddy' Finucane and the 1941 Circus Operations'. Following the success of the Battle of Britain, this involved small groups of bombers and fighters on offensive patrols harassing the enemy coastal defences and fighter bases. Paddy was credited with 28 aerial victories and awarded the DSO and DFC.

Visitors are always most welcome, admission is £3 (members £1) for the evening which includes refreshments, Newsletter and two tickets for the transport books raffle. The membership fee for 2022 is £18 (£27 for couples) and £5 for under 20 year olds. Call 01342 841564 for further information.

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News from the 1st Burstow Scouts

The Scout Group finished 2021 with Christmas festive celebrations. The Beavers and Cubs painted a plate, bowl or mug, at Kate Creative, at the end of November. Their items were then fired and ready for the last week of term. During their final meeting each member carefully wrapped their finished items, made Christmas decorations, pulled crackers, played games and went home in their own decorated reindeer antlers. The Scouts made knotty decorations for our tree in the Outwood Festive Firs which were much admired at the event. For the Scouts' last meeting they went bowling at Hollywood Bowl. We finished the year, with our Scout Group family and friends, visiting the Harlequin Theatre to watch the Pantomime, which was Aladdin this year. This was a lovely way to finish the year.

We started 2022 with a New Year Sleepover at Faurefold Holiday Home, Westcott for the Cubs and Scouts. This was our first night away since October 2019. The members attending enjoyed decorating a calendar for 2022 and looking at their New Year Resolutions. After lunch on the Saturday, we walked to Dorking swimming pool, where we all swam for an hour. Then it was time to look at some of the world's traditions for celebrating New



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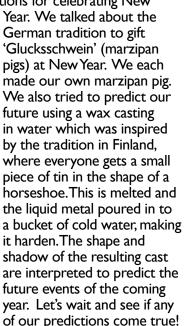
We will hold a raffle during the evening. All proceeds will go to support Scouting at 1st Burstow Scout Group

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German tradition to gift 'Glucksschwein' (marzipan pigs) at New Year. We each made our own marzipan pig. We also tried to predict our future using a wax casting in water which was inspired by the tradition in Finland, where everyone gets a small piece of tin in the shape of a horseshoe. This is melted and the liquid metal poured in to it harden. The shape and shadow of the resulting cast are interpreted to predict the future events of the coming

On Saturday evening we had a Pictures oppsite; text continues on page 29





UPDATE FROM BROADLANDS FARM: Diversication into flowers

This month's Broadlands farm update is written by Sarah McCubbine, who talks about her new baby, Smallfield Flower Farm, while Ian and his team await some bigger babies in the calving shed!

Happy New Year from all of us at Broadlands Farm! As we continue to trudge through a bleak, wet, dull January, work at the farm continues with routine daily jobs of manure scraping, feeding and bedding up of all the animals in their various barns. Keeping the cattle indoors in the winter allows us to health-check them all and with many due to calve imminently, they can do so in the dry and warmth. It also makes it much easier for us to help out if necessary. With the fields being laid to heavy clay, a further reason for bringing the cows in is to protect both the fields from their hooves and conversely protect their hooves from compacting the wet fields.

While Ian and the boys are waiting to perform midwifery duties and much of their work being concentrated around the farmyards, I am doing the opposite! The New Year brings a new challenge in the form of a little farm diversification for me. Almost two years ago, as the world went into lockdown, many people took the opportunity or were forced into either working from home or totally changing their career path; me included. After almost 20 years of teaching local infant children and running a forest school, I found myself back on the farm with time to spare.

I have loved gardening and growing flowers from a very young age; my parents were both very keen gardeners. The lockdown also coincided with all three daughters announcing their engagements (one wanting to get married at the farm) and for me to provide their flowers. Always up for a challenge, I promptly signed up for cut flower courses with Sarah Raven and Fieldgate

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Born on 22 November 1928, Yvonne was the eldest child and her parents' only daughter. Her three brothers, John, Peter and Stephen, joined the close-knit family over the next ten years.

Yvonne began her working life as a clerical assistant at Prices Candle Co, which still holds the Royal Warrant to this day. A promotion to secretary to the Director and a move to Kodak Camera Co gave her the opportunity to meet Gordon – the love of her life and her husband for almost 50 years.



When Kodak moved to the new town of Stevenage, Yvonne and Gordon bought a bungalow in nearby Welwyn Garden City. Her parents moved with her and they remained in Bedfordshire until her father died.

At this point, a decision to retire and move to Smallfield, with her mother who was disabled and needed constant medical and personal attention, was made and Yvonne and Gordon moved into a bungalow surrounded by fields in Park Road.

It was here that Gordon and Yvonne lovingly tended their beautiful garden, always full of colourful blooms — no matter what the time of year. Their home was peaceful and spotlessly clean, and a warm welcome always awaited visiting family, friends and neighbours.

Yvonne and Gordon were regular worshippers at St Bartholomew's Church in Burstow for over 45 years, and it's from here that many Smallfield residents still remember her.

Yvonne was a gentle soul and a quiet individual, always good-humoured with a twinkle in her eye. Her beautiful smile and sense of humour brightened a room and her little giggle was a delight to encounter. All those who met her will remember her as a 'lovely lady'.

As frailty overcame her in the latter years of her life, Yvonne was transferred to a Residential Care Home in Northwood near Watford to be closer to her family — Peter, Sheila, Stephen and Angela. At Erskine Hall Yvonne was well cared for and she lived another seven years under their care. She died peacefully on Wednesday 29 December, aged 93 years.

Lin O'Brien

Broadbridge Farm: continued from page 18

Flowers and a year-long RHS gardening course at Hever Castle. This led me to stumble into the enormous rabbit hole that is commercial cut flower production. I rapidly lurched from growing flowers just for my daughters and some friends, to managing to persuade my long-suffering husband to allow me to keep the cows out of our one-acre wedding field, instead keep growing the flowers to sell, thereby establishing Smallfield Flower Farm.

I joined the Flowers from the Farm network (www.flowersfromthefarm.co.uk), an award-winning (including a gold medal at Chelsea Flower Show) organisation that champions artisan growers of seasonal, scented, locally grown British cut flowers. This led me last year to experimenting with sowing seeds and planting bulbs and tubers of many plants, such as dahlias, that I had never grown before, and also planting a wild flower meadow.

When lan agreed for me to keep the field, I don't think he realised the number of times he and his machinery would also be called into play – from rotovating new flower beds, to cutting and baling the wild flowers, constructing raised beds, providing and moving manure and straw to add to the compost heap to name but a few! I am fortunate that our family farm, being part of the Red Tractor Assurance scheme, works very hard to keep our carbon footprint low and work in harmony with the environment; whether it's refraining from cutting hedges when birds are nesting, to keeping bees and planting woodland. Wild flowers and sustainably grown cut flowers are seen by the farm as adding to that joint effort.

It is time we thought about flowers as we now think about food – valuing seasonal, fresh, locally grown, scented varieties over mass imports. The sustainability of cut flowers rarely receives the same media attention that is given to produce such as meat and dairy, despite their much, much higher carbon intensity. Did you know that in the region of 90 per cent of our cut flowers are imported from abroad? Research has found (*Rebecca Swinn: Flowers from the Farm*) that an imported mixed bouquet can produce ten times greater CO2 emissions than a British grown mixed bouquet. Sustainably grown British flowers are not dunked in preservatives and pesticides as the imported ones are and are not flown thousands of miles from countries such as Equador, Columbia and Kenya.

Smallfield Flower Farm is in its infancy, but if all goes well and our weather is kind to us (I'm still working on lan to buy a polytunnel!), we should hopefully be supplying beautiful, seasonal British blooms locally from around Mothers' Day onwards to florists, flower arrangers and DIY weddings. Indeed, I have already sparked interest from our local florists who are keen for us to supply them, including our own beloved Laura of Helgaz, so watch this space from springtime onwards and wish me luck!

My cut flower journey can also be read about in a newly published book, Seed to Vase — a Collection of Stories, by Roz Chandler.

SMALLFIELD CLUB AND READING ROOM NEW ROAD, SMALLFIELD

We would like to wish all our members and their families a Happy and Prosperous New Year and thank you all for your support over Christmas.

Our popular Children's Christmas party was a great success and the Committee would to thank Del and June Champion for their very kind donation and Santa and Mrs Claus for making the afternoon special for the children! The Senior Citizens Christmas dinner (below) was also a huge success and our thanks go to Tony of James Harris Butchers, Fran of Gordons Greengrocers and Paul of Apps Grab Hire for their very kind donations. Not forgetting Dave Constable for coming to our rescue for the afternoon's entertainment after we were let down at the last minute due to COVID striking!

Forthcoming events and entertainment:

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This month in her series on living in a more environmentally way, Lauma Kazusa looks at avoiding 'green traps'

Most of us want to lead greener lifestyles and be environmentally responsible when using products or services. If we look at advertising, so many products and services are green, and far too many appear to be the environmentally friendly solution that we need. Overwhelming and confusing is an understatement when deciding upon the most environmentally friendly choices. It feels impossible to know which claims are valid and which are pure greenwashing.

'Greenwashing' is a marketing trick designed to make products or services seem more sustainable than they are. Such practices are deceptive and are false advertising.

Many businesses are investing in sustainable practices to minimise environmental damage. On the other hand, few shout about their intentions or the small things they have done, yet without any tangible impact on the environment. How can an average consumer spot if something sounds too good?

A quick guide to 'green traps'.

- Big claims environmentally friendly; sustainable; fighting against global warming;
- Visual appearance lots of green and earthy colours, blue skies, trees, flowers, grass.
- Emotive wording natural ingredients; natural freshness; organic (without the relevant certification).
- Skewed numbers, eg 'use 50 per cent more organic cotton', while the total organic cotton consumption is just I per cent

Not all claims are greenwashing. Businesses with environmentally friendly products and production processes will want to share such information in their marketing. Transparency is essential to ensure trust with consumers. How not to fall into the 'green traps'?

- I. Before buying check the company website and research the product. Do the big claims withstand your scrutiny?
- 2. Look out for 3rd party certification, e.g., Forest Stewardship Council, Soil Association, Fairtrade, etc.
- 3. Read the description. Is it plain and simple? Or full of empty words that make us feel nice and cosy when reading, but we are none the clearer if the claims are valid. Go with the gut feeling.
- 4. Mind the packaging the choice of colours and pictures. How much packaging the product has? Is it recyclable or, even better, reusable?

Ultimately the best choice is to consume less and choose better where possible. 25

NEWS FROM CLAIRE COUTINHO MP

In her latest regular update for the Parish News, our local MP outlines what she has been involved in recently

It's been a difficult month in national politics.

I understand how people are feeling about the reports in the news. I know the sacrifices many of us endured for the benefit of our neighbours, friends and wider society, and I thank you again for all that you have done. If you'd like to provide me with your thoughts, my inbox is always open for you to do so at claire.coutinho.mp@parliament.uk, and I will feed in your views to colleagues in the Government.

Now that 2021 is over, I decided to write an Annual Review to explain what I worked on during my second year in the job. If you'd like to read it through, please do visit my website at *clairecoutinho.com* and click Annual Review 2021.

Looking back, I know we've been through so many challenges since 2020, some of which remain with us and some are yet to come.

At the moment, I am doing a lot of work with the Treasury on the price of energy, recognising the pressure this is putting on families across the country and listening to people's concerns.

But all in all, if I reflect back on the past two years as your Member of Parliament, I am incredibly proud of this country, its people and what we've achieved together.

I think we should take a moment to marvel at the ingenuity and determination we've seen, whether in the outstanding work of scientists and clinicians on vaccines, the economic comeback spurred on by the perseverance of our businesses, or the enormous progress that we've made on the environment here at home and internationally.

When I was first elected, I said that my main priority as your MP was to be as accessible and open as possible. I want you to know – despite the heightened threat towards MPs – I am as committed to that pledge as I was two years ago.

Many of you will know my priorities in this job. Improving our local roads, getting our train services back on track, supporting our local economy, preserving our environmental treasure chest - to name just a few. Last year, I also spent a lot of time on women's safety and looking at how to address the growing issue of loneliness.

On Christmas Eve, I joined volunteers across Surrey to deliver £40,000 worth of Christmas Hampers. Provided by the heroic Greenaway Foundation, these hampers brought Christmas cheer to families right across our communities. So thank you to all the local businesses, volunteers and the man who made all of this possible - Darren Greenaway.

I also had the pleasure of joining Kay Hammond and Caroline Clancey for a Sunday community lunch in Smallfield recently. I was struck by talking to a couple of people about the difficulty we all face in getting back on our feet having lost someone incredibly dear, someone who may have been by our side for decades. We all need people around us, and I firmly believe that three of the best things in life are the three Fs: family, friends and food. Kay and Caroline host these lunches every month and incorporate all three. So thank you to Kay, Caroline, Fiona, Cathy and all the volunteers, and to Sandra for her bedazzling front of house! We are so lucky to have you all in East Surrey.

As some of you may know, bringing people together, getting to know our neighbours and combatting loneliness are issues that I really care about. I'll be doing a lot more work on these areas this year, so if you want to get involved or if you've got any ideas please do get in touch at claire. coutinho.mp@parliament.uk.

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Claire Coutinho MP: continued from previous page

I also want to say a huge thank you to Nick and Judith Calver for all that they do. it's been such a pleasure to get to know them over the past two years and I'm so grateful for their tireless work in our community.

Finally, as we begin 2022, I want you all to know that my driving force over the next 12 months will continue to be serving you, the residents of East Surrey, to the very best of my ability.

With that, I'd like to wish you all a happy, healthy New Year.





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Saturday 19 March

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Cash Bar

All proceeds to the Hospice

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The Girls of the Burstow Friends of St Catherine's Hospice

This is the first opportunity within the Parish News to express my thanks to all the people who kindly helped with the Christmas Fair.

The help given by many was not just on the day of the event, but during the days and weeks beforehand. Every bit of help counted towards the whole, starting with the planning meeting last September through to the day of the Fair itself.

When the doors of the Hall opened for people coming to the Fair, there was an almost surreal moment realizing that the pandemic had stopped this community activity for two years. Then, quickly it seemed like 'old times'. People purchased raffle tickets, ate bacon rolls, drank coffee, bought cakes and other goodies, and looked at the other items on offer.

Between 9.30am and midday, just over £1,300 was raised for church funds, a valuable amount. That finance is sought not just for the day-to-day expenditure of the church, but for important and necessary larger projects like maintenance of the organ and re-shingling of the church spire. To those of you reading this article knowing that you helped, a BIG thank you is yours. The Fair can only be successful if people support it, beforehand or on the day, whether by on a stall or coming along to make purchases so thank you all.

Ann Sheppard

Burstow Scouts: continued from page 16

New Year party with roast turkey dinner followed by ice cream sundaes. We finished the evening with a quiz of the year and creating our own photo booth using props. On Sunday morning, after 'some' sleep we had a good breakfast and played games and activities outside in the dry. The Cubs and Scouts were collected early in the afternoon, tired but happy.

The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts have started their weekly meetings for this term with games and activities to get to know each other. This term all members will work towards a number of badges. The Beavers are going to look at their Builder, Experiment, Emergency Aid and My Skills Badges. The Cubs are going to work on their Astronomer, Emergency Aid and Our Skills Badges. The Scouts are going to look at Environmental Conservation, Skills and Emergency Aid.

If you know a boy or girl who would like to join the 1st Burstow Scout Group, to have fun while learning skills for life though Scouting, please contact me on 01342 844 998 or by email at enquiries@burstowscouts.org.

Rowenna Woodward BEM Group Scout Leader

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Our Ofsted approved Day Nursery for children between the ages of six months and five years, 'The Gingerbread House', grows from strength to strength and still has vacancies. Prospective parents wishing to view the excellent facilities and applications for acceptance can be obtained by contacting the nursery on 07546 376148. It is almost a victim of its own success and to maintain the balance of carer to pupil ratio we are seeking to employ additional staff either on 'bank' or permanent basis. Hours can be agreed to suit your busy calendars and training can be offered so if you are interested, even if you are only able to offer a few hours a week, please contact the nursery manager on the aforementioned number.

Please all continue to follow government guide lines to preserve our wellbeing, take care, stay safe

Ian Wates, Chair, Burstow Parish Council

Burstow WI: continued from page 9

Unfortunately that meeting was also the swansong for Smallfield and Burstow WI. The Committee, some of whom have been serving for over ten years did not want to stand again and regrettably none of the other members offered their names to form a new Committee so under the WI constitutional rules the WI has to be suspended. It is a real shame that such a long-running WI has had to be dissolved but ours is not the only local WI that has suffered this fate, partly due to Covid and also the constraints and commitments experienced by many of the members.

Just wishing you all a prosperous and healthy New Year. Signing off...

Alison Brown

WOW Welcome on Wednesdays

WOW is a coffee morning for all the community, set up and run by the Smallfield Surgery Health Champions. It takes place every Wednesday in Smallfield Church Hall, opposite the Co op, from 10.30 am - 12 noon. As well as chat and company over drinks and cakes, there are often such activities as chair yoga, singing, quizzes, artwork and games. All are most welcome to come along on the day but if you would like to know more, ring Heather on 07763 813463.

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St Bartholomew, Burstow

Funerals

6 December 2021

Brenda Dorothy Crees, aged 93

18 January 2022

John Frederick Magnay, aged 90

St Mary the Virgin, Horne

Baptism

28 November 2021

Adam Charles Stephen Casey

Funeral

10 December 2021

Susan Jane Griffin, aged 71

St John the Baptist, Outwood

Funerals

2 December 2021

Esme Maureen Hill, aged 92

4 January 2022

lan Gordon Frow, aged 84

SMALLFIELD EVANGELICAL CHURCH

'Show Your marvellous loving kindness by Your right hand, O You who save those who trust in You from those who rise up against them. Keep me as the apple of Your eye; Hide me under the shadow of Your wings'

Christmas Coffee Morning

A big thank you to everyone who attended, and for generous local businesses in helping us raise money for St Catherine's Hospice. It was a great success.

Sunday services:

- Sunday morning worship, 6 February at 11 am
- Sunday morning worship, 13 February at 11 am
- Sunday morning worship, 20 February at 11 am (with communion)
- Sunday morning worship, 27 February at 11 am

Sunday School:

Sundays from 11 am to noon

Bible Study and Prayer meeting:

- Day of Prayer at 10-11 am on Wednesday 2 February
- Every Wednesday in February at 7.30 pm (except 2 February) looking at I Thessalonians

Church Contacts:

Deacon Elder
Rosemary Foster Leslie Totten
Tel: 01342 843630 Tel: 01342 844795

Church Secretary Jean Totten

Tel: 01342 844795

SOME LOCAL SERVICES

Smallfield Surgery, Wheelers Lane 01342 843822 Website: www.smallfieldsurgery.nhs.uk

Smallfield Pharmacy, 2 Redehall Road 01342 844424 Email: info@smallfieldpharmacy.co.uk

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

Tandridge District Council 01883 722000

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- Colin White (email: Cllr.Colin.White@tandridge.gov.uk)
- Mick Gillman (email: cllr.mick.gillman@tandridgedc.gov.uk)

Surrey County Councillor

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

Police contacts:

- In an emergency dial 999
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Tandridge Safer Neighbourhood Team

email: tandridge@surrey.pnn.police.uk

Neighbourhood Specialist Officer

PC Kevin Stimson (tel: 101 or mobile 07720 061363; email: kevin.stimson@surrey.pnn.police.uk)

Neighbourhood Police Smallfield, Burstow, Horne and Outwood

- PCSO Conrad Cheeseman (tel: 101;
 - email: Cheeseman I 2437@surrey.pnn.police.uk)
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Smallfield Community Speedwatch team would love your help! Come and help educate drivers traveling through our village.

This year Surrey Police have joined forces with West Sussex and many more counties throughout the country that work to the National Standard with Community Speedwatch Online and Operation Crackdown. This does not just educate drivers in realising their speed but also uses driver profiling to identify drivers that need educating in many areas (disruptive driving, abusive language etc).

Contact the Parish clerk if you have an hour or two a month free. Training is now given by one of our Speedwatch volunteers along with online learning.





The Windmill United Benefice

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

Church Calendar for February

Sunday 6 February

9.30 am	Morning Worship at St Bartholomew, Burstow.
10 am	Family Service at St Mary, Horne

Morning Worship at St John, Outwood II am

Sunday 13 February

9.30 am	Holy Communion at St Bartholomew, Burstow.
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10 am	Holy Communion at St Mary, Horne
II am	Holy Communion at St John, Outwood

Sunday 20 February

9.30 am	Morning Worship at S	St Bartholomew, Burstow

10 am	Holy Communion at St Mary, Horne
l I am	Morning Worship at St John, Outwood

Sunday 27 February

9.30 am	Holy Communion	at St Bartholomew, Burstow.
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10 am	Holy Communion at St Mary, Horne
II am	Holy Communion at St John, Outwood

Ash Wednesday, 2 March

12 noon	Said Holy Communion in Smallfield Church Hall
7.30pm	Sung Holy Communion at St Mary, Horne

In addition to the above, online Sunday services continue every week and can be found on the benefice website: www.windmillchurches.co.uk



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