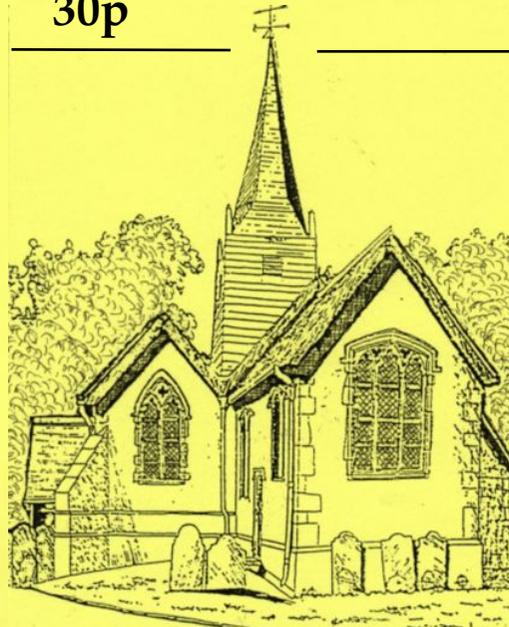


SMALLFIELD *and* BURSTOW PARISH NEWS

30p

JANUARY 2017



St Bartholomew's Church, Burstow

THIS MONTH

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Wanted :
Speed Watchers
and
Snow Angels

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Smallfield's Tank
Trap Ditch

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Search and Rescue

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Smallfield Centenary Hall

Your Village Magazine

started as a radio broadcast by his father in 1932 and continued to this day, on television since 1957, by his daughter our present queen. Somehow the King had to give a message of hope for the coming year to his people, a people that must have been filled with trepidation as to what the coming year would bring.

At the time Elizabeth was 13 years old – we celebrated her 90th birthday last year. But even at that early age she had the presence of mind to hand her father a poem by Minnie Louise Haskins that she thought he might find helpful. He did, and aided by Lionel Logue who gave silent encouragement, he delivered the speech for which he is most remembered.

At the end of the nine-minute broadcast, during which his stammer was evident only once, the king said these words:

I feel that we may all find a message of encouragement in the lines which, in my closing words, I would like to say to you:

*I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year,
“Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.”*

And he replied, “Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light, and safer than a known way.”

May that Almighty Hand guide and uphold us all.

In a book written to celebrate the Queen’s 90th birthday, the Queen quoted those words in the foreword she wrote for it and, as she embarked on her 91st year, invited all of us to reflect upon those words. This New Year seems a good time for me to repeat that invitation to you.

With love and prayers for you as you begin this new year

Nicholas

Nicholas.calver@btinternet.com

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Your Village Website

www.burstowparishcouncil.org.uk

On behalf of Burstow Parish Council may I wish all our parishioners a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

In 2016 we saw three of our largest projects come to fruition - the new housing build in Burstow Gardens took in their new residents; CCTV cameras were installed in and around the village, and a large neighbourhood watch scheme was set up. A huge vote of thanks is due to Liz Cutter, Debbie Hale and our indefatigable clerk Jeannie for ensuring these projects were completed.

For 2017 our concentration will be on developing a Neighbourhood Plan for Smallfield/Burstow in order to ensure we can have a say in the forthcoming Tandridge Local plan on housing development in the area. We now have a small group to kick this off but more volunteers are needed - any time you can give will be gratefully received so just contact Jeannie in the office. The next large planks the building refurbishment of the Centenary Hall which will make it a far more user-friendly environment. The cost of this will be covered by the monies received from the sale of land for Burstow Gardens housing. This money can only be used for capital projects so our precept will not be increased to fund the refurb.

Apart from these two major projects we are considering increasing coverage of the CCTV in the village, an "intruder alert" system for sheds/stables/vehicles which can be used by the community to protect their belongings. We have also received funding for a Community Garden (probably by the surgery). On the 10th January 2017 in the afternoon there will be an open consultation on this where you can come along, meet the artist and have input into the project. We are also hoping for table tennis for the over 50s to start on Monday mornings and a new Pilates class on Friday mornings.

2016 ended on a sad note with the death of our good friend and fellow councillor Ken Harrison. To ensure all the hard work called out on your behalf continues we will be looking for a volunteer (not to replace-no one could !) to come on board. Please make it your New Years resolution to get involved with and for your community. Contact Jeannie in the office for more details.

As the copy date for this article was prior to the judging of the best dressed house Christmas Lights competition this will be announced in February .

Council meetings to be held in January 2017 at Centenary Hall:

Tuesday 10th January 2017 Planning at 7pm
followed by Full Council

Tuesday 24th January 2017 Planning at 7pm
followed by Projects

Ray Holdsworth

Chair, Burstow Parish Council

SPEED WATCH

Local volunteers have been out and about in Smallfield helping to prevent traffic speeding through our Village. To continue this very visible deterrent on a regular basis we need more volunteers who are available during the day. The more people who can help the less time each person needs to contribute. Getting started is easy, you just need to attend a ONE HOUR training session with Surrey Police at Reigate station and then you will work in a small team at mutually agreed times in the Village.

So if you have some time available (doesn't matter how much or little) get in touch with the Parish Clerk on 01342 841880 or burstowpc@btconnect.com and Jeannie will put you in contact with the Speed Watch team.

Parish Council

SMALLFIELD CLUB & READING ROOM NEW ROAD, SMALLFIELD

December started with the very popular Children's Christmas party. A very big thank you to Santa and Mrs Claus for visiting us once again, we know you are very busy this time of year!

We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year. The Committee would like to thank all the Members who have supported the club over the last year and look forward to their continued support during 2017.

Don't forget Bingo Wednesday evening, Meat Raffle on Friday and Free Pool on Sunday.

Subs are due 1st January and we welcome new Members, application forms available from Bar Staff.

The Committee

TANDRIDGE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Last Chance to Have Your Say on Local Plan: Sites consultation

If you have views about our Local Plan: Sites Consultation we want to hear them.

Our consultation gives residents an opportunity to comment on sites being assessed as part of the creation of a new Local Plan. The Sites Consultation **finishes on Friday 30 December.**

Each site has been through a landscape, ecology and other assessments to look at whether it could be developed or not.

As a result sites have been identified which:

- Could be realistically developed.
- Cannot be recommended for development
- Need more investigation before a decision can be made

either way.

The Sites Consultation will include evidence which can be used to protect the Green Belt in the long term. It will:

- Not allocate any land for development.
- Not change the boundary of the Green Belt.

The Sites Consultation documents can be viewed on www.tandridge.gov.uk/localplan.

Anyone can make comments by:

- Registering online and making your comments using the consultation portal <http://consult.tandridge.gov.uk/portal/>.
- By e-mail to localplan@tandridge.gov.uk.
- By post to Planning Policy, Council Offices, 8 Station Road East, Oxted RH8 0BT.

The Local Plan is how we manage the future development of our district. It will set out where homes, jobs, community facilities, shops and infrastructures can be delivered and identify the areas that need to be protected.

SMALLFIELD AND DISTRICT AVIATION GROUP

The Meeting at 7 pm on Tuesday 3rd January in Smallfield Centenary Hall will be 'Update on Bristow Search and Rescue' by Chris Bond. Over two years ago the speaker described their new contract to provide the service that had for many years been the responsibility of the RAF and Royal Navy. We will hear how it all worked out including their overseas operations. The evening will also feature some interesting video.



Visitors are most welcome, admission is £3 for the evening which includes refreshments and the Newsletter. The 2017 Subscription is £12 for the year (£15 for couples and £4 for those under 20), the phone number for further information is 01342 842594.

Our next couple of meetings are:

- 7th February – either 'WW2 Female Spitfire Pilot' by Joy Lofthouse, one of the few still around to tell the tale or 'Shackleton & Nimrod Maritime Patrol Aircraft' by Nev Feist.
- 7th March – 'The Sea Vixen', all weather Fleet Air Arm jet fighter, by Graham Peck.

John Thorpe

BURSTOW WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Unfortunately the early cut off date for submissions to the Parish Magazine means that there will not be a report on Burstow WI's December meeting. However I am sure all the members will enjoy the entertainment and the Christmas cake and mince pies that will be served with a cup of tea.



January's meeting will take place on the 10th of January 2017 at 2.00 pm in Smallfield Church Hall Redehall Road. The speaker will be Neil Sadler giving a humorous talk about his experiences in the constabulary entitled 'A Policeman's Lot'.

Alison Brown

CAMEO

In December we met a few hours early at The Plough to enjoy a festive lunch with drinks, chatter and laughter. It was nice to see that many of us made it.

In January Roger will be coming along with his keyboard to play and chat about some favourite melodies. Do join us at 2 pm on Friday 6 January at Smallfield Church Hall.

Margaret Hobson

WEDNESDAY CLUB

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 4th January at 2.00pm at the Lloyd Hall in Outwood. It will be our Annual General Meeting and there will also be an auction. Visitors are always welcome.

Ivy Hollingshead

BURSTOW CHURCH 200 CLUB

In November number 44 won £74 and number 70 won £148.

How about a New Year's resolution (and keeping it) to join the 200 Club? Give me a ring on 01293 784862 and I will send you a form.

Margaret Hobson

Our last meeting in 2016 was our Christmas lunch which was enjoyed by all present.

Our first meeting in 2017 will be on Tuesday January 17th when our speaker will be Liz Furber who will talk about a charity called "Ripple Africa". This charity is based in Malawi and works to help both the local people who depend on Lake Malawi for their livelihood, and also educates the children. We meet at 6 The Cravens, Smallfield, starting at 2pm. All are welcome to join us.

To learn more about the Mothers' Union contact Margaret Hobson on 01293 784862

We wish you all a very happy and peaceful new year,

Mollie Case-Green



Practical Art

Essential Painting and Drawing Skills

Course Ref: C3739783

Tutor:

Gabrielle Girardey

Course Dates:

Thursdays
Commencing
26th January 2017
7 weeks
(Half Term 16.2.17)

Cost:

£57.40

Times:

1.00 - 3.00 pm

Venue:

Centenary Hall,
Wheeler Lane, Smallfield
Horley RH6 9PT

Contact:

Jennifer 01342 843801
j.wrobinson@btinternet.com
Jo 01293 772376
josephinegreen04@gmail.com

Course Content

A general painting and drawing course with demonstrations and simple exercises - try something different every week.

The course will include painting and drawing landscapes, still life and portraits using pastel, pen and ink, and watercolour.

There is a charge of £3.50 per term for paper - all other basic materials and equipment will be provided.

THE WAY IT WAS NO. 31

The Tank Trap Ditch

A major development through the village took place during the early part of the war (1940) when Smallfield became part of The Outer London Defence Ring. This consisted of utilizing natural rivers and proposed artificial ditches each connected to form a complete and continuous barrier to foil potential enemy advances. Smallfield had no river but was perfectly placed between two districts with suitable waterways for the excavation of a ditch.

The 'Smallfield Ditch' crossed Chapel Road from east to west exactly where the present day electricity pylons and cables pass over. Bill was one of a number of local boys who stood and watched the many yellow caterpillar tractors one behind the other, each pulling large earth scrapers back and forth until the required depth and angle were reached. To small boys this was playing with toys on a grand scale! The ditch when complete was 12 feet deep, angled out to 24 feet wide on its southern side. The surplus soil being spread far and wide. The vertical northern sides were reinforced with upright poles and cross laced with slats to prevent the earth face collapsing. The road remained but had built-in reinforcements added. Cogmans Lane and Hathersham Lane were similarly crossed but we only ever went to Chapel Road

Running eastwards this zig-zag ditch joined the River Eden at Blindley Heath where the scheme continued to Edenbridge and beyond. To the west the ditch joined the River Mole at Horley then onwards to Dorking. Within a short time these open ditches soon gathered water and plant life, becoming attractive for small boys searching for stickle-backs and minnows.

To accompany this Defence Ring, pill boxes were built at every bend of the ditch and river by local labour, they were small six sided concrete constructions with a single entrance and weapon firing openings in their flat sides, they were capable of holding 6 armed men.

Ultimately the ditches were filled and the pillboxes demolished. Many remained for a while as wartime relics but eventually they became a nuisance and were removed.

Dennis confirms that another similar Defence Ring passed through Fletching near Chailey in East Sussex and that his father was directed to work on it.

Dennis Stenning and Bill Haylor



JOIN OUR SNOW ANGELS

Tandridge District Council is looking for more Snow Angels to join its network of volunteers who help clear pavements around key areas when it snows.

Local volunteer groups are available in Bletchingley, Caterham on the Hill, Caterham Valley, Dormansland, Godstone, Lingfield, Nutfield, Smallfield, Tatsfield, Warlingham, Whyteleafe, Oxted and Limpsfield.

If you live in any of these areas, please support this initiative by volunteering to come and clear snow during the week and at weekends.

As soon as snow is forecast, volunteers are contacted to help pre-salt pavements and then to clear snow and ice. All the equipment and salt is provided by Tandridge District Council and Surrey County Council. In addition council staff who can't get into work can volunteer to go and help the group closest to where they live.

If you can spare a few hours to help your local community, please contact customerservices@tandridge.gov.uk or call 01883 722000 to find out more.

Paul Barton, Chief Community Services Officer, said: "We are very appreciative of the hard work of our existing Snow Angels, but we are always looking for more volunteers. Helping your community to clear snow is a great way to support vulnerable people and help keep businesses open when it snows. Please register to be a Snow Angel if you can."

Keep your chickens safe from Avian Flu

Anyone who keeps poultry and captive birds is required to keep their birds indoors or take appropriate steps to keep them separate from wild birds for the next 30 days.

The Government's Chief Veterinary Officer, Nigel Gibbens, has declared a 'Prevention Zone' in England to help protect poultry from a strain of Avian Flu circulating in mainland Europe. Declarations have also been made by the Scottish and Welsh Governments.

Outbreaks of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (H5N8) have been confirmed in poultry and wild birds in several countries in Europe. No cases have been identified in the UK, but the Prevention Zone has been declared to prevent potential infection.

In addition to keeping birds indoors, keepers are also advised to maintain good 'biosecurity' by disinfecting clothing and equipment, reducing poultry movement and minimising contact between poultry and wild birds.

Keepers are advised to be vigilant for any signs of disease in their birds and any wild birds and seek prompt advice from a vet if they have any concerns.

Public Health England (PHE) advises the threat to human health remains very low.

For more advice visit www.gov.uk or speak to a member of our Environmental Health team on 01883 722000 or customerservices@tandridge.gov.uk.



A new years resolution is something that goes in one year and out the other.

Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve.
Middle age is when you're forced to.

May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions.

FROM THE WINDMILL BENEFICE REGISTERS

St Bartholomew, Burstow

Funerals

- 6 December Doreen Phyllis Farr, aged 85
- 7 December Jeffery Raymond Smith, aged 66
- 8 December William (Bill) Henry Hodsdon, aged 91

Revd Nicholas Calver

SMALLFIELD EVANGELICAL CHURCH

"Delight yourself in the Lord and He will give you the desires of your heart"

Motto Service 2017:

- Sunday 8th January at 11:00 am

Regular Services:

Regular Sunday Services:

- Morning at 11:00 am
- Evening at 6:30 pm

Sunday School:

- Sunday from 11:00 am to Noon

Bible Study and Prayer meeting:

- Day of Prayer at 10:00-11:00 am on Wednesday 4th January
- Every Wednesday at 7:30 pm. 11th January looking at Joshua

Church:	Rosemary Foster	Jean Totten	Leslie Totten
Contacts	01342 843630	01342 844795	01342 844795

PARISH CHURCH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW

Website: www.windmillchurches.co.uk

(where no telephone code is given, it is 01342)

Rector:	Rev. Nicholas Calver, 5 The Acorns, Smallfield	842224
Churchwardens:	Ann Sheppard	842386
	Kay Hammond	07808 322440
Organist and Choirmaster:		
	Roger Hind	01293 771817
PCC Secretary:	Angela Sullivan	843515
Treasurer:	Kay Hammond	07808 322440
Parish Safeguarding Officers:		
	Val Butt	842580
	Mary Chapman	01293 784323
Church Hall (Smallfield) & Flamsteed Hall (Burstow) :		
Bookings/Enquiries:	Caroline Clancey	07795 346675

MONTHLY CALENDAR OF SERVICES

Unless otherwise stated in the service schedule for the current month, services are

1st Thursday	10.00am	Holy Communion	Smallfield Church Hall
1st Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's Church
2nd Sunday	9.30am	Morning Worship	St Bartholomew's Church
	6.00pm	Holy Communion	Smallfield Church Hall
3rd Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's Church
4th Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's Church
	4.00pm	Messy Church	Smallfield Church Hall
5th Sunday	9.30am	Services to be announced	St Bartholomew's Church

Everyone is very welcome at these services

St Bartholomew's Church is in Church Road, Burstow

Smallfield Church Hall is opposite The Parade in Redehall Road

St Bartholomew, Burstow is part of the United Windmill Benefice with St Mary the Virgin, Horne and St John the Baptist, Outwood

NOTICEBOARD

For your small ads - Sales, Wants, Personal, etc - normally 20 words maximum. Send your small ad to the editors (see page 1 for details). No fee, but please make a donation to Burstow Church if successful.

WANTED

Petrol mover in good working order.

Please contact
01342 844375.

FOR SALE

If Santa did not bring the new washing machine you were hoping for, make a bid for a brand new **Candy Grand**.

01293 784862

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December

30 Friday Last day for input to Sites Consultation *see page 5*

January

3 Tuesday 7.00pm Aviation Group: Search & Rescue *see page 6*
 4 Wednesday 2.00pm Wednesday Club: AGM *see page 9*
 6 Friday 2.00pm CAMEO Group:Favourite Melodies *see page 9*
 10 Tuesday 2.00pm WI : A Policeman's Lot *see page 6*
 10 Tuesday 7.00pm Parish Council: Planning Comm. *see page 4*
 10 Tuesday 7.15pm Parish Council : Full Meeting. *see page 4*
 15 Sunday Copy date for Parish News
 17 Tuesday 2.00pm MU: 'Ripple Africa' *see page 10*
 24 Tuesday 7.00pm Parish Council: Planning Comm. *see page 4*
 24 Tuesday 7.15pm Parish Council : Projects Comm. *see page 4*
 26 Thursday 1.00pm WEA Practical Art course starts *see page 13*
 28 Saturday 3.45pm Outwood Wassail Night *see page 14*

The Windmill United Benefice

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

Church Calendar for January

Sunday 1 January

- 8 am BCP Holy Communion at **Horne** Church
- 9.30 am Holy Communion at **Burstow** Church
- 11 am Family Service at **Horne** Church
- 11 am Holy Communion at **Outwood** Church

Thursday 5 January

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

Sunday 8 January

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

Sunday 15 January

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

Sunday 22 January

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

Sunday 29 January

- 11 am A joint Windmill United Benefice Service of Holy Communion for Candlemas at **Outwood** Church

Rector: Revd Nicholas Calver

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