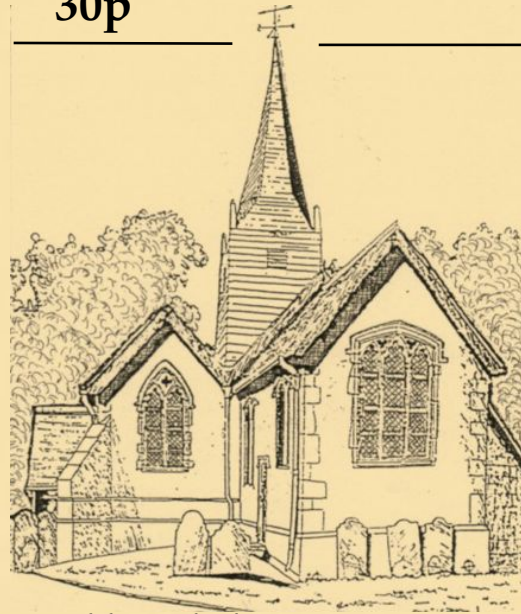


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RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS...

Easter is early this year, 27 March. Easter Day isn't a set date because the Church decided that Easter Day would be on the Sunday after the first full moon after 21 March (except if the first full moon falls on a Sunday then Easter Day is the following Sunday).

Confused? I'm not surprised! It's to do with the fact that Jesus' death and resurrection took place at the time of the Jewish Passover, which is held on the date of the first full moon following the spring equinox. Which probably only makes it more confusing!

The Jewish calendar, like the Muslim calendar, is determined by the moon, whereas the Christian calendar is determined by the sun. The date of Easter is set using both sets of calendars so that's why it's complicated. It means that the earliest Easter can be is 22 March and the latest it can be is 25 April. It's quite unusual to have Easter in March, as it is this year.

Earlier this year the Archbishop of Canterbury and other church leaders began discussions to make Easter Day a fixed date, either the on second or third Sunday in April. One of the reasons the Archbishop gave was that it would make it easier for schools setting their holiday dates. He thought the fixed date could come within the next ten years. If it does it does, but I can't help feeling it will be a bit of a shame. I rather like the idea that the date is set in relation to the sun and the moon.

In our technological age the internet gives instant access to so many things at any time of day and night and supermarkets are open 24 hours a day, selling what was once thought of as seasonal produce all the year round. I feel we're losing touch with the rhythms of nature, rhythms that are determined by the movement of the earth and the moon, the cycles of life that are part of being. To me there's something rather special about having the date of Easter as a moveable feast, determined as it is in relation to the movement of earth around the sun and the moon around the earth. And at the end of the day Easter itself is named after that movement – Easter and East both derive from an Old Germanic word for dawn, dawn being the time when the part of the earth we're on turns once again into the light of the sun. For Christians, from the earliest days of the church, the new dawn and the rising sun have symbolised the resurrected Christ and the new life that Easter speaks of.

I came across a little poem the other day. Its words resonate with what I have said about the rhythms of life and their connection with Easter:

*Live by the sun,
love by the moon,
dance with the stars,
sing with the wind,
grow with the trees.*

It reminded me of another poem called *The Canticle of the Sun*, written by St Francis of Assisi in 1226, the last year of his life. Writing at a time when he was weak and struggled with periods of temporary blindness, St. Francis wanted to express the unity he felt with nature and the feelings of peace he experienced as his earthly life drew to a close. Some 700 years later the words were made into the hymn *All creatures of our God and King*. Full of *alleluias* it makes a beautiful Easter hymn and I'd like to finish with some lines from it as we look forward to celebrating Easter once again – albeit a little earlier than usual:

*All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing:
alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

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*Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
alleluia, alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice;
Ye lights of evening find a voice:
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

With love and prayers for a joyful Eastertide

Nicholas

Nicholas.calver@btinternet.com

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Your Village Website
www.burstowparishcouncil.org.uk

At last we have located our Christmas lights competition winner! Not only has Sam Freeman of Redehall Road come forward but also she left armed with her trophy and a bottle of wine to boot! – Congratulations!

A flood forum meeting was held at the end of January where members of the Environment Agency, Tandridge DC, Thames Water, Surrey CC plus our County Cllr, Michael Sydney and the members of the flood and Resilience team who are members of our community. This has proved productive particularly as far as Thames Water are concerned. Orchard Road was investigated and a problem was found at the eastern end of the road. The sewer in Orchard Road and in Plough Road towards Redehall Road will be checked and cleared, but this requires two new manholes. The works for this must be done at night so that means that road traffic orders have to be set up which, like most things, takes time! Once this work has been done – hopefully end of February but more likely in March, the situation will be monitored. Ideally everything will be fine and that should mean an end to the contaminated floods that have been plaguing residents for years, but should there be any more problems, the engineers will know how to rectify them!

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On the same subject – drains, ditches and the floods, Wheelers Lane, which I am sure you have all realised, is being repaired. We have been waiting for two years for this, but the heavy rain over new year enabled us to move this to ‘essential works’ and I, personally, am thrilled that this Lane, which is at the centre of our community, with the School, SureStart Centre, the Surgery and Village Hall should be able to cope with the inevitable water we will get – being on the Flood Plain!

I do hope you all responded to the Tandridge Local Plan Consultation. Burstow Parish Councillors were delegated subjects plus housing and infrastructure to respond to – As you can guess I was given Flooding!

We would like to express our appreciation of Debbie Hale who has stepped in and is running the new Smallfield Neighbourhood Watch and had a successful meeting held for Co-ordinators on February 1st. You should be expecting contact from your street/ area representative soon! The council is in the process of meeting CCTV firms to collect quotations for a scheme for Smallfield as requested by residents at the public Police Meeting.

Coinford Caste (the duck house!) looks serene and there are definite signs of romantic attachments amongst the natives. If anyone knows how to entice a couple to ask for a lease – please let us know!

The houses and flats at Burstow Gardens are heading rapidly towards completion and there is a notice asking for applicants, which is in this magazine on page 5. They look really good (decorators have started) and have so much space! Each dwelling has it’s own garden, patio and shed with wonderful views and are really spacious – lucky residents!

There are spaces at Keepers Corner and Plough Road allotments available if you would like to contact Jeannie for details.

Council Meetings to be held in March at Centenary Hall – all are welcome

Tuesday 8th 7.00pm Planning Committee
 7.30pm Full Council
Tuesday 22nd 7.00pm Planning Committee
 7.15pm Properties Committee

Spring is coming! – May it be lovely and warm!

Liz Cutter

Cllr, Burstow Parish Council



ENGLISH RURAL

Burstow Gardens

Available soon - 10 rented local needs homes
4 x one bed flats 4 x two bedroom houses
2 x three bedroom houses



**Affordable Rent, Gas central heating, double glazing,
PV panels, private gardens and allocated parking**

**Available to local people with a connection
to the Parish of Burstow**

**Applicants must be registered for housing
with Tandridge District Council - properties
on Tandridge HomeChoice from March 11th**

**Please contact Ysella Sims of English Rural on 01483
540872 or Info@englishrural.org.uk for details and
to apply**

Further details at www.englishrural.org.uk

SMALLFIELD AND DISTRICT AVIATION GROUP

The Meeting on Tuesday 1st March at 7 pm in the Centenary Hall, will be 'From Tiger Moth to Meteor Night Fighters' by Bill Turnill. This will describe the speakers early days in the Air Force before he became a Cold War V-Bomber pilot and will cover the era when the RAF had so many airfields that it could open 70 of them to the public to celebrate Battle of Britain Day.

Visitors are most welcome, admission is £3 for the evening which includes refreshments and the Newsletter. The Subscription is £12 for the remainder of 2016 (£4 for those under 20) and the phone number for further information is 01342 842594.

Our next couple of meetings are:

- 5th April – 'Canberra Low Level Squadron' by Fred Rivett.
- 3rd May – 'Farnborough – An RAE Apprenticeship and All That it Led To' by David Wilson

On a matter of local interest, the issue of 'Flight' dated 18th May 1939 reports that on May 8th 1939 there was a collision between two biplane aircraft over Smallfield. Sgt Stuart Smith was flying a Hawker Hart from No 19 Elementary and Reserve Flying Training School at Gatwick when it was in collision with a de Havilland 60M Moth from Redhill Flying Club, flown by Mr James Flynn with his passenger Miss A Tasselli. All three were killed. The same issue of the weekly magazine reported the deaths of seven other RAF pilots in three accidents, two being mid-air collisions. Flying is much safer nowadays.

John Thorpe

LEARN THROUGH PLAY

- STAFF WANTED

Due to increasing numbers, a vacancy has become available for Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 8.30 to 12.00, term time only.

Can you spare 7 hours a week to work with children between two and four years of ages, within an established preschool setting? Especially rewarding, if you enjoy working and interacting with this age group. Training is available within the preschool. Please feel free to contact me on 07845450676 for further information and application form.

Maria McDermott

Manager

We do hope that you enjoy reading your *Smallfield & Burstow Parish News*. Did you know that 500 copies of the magazine are printed and circulated each month? That is a very wide audience for local businesses, and if you would like to advertise in this magazine it will only cost you:

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and I will be happy to help you

PROPOSED CHANGES TO LOCAL BUS SERVICES - HAVE YOUR SAY



Some changes are being proposed to a number of local bus services and Surrey County Council would like to hear your views. There are two which affect our area :

Tandridge Demand Responsive Service (Buses4U)

Proposed changes:

- Operate two buses between 09.00 and 18.00 Monday to Friday with one bus operating an evening service three days a week.
- Saturdays: operate one bus between 09.00 – 17.00.
- Journeys providing home to school transport would continue.

424 Redhill – Reigate – Woodhatch – Meadvale – East Surrey Hospital – Whitebushes – Salfords – Horley – Smallfield – Burstow – Copthorne – Shipley Bridge – Manor Royal – Three Bridges – Crawley.

Proposed changes:

- The operator, Southdown, is considering changing the section of route between Copthorne and Crawley to operate direct, omitting Shipley Bridge, Tinsley Green and Manor Royal. There will be no change to the section of service 424 operated for Surrey County Council between Redhill and Copthorne.

If the proposed changes come into effect they will be widely communicated from June 2016 and would come into effect from early September 2016.

The closing date for your response is Monday 14 March 2016. You can complete the questionnaire online at www.surreycc.gov.uk/transportreview

or

complete and return postfree the feedback form in the A4 size booklet available from local libraries, on buses, or by request to 0300 200 1003 (Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm).

The 424 change of route is proposed by Southdown for a part of the route which is not within the council's control. SCC invite residents to comment on the proposal on the feedback form but the council is unable to influence the outcome.

Surrey County Council

MORE ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO LOCAL BUS SERVICES

BUSES4U is a demand responsive transport, ie would-be passengers phone up and book a journey which the organisers try to provide using the buses and drivers at their disposal. At present the service is described as

"Tandridge Buses 4U will pick you up anywhere within Tandridge district as well as Netherne-on-the-Hill.

The bus will take you anywhere within Tandridge district plus Coulsdon Station, East Grinstead, East Surrey Hospital, Edenbridge, Horley, Redhill, Reigate & Westerham and will take you home again.

Booking priority is given to those who do not have access to other bus or rail services.

The Monday to Friday service is available on schooldays from 0900 to 1530 then 1630 to 2230. During school holidays the service is available from 0800 to 2230.

On Saturdays the service is available from 0800 to 2230.

There is no service on Sundays or Public Holidays."

Its difficult to understand what effect the SCC proposal as described on page 10 will actually have on passengers. If you use Buses4U you should try get more information so you can report any problems on the feedback form or online by 14 March.

Barbara Rudd

BULKY RUBBISH 2016

The 2016 bulky rubbish collections in Smallfield will be on Saturday 16 April, Saturday 17 September and Saturday 3 December. The vehicles will be in the Centenary Hall car park in Wheelers Lane from 7.30am to 2.15pm.

For details of what is accepted see www.tandridge.gov.uk and click on 'Recycling and Waste' or ring Biffa on 01883 712333 or TDC Customer Services on 01883 722000.

TDC

Burstow Friends of St. Catherine's Hospice

Village Roast Lunch

Lloyd Hall

Brickfield Rd, Outwood

Sunday 13th March

12.30 for 1pm



*Come and join us for a delicious home cooked
Sunday Roast*

Top-quality beef supplied by Will, Outwood Butcher

Two Courses and coffee

Tickets: Adults £17.50 Children (under 12) £10

Cash Bar

*Tickets are selling fast! Please make your reservation by
calling Angie on 01342 843718 or email*

challis668@btinternet.com

*All proceeds to the Hospice
Thank you for your support*

MP's ALERT; DON'T GET CAUGHT OUT BY HIDDEN CRIME

Financial scams are the most truly harrowing form of hidden crime in our community.

As the MP for East Surrey I have seen firsthand how horrifying the impact can be when, in 2014, I was approached by a couple from Godstone defrauded out of £40,000 through a telephone scam. This particular scam relied on a technique known as 'vishing', in which fraudsters can stay on the line to intercept subsequent calls after the victim has hung up.

Unfortunately, this is just one of an ever increasing range of sophisticated scams that can lead to financial ruin. They are often targeted at older households, with 70% of over-55s having received a scam email and 36% a scam call, although younger people can be approached too.

After a hard fought battle, I was relieved to be able to help the couple get their money back. However, I know from the experience of other MPs that it is often extremely difficult to recover money once it has been lost. With this in mind, I would encourage everyone to be vigilant, and I hope that the following tips (by no means an exhaustive list) are helpful:

1. Your bank will never email you asking for personal information.
2. Your bank will never ask you to transfer your money to a 'safe account'.
3. Your bank will never ask you for your PIN, and will only ever ask you for part of other personal information, such as the first and fifth letters of your password.
4. If you are worried about a phone call, always call the bank from a different phone line, or if you can't do this, wait at least five minutes before making another call.
5. If you are caught out, report it! Do not be embarrassed – by reporting the scam you may be able to recover your money, or help prevent others falling victim.

Further information and links are available on my website, at: www.samgyimah.com.

Sam Gyimah MP



SCOUTS

1st Burstow Scouts learning about electrical circuits and how they work.

Over the last three weeks they have been working towards their electronic badge under the guidance of Max and their Leaders.

The next part of the project is to draw the diagrams of their work.

John Freebody

President 1st Burstow



BURSTOW WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At our meeting on Tuesday, February 9th, after the usual notices, the death was announced of Marjorie Congram at the grand age of 100. For many years she was a much-respected and much-loved member, and condolences were sent to her family.



Our speaker this month was Margaret Watson on the subject of "Life on a Harp-String". Interspersed with a wide selection of music, including "Greensleeves", songs from the shows, Beethoven's "Variations on a Swiss Air", a Glenn Miller medley, a traditional Welsh air and concluding with "What a Wonderful World", we learned something of how a harp is tuned and played, using foot pedals as well as strings, and about the problems of transporting such a large and delicate instrument. Margaret yearned to play the harp from a very early age and eventually started lessons at the age of 14. Her parents were much relieved when her twin sister chose the guitar!

The monthly competition for "anything musical" was won by Alison Brown's banjolele (although she could not be persuaded to give a demonstration).

On Tuesday, March 15th, several members are going to London by coach for the Royal Albert Hall tour with cream tea, which should prove interesting.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, March 8th, when our speaker will be talking about "The Tesco Effect". The competition will be for "your prettiest cup and saucer."

It has been good to see new members at recent meetings and more are always welcome, so please drop in to our of our meetings to see what you think. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, starting at 2pm in St. Bartholomews Church Hall, Redehall Road, Smallfield. For further information, please ring Joan on 01342 844375.

Yvonne Medcalf

WEDNESDAY CLUB

For our February meeting we had a speaker, Mrs Ann Wright, talking about Decluttering. It was a lot of fun. She brought with her a few plastic bags with items we had to decide whether to use, keep or throw away.

Our March meeting on Wednesday 2nd is "Fitness" which should be very interesting. We have a raffle, Tea and an Easter stall. Anyone is welcome to join us at Lloyd Hall in Outwood from 2.00pm to 4.30pm.

Ivy Hollingshead

Burstow Friends of St. Catherine's Hospice AGM

Monday 7th March at 7.30pm
Church Rooms, Wasp Green Lane
All Welcome



The Rev Charles Sargent was the speaker at our first meeting in 2016 when he told us of his experiences as a forces chaplain on the RAF base in Cornwall, a job very similar to a vicar's duties in a parish but with the formalities of the forces to be considered as well. It was a very interesting afternoon and our thanks go to Charles for staying after his talk to answer our questions.

We will be celebrating Mothering Sunday on Sunday 6th March and therefore on Saturday 5th March, will be preparing the posies of flowers for the children to present to their mothers at the morning service the next day.

Our meeting on Tuesday 15th March will be in the form of a Lent Meditation which will be led by the Rector. As always we start at 2 pm and the meeting will be held at 6 The Cravens, Smallfield and you are all welcome to join us.

If you need any more information about this meeting or anything about Mothers' Union in general please contact Margaret Hobson on 01293 784862.

Mollie Case-Green

THE WAY IT WAS No 21 The Evacuees Arrive

Smallfield was designated a safe area for London's evacuees as soon as war was declared. The government was on high alert. Many casualties were expected from enemy bombing of London. Two schools, Penge and Brockley were chosen for distribution into Smallfield.

From the memories of Dennis and Bill the two schools were very different. Penge being the higher grade of the two. Both groups contained children and staff, there were also mothers with small children.

Any group of children arriving in a remote country village would have been quite unsettling. We think it possible that Penge was chosen to be the first in order that they blend in quietly with the least disturbance, and prior to the second school who were from a different locality.

Our information on their arriving and how they were distributed was overheard from parents and their friends discussing the situation. We presume they would have arrived at the school first and possibly on a Saturday.

Exactly how these children were distributed into various households we are unsure. Smallfield like many villages had their own unwritten hierarchy, therefore when it came to the selection of human beings, there were certain village individuals who would have been foremost in the selection process, In other words they had first pick !

After settling in none of the Penge children were ever heard of, except one boy (Gerald) who was later billeted next door to Bill with Ivy Carden. Prior to that his first guardians lived at Streathbourne, (a larger house in School Road). Gerald was not at all happy there, he hated the place and the people whom, he said, fed him on 'Gentleman's portions' of food (neat and delicate but so small). His father being a government official probably helped in his being re-housed. He then moved to stay with Ivy Carden in School Road for the remainder of his time in the village, Gerald was very happy there and after the war returned many times to visit.

The payment to householders of evacuees was 8/6p per child per week.

Smallfield School already catered for around 90 children, their ages ranging from 5 to 11. The numbers of evacuees that arrived were about the same. The school had no shelters so protection under the desks was the daily drill. The school windows were covered with the infamous criss-cross

strips of sticky brown paper in order to restrict any fragments of flying glass. The widows were large and vulnerable to breaking, fortunately the paper strips were never tested.

The additional numbers of children caused lots of problems at school with many having to sit in the gangways. To cater for this increase the WI hut in Broadbridge Lane was used, also the Church Room in the village.

Dennis Steming and Bill Haylor

CAMEO

On Friday 5 February Judith Calver gave a talk on Pancake Day, called by some Shrove Tuesday or Mardi Gras. This is the last day before the season of Lent in the Christian Church and this year falls on 9 February Shrove comes from an old verb which means to ask forgiveness and Mardi Gras means fat Tuesday. So pancakes were made to use up all the butter, fat and eggs which once were not eaten during lent. They are made in many countries with different names - crepes and gallettes in France. She demonstrated how they could be made savoury and sweet after using a home made mix or one bought in a packet, which just needed an egg adding. She asked how we first remembered having pancakes and what toppings were used. Lemon and sugar were the ones nearly everyone voted for but many toppings could be used - all kinds of jam, syrup, honey and lemon from a jar not freshly squeezed. She tossed some pancakes and we were a little disappointed that she did this very successfully and not one ended up on the ceiling or on the floor. Then it was tasting time. The savoury pancake had been by wrapping one round a layer of ham and cheese, covering it in white sauce with leeks and popping it in the oven. The sweet ones were shared with choices of topping. With so many tastes to try we hardly had room for our delicious biscuits served with the tea and coffee.

Our next meeting is at 2 o'clock on Friday 4 March when Nicholas will talk about his stay in the Sinai Desert. Everyone is invited to stay for a short service to celebrate The Woman's World Day of Prayer will then be held on the chapel. On Friday 1 April, Pat Hewitt and her dog Yukon were coming to Cameo to talk about Canine Partners. If you are free - do come along.

Margaret Hobson

Happy Easter

**To all readers, contributors,
advertisers, and to all who
produce and distribute
*Parish News***

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Tandridge draft Local Plan consultation

The initial consultation on the draft Local Plan for Tandridge closed on 26 February.

The final agreed Local Plan will set out the vision for the district for the next 20 years and provide a framework for the future improvement, development and local protection of the area and Green Belt. The Council knows how important the openness of the district is to residents and is committed to protecting its green spaces in the long term.

The Council will consider views on:

- Affordable local housing.
- The number of schools, doctors and type of transport needed in future.
- The local environment, its greenness and openness.
- How the area's needs are met over the next 20 years.
- The availability of business premises and local workforce.
- Any other challenges facing the district.

This consultation:

- Will not change the protection of the Green Belt or put the Green Belt at additional risk.
- Will not set where new building will take place nor how much there will be.
- Will not change current planning rules.
- Will not change the boundaries of our towns and villages.

The full draft Local Plan can be accessed on the Council's website www.tandridge.gov.uk/localplan

Creating a Local Plan is done by following a legal process. No decisions on the plan have been made and won't be until after the second round of consultation, which is likely to take place in summer 2016. The Plan will be completed by the end of 2017.

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£5 increase in district council tax. Services protected

Tandridge District Council has agreed an increase of £5 (for a Band D property) in the District Council's share of the council tax for 2016/2017. This is the first increase for five years and is a result of a change in government policy on grants. Over the five years of no increase in council tax, residents benefited from £2 million in freeze grant.

This means Band D council tax will increase by £5, which is 10p a week for a wide range of services including recycling and waste collection, planning, street sweeping, housing, housing benefits and children's play areas.

Surrey County Council, which provides services including schools, adult social care, children services, roads, fire and rescue and libraries, together with the office of the Surrey Police and Crime Commissioner, have both agreed to increase their Band D level for 2016/2017.

A Band D Council tax is split between the organisations as follows:

Authority	2015/2016	2016/2017	Increase
Tandridge D C	£193.62	£198.62	2.58%
Surrey C C	£1,219.68	£1,268.28	3.99%
Surrey Police	£215.89	£220.19	1.99%

This gives an overall Band D Council Tax level of £1,687.09 for next year, which is a 3.55% increase compared to the current year. An average increase across the district including parish precepts is 3.63%.

Most people on income support, guaranteed pension credit or a low income will continue to have the cost of council tax fully met by council tax support. Other people will automatically have their council tax support recalculated to reflect their revised council tax bills.

Leader of the Council, Councillor Gordon Keymer said: "It is with great reluctance and after careful consideration we have agreed to increase council tax by £5 a year (for a Band D property), following a huge cut to our government grant in the next two years.

I am pleased we have also managed to maintain services. We will continue to work hard for residents to reduce our costs, in line with the national programme to reduce public sector expenditure."

Where's the sticker?

If you enjoy eating out, make sure you check the business' food hygiene rating first to find out if the business takes food hygiene seriously. It's much harder to change your mind once you've sat down.

The rating gives you an insight into the places you can't see, like the kitchen and means you can make an informed choice about where you eat. Simply look for the green and black rating sticker on the window or door and if you don't see one, ask the staff "where's the sticker?" You can also check the rating online <http://ratings.food.gov.uk>.

For businesses a good rating is something to be proud of and most will display their sticker, as it can help improve reputation, customer confidence and attract more customers.

In the Tandridge District over 95% of food businesses have a rating of 3 or above.

Tandridge District Council

SMALLFIELD CLUB & READING ROOM NEW ROAD, SMALLFIELD

We would like to thank everyone who supported our Valentine's Disco.

Our next entertainment is live band SKA Tonics on 5th March. Members free, guest tickets £5 in advance, please speak to bar staff.
Easter entertainment - 26th March Pink Parrott Disco, members free, guests £2.

Don't forget our weekly bingo on Wednesday evening and meat raffle on Friday's.
New members welcome.

The Committee

SCOUTS

A visit from the Community Police to the Beavers and Cubs of 1st Burstow. During the evening the officer explained what his job was within the Police Service. Many questions were put by the young people. A very interesting evening and a big thank you from the Beavers and Cubs. *Photo p28.*

John Freebody

President 1st Burstow



FROM THE WINDMILL BENEFICE REGISTERS

St Bartholomew, Burstow

Funerals

20 January Carol Kathleen Smith, aged 59

28 January Phyllis Annie Botting, aged 94

St Mary the Virgin, Horne

Funerals

1 February Joan Hewitt, aged 89

10 February Dick Walker, aged 81

Revd Nicholas Calver

SMALLFIELD EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Easter Services:

- Maundy Thursday communion at 7:30 pm on 24th March
- Good Friday at 10:00 – 11:00 am on 25th March
- Easter Sunday services on 27th March:
 - Morning service at 11:00 am
 - Evening service at 6:30 pm

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 2nd March
- Every Wednesday at 7:30 pm (except 2nd March) looking at Exodus

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PARISH CHURCH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW

Website: www.stbartholomewsburstow.org.uk

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

Rector:	Rev. Nicholas Calver, 5 The Acorns, Smallfield	842224
Churchwardens:	Peter Armstrong	712900
	Ann Sheppard	842386
Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary:		
	Jane Armstrong	712900
Organist and Choirmaster:		
	Roger Hind	01293 771817
PCC Secretary:	Angela Sullivan	843515
Treasurer:	Kay Hammond	841916
Sunday Club:	Anil and Hope Jootna	07548 964829
Brunch Bunch:	Liz Copeland	07976 600041
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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	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's Church
2nd Sunday	10.00am	Morning Worship	St Bartholomew's Church
	6.00pm	Holy Communion	Smallfield Church Hall
3rd Sunday	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Bartholomew's Church
4th Sunday	9.00am	Holy Communion	Smallfield Church Hall
	4.00pm	Messy Church	Smallfield Church Hall
5th Sunday	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Bartholomew's Church
	10.00am	Joint Service	Venue as announced

Everyone is very welcome at our services

St Bartholomew's Church is in Church Road, Burstow

Smallfield Church Hall is opposite The Parade in Redehall Road

SUNDAY CLUB (for 3 to 10 year olds)

meets in the Flamsteed Hall, opposite the church, on first and third Sundays of the month at 10.00am (term time only)

BRUNCH BUNCH (for 11 to 15 year olds)

meets regularly on Sunday mornings, ring for information about venue

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.

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Your Ads !

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March

1	Tuesday	7.00pm	Aviation Group: Bill Turnhill	see page 6
2	Wednesday	2.30pm	Wednesday Club: Fitness	see page 19
4	Friday	2.00pm	CAMEO Group: Sinai Desert	see page 21
5	Saturday		Smallfield Club: SKA Tonics	see page 27
8	Tuesday	2.00pm	WI : The Tesco Effect	see page 18
8	Tuesday	7.00pm	Parish Council: Planning Comm.	see page 4
8	Tuesday	7.30pm	Full Parish Council Meeting	see page 4
13	Sunday	12.30pm	Lunch in aid of St Caths	see page 12
14	Monday		Closing Date for Bus Survey	see page 10
15	Tuesday	2.00pm	MU: Lent Meditation	see page 19
15	Tuesday		Copy date for Parish News	
22	Tuesday	7.00pm	Parish Council: Planning Comm.	see page 4
22	Tuesday	7.15pm	Parish Council: Properties Comm.	see page 4
26	Saturday		Smallfield Club: Pink Parrot Disco	see page 27

April

1	Friday	2.00pm	CAMEO Group: Canine Partners	see page 21
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The Windmill United Benefice

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

Church Calendar for March 2016

Thursday 3 March

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

Mothering Sunday, 6 March

8 am BCP Holy Communion at **Horne** Church

10 am Holy Communion at **Burstow** Church

10 am Holy Communion at **Outwood** Church

11 am Family Service at **Horne** Church

Sunday 13 March

10 am Morning Worship at **Burstow** Church

10 am Holy Communion at **Horne** Church

10 am Morning Worship at **Outwood** Church

6 pm Holy Communion in **Smallfield** Church Hall

Palm Sunday, 20 March

10 am Holy Communion with blessing of palms and dramatised reading of the Gospel at **Burstow** Church

Maundy Thursday, 24 March

8 pm Holy Communion, dramatisation of the Gospel and Vigil at **Outwood** Church

Good Friday, 25 March

10.30 am All age workshop at **Horne**, followed by a short service in church at noon

11 am Reflections at the cross at **Outwood** Church

2 pm Reflective service at **Burstow** Church

3 pm Easter Messy Church in **Smallfield** Church Hall

Easter Eve, 26 March

8 pm Easter Vigil and Lighting of New Fire at **Horne** Church

Easter Day, 27 March

9.30 am Holy Communion at **Burstow** Church (note the time)

10 am Holy Communion at **Horne** Church (note the time)

11 am Holy Communion at **Outwood** Church (note the time)

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We would like to see more people contributing to *Parish News*. Perhaps you are a fairly new reader ... seeing *Parish News* for the first time now it is on the web. Is there something that you like/dislike about the local area/village? Is there something you think it lacks? Have you an interesting story or hobby? Have you seen an unusual bird/animal/plant? *PN* would like to have your views and news.

DO THE VILLAGE GROUPS YOU HAVE JOINED GET IN *PARISH NEWS*?

If not, they would be doing themselves and the village a favour by doing so! Now that *Parish News* is on the web as well as in printed form, it is even more readily available. If your Group does not already have a magazine correspondent, consider getting one of its members to take on this position.

Parish News is happy to accept contributions in a variety of ways - handwritten or typed and delivered/sent either to the editors' address or sent by e-mail (see page 1 for details).

All the articles in the magazine will be on the web version, so details of coming events, accounts of your activities, appeals for members, etc can all reach a wide audience in the village.

HINTS FOR CONTRIBUTORS

When you are giving information about coming events, remember to make sure you include all these details:

Day of the week, Date, Time, Place

If your Group has a regular meeting schedule (for example, second Thursday of each month) by all means say so, but remember to give the actual date as well. Avoid writing "At next month's meeting..." (it may be next month when you write it but it won't be when readers see it), but rather write, for example, "At our April meeting..."