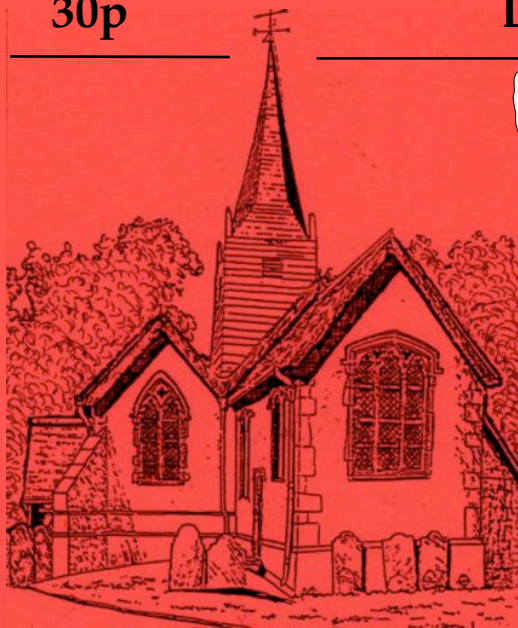


# SMALLFIELD *and* BURSTOW PARISH NEWS

30p

DECEMBER 2013



*St Bartholomew's Church, Burstow*

## CHRISTMAS ISSUE

\*

Christmas  
Services, Events  
& Festivities  
in and around  
the Village

\*



**Your Village Magazine**

## SOME LOCAL SERVICES

**Village Website** www.burstowpc.co.uk

### **Burstow Parish Council**

Parish Clerk: Jeannie Crosby  
Office: Centenary Hall, Wheelers Lane 841880  
email: burstowpc@btconnect.com  
Office core hours: 9.30am-12.30pm weekdays during school term

**Tandridge District Council** (Oxted) 01883 722000

**Smallfield Surgery** Wheelers Lane 843822

**Burstow Primary School** Wheelers Lane 842010

**PreSchool** 07704 604 918

### **Bus Companies:**

<b>Southdown</b>	(buses 236,424)	01342 719619
<b>Cruisers</b>	(bus 315)	01737 770036
<b>Metrolink</b>	(buses 526/527)	01293 449191

### **District Councillors** (Tandridge District Council)

Peter Bond 01342 842443 email: pandcbond@aol.com  
Alan Jones 01342 842138 email: alanjones@gmx.com  
Chris Byrne 01342 841567 email: cbyrne321@gmail.com

### **County Councillor** (Surrey County Council)

Michael Sydney 01342 893897

**Gatwick Noise Line** 0800 393070

### **Police**

- In an emergency - dial **999**
- If not an emergency - dial **101** for Surrey Police
- For local problems contact the police team directly by email or phone

Phone area code is **01483**

PC Paul Baker	637502	baker2358@surrey.pnn.police.uk
PC Bill Kirsch	634576	kirsch3698@@surrey.pnn.police.uk
PC Dave Pearce	637863	pearce40260@surrey.pnn.police.uk
PCSO Alex Maybin	632730	maybin14278@surrey.pnn.police.uk
PCSO Dan Parsons	638138	parsons4178@surrey.pnn.police.uk

**Crime Stoppers** 0800 555111



## SMALLFIELD *and* BURSTOW PARISH NEWS

Editing & Production: Barbara & Dennis Rudd 01342 842402  
Distribution: Angela Sullivan 01342 843515  
Advertising: Soo Morris 01293 772186  
Advertising Media Mark Brown computingsupport@hotmail.co.uk

Copy for articles by 15th of the month to Barbara & Dennis Rudd,  
25 Wheelers Lane, Smallfield, Horley, Surrey RH6 9PT  
or by e-mail (NO attachments) to parishnews@rudds.waitrose.com

Please contact Angela Sullivan (above) if you would like  
*Parish News* delivered to you every month

## Your Village Magazine

Rev Colin Gale

Tel: 01342 842224

The Rectory  
5 The Acorns  
Smallfield RH6 9QJ

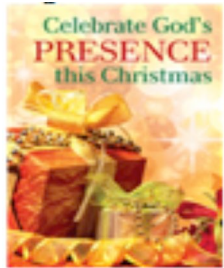
### THE RECTOR WRITES...

#### *God's Christmas Presence*

"Book early for Christmas" read the sign outside a pub I visited in August! We've all thought it from time to time, how the preparation for Christmas seems to get earlier each year – and now, in this Advent month of December we are counting down to the big day!

article continued But why? What is all the hype (and hypertension) all about? Less than a month to go and all the family will be coming to stay, the cards haven't been written yet and there are still so many presents to buy. How am I going to find the time to do everything, let alone the money!

Think back to last Christmas (or the one before that) and you, like me are probably struggling to remember just what gifts you were given. Christmas presents generally last for a season, they are here today and gone tomorrow and yet the idea of having a Christmas without them would seem crazy – if not positively Scrooge-like! So why do we forget the presence of Jesus in our hearts and homes and fill them with so many other things?



I like the poster I saw that said, "Celebrate God's Presence this Christmas" – it seems to sum up for me the true meaning of this season of giving and receiving.

God has given himself to us in all the wonder and vulnerability of a small child, Jesus, the Babe of Bethlehem as one of our Hymns says. Now, for our part, we can receive his present with joy and gladness, knowing that the presence of Jesus is a life-changing and everlasting one... "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only Begotten of the Father), full of grace and truth."

In all the hustle and bustle of this season I hope that you will be able to find some space and time to reflect upon this truth. Why not join us for one of our services at St. Bartholomew's Church \* as we forget the Christmas presents for a while and contemplate God's presence among us with awe and wonder.

May God give you his joy and peace.

***Rev Colin Gale***

\* Full details of Christmas Services can be found in the centre of this edition of Parish News and also in the Church Calendar on the back page. Please join us for any of these services where a warm welcome awaits you.

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**Your Village Website [www.burstowpc.co.uk](http://www.burstowpc.co.uk)**

It is December again which means that it is the time of the year for the Christmas Lights Competition, which is festive, fun and brightens up the whole village! Speaking of lights at our November Full Council meeting, it was agreed to look into providing street lights in the 'snicket' between Weatherhill Road and Wheelers Lane; which will provide those who use it in the dark with a greater sense of security. This will take meetings and time but we hope to get it done as soon as practicable.

I am really pleased to be able to tell you that after applying to the DCLG for de-regulation of the land at Burstow Gardens (formerly the Hunters Moon) for much needed affordable Local Housing and receiving permission; after being taken to High Court by Allotment Holders, who were backed by Copthorne Village Association and believed that we had used the wrong act to de-regulate and the learned Judge finding in our favour, and after the appellants were given leave to appeal, the three Law lords have unanimously upheld the Lower Courts decision! In other words – we won!! Just the planning to go!

I would like to talk to you about the bus shelter in Weatherhill Road. It took a long time to get the grant to be able to have this shelter and it has improved the lives of those who have to wait for a bus on a dark, freezing morning in January – the wind whistles down the road there. It is something that we as a community wanted, used and will continue to. I have been approached because a handful of children have taken it on themselves to vandalise it. Pointless, needless I know, but I don't believe providing Youth Clubs etc would stop this particular group – (there is a youth shelter on the QE2 field) however it was felt that we, Burstow Parish Council, should remove the bus shelter. My reaction is 'Why? Why should we, our village community, be inconvenienced because of a group of youths who, even though they should be taught it at home, have no respect for our village, the area we all live in?' It is totally unacceptable and the last thing we should do is remove the shelter – (one cannot help but feel sorry for them – they would be doing themselves out of a place to keep warm when they decide to roam the streets!) I suggest we tidy up the shelter regularly – we will do some as Parish Council and if residents find it untidy, messy etc, then if they could do the same, or give us a call, we can show them by example – they will get bored and fed up long before us! It won't necessarily be easy, but if we can show that Smallfield, as a whole, will not put up with this mindless vandalism, then perhaps they might realise why we all object – and grow up!

We have decided to issue another newsletter which will be delivered to every household as we feel it is important that everybody knows all that is going on in the Parish. We also need everyone to see our appeal for help and volunteers for the Burstow Good Neighbour Register. There are a number of different projects on the go at the moment from voluntary Car Scheme, Snow Angels, Village Tidy, IT Buddy, SpeedWatch and the new Dementia Group. I know that a lot of you will wish to help – even in a very small way and will make it easier for you to sign up. A survey to be sent to all those who live on the northern section of Broadbridge Lane including the Canadian Estate concerning the speed bumps – either before or with the newsletter. IT Buddies are required to help to assist the uninitiated in the art of using an ipad which we are in the process of acquiring. The tablets will be available at the hall and anyone needing to know how to use one may come and have a play! We are also hoping to extend the range of the sports equipment on the QE2 - but this would be early next year.

Please may I ask those who park at the Centenary Hall to be aware that it is for our hirers and bear this in mind when it is exceptionally busy. Thank you.

There is a delay to the resurfacing of Redehall Road just around the Keepers Corner area. There has been a change in the regulations for health and safety and the Tar in the old surface must be checked for levels of carcinogens before the work can start - to protect the workforce. It is expected that the work will start early in the new year - a good way to start 2014!

Only one evening's meetings in December –  
 Tuesday 10th 7.00pm Planning Committee  
 7.15/30pm Finance & General Purpose Committee

Have a very Happy Christmas from us all – Don't forget the Christmas Lights Competition!

**Liz Cutter**

Chair, Burstow Parish Council

## DEADLINE FOR THE JANUARY ISSUE

**To All Contributors** We should be grateful if you would let us have your copy as early as possible for the January issue, and please no later than Thursday 12th December, so that the staff of Express Printing (our printers) and the stalwarts who deliver *Parish News* each month throughout the year can have a happy Christmas too!

**Editor**

## LAST UK POSTING DATES FOR CHRISTMAS



Wednesday 18 December 2nd Class and Royal Mail Signed For™  
 Friday 20 December 1st Class and Royal Mail Signed For™  
 Monday 23 December Royal Mail Special Delivery Guaranteed™

If you've missed the last posting dates, there's still another option - Royal Mail Sameday® courier services deliver 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in the UK, including Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

To book an immediate collection call 0845 850 5522 or request a call back.  
**from Royal Mail Info Leallet**

## SMALLFIELD COMMUNITY CARE ASSOCIATION

The date of the Annual General meeting has been set for Friday, 29th November. It will be in the Church hall, as usual, and will commence at 12 noon.

The Christmas closure dates are as follows:

	Last Day	Re-Starts
Art Class	16 December	13 January '14
Drop-In	13 December	10 January '14

We would welcome new members to both the Art Class and the Drop-In and thank all existing members and helpers for their loyalty and support.

2013 has been a difficult year in many ways and we hope for a brighter outlook in 2014.

The committee take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Pleasant New Year.

The next Table Top Sale will be on Friday 6th December.

**Sylvia Lewington**



# Two Christmas Tree Festivals



**ST. JOHN'S, OUTWOOD**

**SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER FROM 11AM TO 5PM,  
SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER FROM 2AM TO 5PM**

*St. John's Church Christmas Fair will run simultaneously in the Church Room on Saturday, and Santa will be in his grotto in the Church on Saturday from 11am – 1pm & 2pm – 4pm, and again on Sunday, from 2 – 4pm*

**ENTRANCE TO THE TREE FESTIVAL  
£2 FOR ADULTS, CHILDREN FREE  
MULLED CIDER, COFFEE AND MINCE PIES AVAILABLE**

*Helen Winter*

## **HORLEY METHODIST CHURCH**

**FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER FROM 10AM TO 9PM,  
SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER FROM 10AM TO 4PM,  
SUNDAY 8 DECEMBER FROM NOON TO 6PM**

**REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**



The Festival closes with a special Candlelit Service around the trees at 6pm on Sunday evening.



Admission is free throughout the weekend but there will be collecting boxes around the church for donations, which will be given to Chase Hospital for children Guildford

*Gary Davies*

## **CAMEO**

We had a such an interesting talk about the War Graves Commission that we forgot to nibble on our sumptuous cakes. Did you know that it is government funded? Not just by the UK but by some commonwealth countries as well, including South Africa, Canada, India, New Zealand and Australia. Its history is so interesting and we were taken from how it was founded to the present day. We have two war graves in Burstow Churchyard which have been looked after by a Smallfield man. Thinking about how the dead of the two world wars were looked after, helped us to remember and be grateful for some of our own loved ones who we had lost.

Our next meeting is a Christmas lunch at The Plough and Furrow.

*Margaret Hobson*

## **SMALLFIELD AND DISTRICT AVIATION GROUP**

The next meeting on 3rd December at 7 pm in the Centenary Hall will be Ian Moir on the 'The Wright Brothers – Centenary Visit'. In 2003 to celebrate the Centenary of the first flight on 17th December 1903 he went to Dayton and visited the Wright Patterson Air Force Museum, Orville Wright's house, the family graveyard and the Washington Smithsonian Aviation Museum where the original 1903 flyer is on display.



On 17th December from 2pm onwards the Group will gather in the Centenary Hall to raise their glasses at 2.35 pm, 10.35 local time in the USA, to mark the 110th Anniversary of Orville Wright's first flight at Kitty Hawk North Carolina by a controllable powered aeroplane of a mere 120ft. However, by the end of the day he had managed a 59 second flight of 825 ft. That aircraft never flew again.

The November meeting was 'Victor B2 Pilot During the Cuban Crisis', by Fred Rivett. This was a fascinating account of what it was like to fly Britain's fastest nuclear bomber, particularly during the October 1962 Cuban Crisis when the world came within a whisker of a nuclear Armageddon.

Visitors are most welcome to just come along to a meeting, admission is £3 for the evening and the 2014 Annual Subscription will be £15, (£5 for those under 20) including refreshments and Newsletter. The phone number for further information is 01342 842594.

*John Thorpe*

## BURSTOW WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The meeting on 12th November was our Annual Meeting. Reports were read by the Secretary, the Treasurer and the President, summarising our activities during the past year. One committee member stepped down and a new one approved in her place. Sue Booth will continue as President for the coming year. The following trophies were presented:- Embroidery Cup - Sue Gill, Produce Cup - Alison Brown, Crystal Rose Bowl for Art - (jointly) Betty Blackburn and Alison Brown, President's Cup for photography - Joan Lamb.

After the serious business of the meeting, there was a general knowledge quiz, won by Carol Kay. This was followed by a mince pie tasting, which resulted in Lidl's being the favourite, although samples from other suppliers disappeared just as quickly! The competition for a flower arrangement entitled "Fireworks" attracted some spectacular entries - you could almost hear the crackles and bangs! The winner was Sue Gill. The raffle and the sales table each attracted plenty of attention and members were encouraged to continue donating items to both of these regular features.

On 5th December there will be a lunch at Priory Farm, where there should be plenty of Christmassy items to browse through in the garden centre.

Our next meeting is on 10th December, with entertainment provided by Mr. Steve Price and his "Desert Island Tricks". There will be an exchange of Secret Santa gifts and for the competition members are asked to make A Christmas Cracker.

We are always delighted to welcome new members, so please come along to one 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 more information, please ring Sue on 01342 842087.

*Yvonne Medcalf*

---

## BINGO

Smallfield Bingo group are back for a special Christmas Bingo on Saturday 7th December.

Starting at 7pm, eyes down 7.30pm. Look forward to seeing all our old friends, every one welcome including children that are old enough to know the numbers.

*Eileen Souter*

## BE A SNOW ANGEL



**Do you have a few hours to spare helping your local community when it snows. If so, you could become a "snow angel".**

**Winter weather severely restricts peoples' ability to go about their normal routine, particularly the most vulnerable. Snow Angel's help by ensuring pavements are cleared of snow and ice, allowing people to access local services, particularly doctors surgeries, local shops, schools and transport links. It also allows carers to get to their clients, ensuring that they are care for and reduces the risk of people falling over and hurting themselves.**

**When winter weather is due, your local snow angel group will contact registered volunteers and ask them to help by pre-salting pavements before the snow comes down or by clearing snow and ice after it has fallen.**

**All equipment is provided and routes have already been planned in order of priority.**

**All you need to do is give some of your free time to help your neighbours.**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHEME  
AND TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CONTACT:**

**Jeannie Crosby, Clerk to Burstow Parish Council**

**PHONE: 01342 841880**

**E-MAIL: [burstowpc@btconnect.com](mailto:burstowpc@btconnect.com)**



## SCOUTS

Despite the weather the scouts managed to cook on a wood fire over the weekend. With various activities hiking around the local area, cooking stew, to various games.

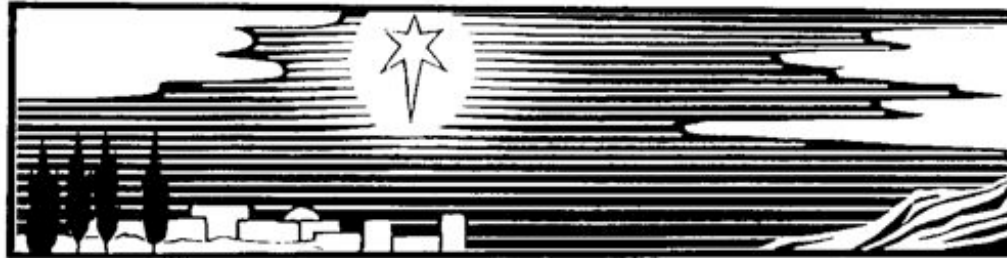
1st Burstow Scouts took part in the The Royal British Legion Remembrance parade and service in Horley. Marching through the town to The War Memorial in the Brighton Road, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts carried their colours and a Young Leader and Scout layed the wreath at the War Memorial and then marched back to the Social Club in Albert Road.

Scouts have a busy time coming up with District Swimming Gala on Sunday, Christmas craft on the 8th December at the Scout H.Q. from 3.15pm-5.30pm, and Pantomime at the Harlequin Theatre, Redhill on 15th December.

**John Freebody**  
President 1st Burstow



# CHURCH SERVICES



# AT CHRISTMAS

## St Bartholomew's Church, Burstow

Revd Colin Gale 01342 842224

### Sunday 8th December

4.00pm Messy Church Christmas Party, in Smallfield Church Hall  
*(this replaces our Messy Church this month)*

### Sunday 15th December

6.00pm **Service of Carols and Lessons**, in Burstow Church  
*(by Candlelight)*

### Tuesday 24th December

5.00pm Christingle Service, in Burstow Church  
*(A service for all the family in aid of the Children's Society)*

11.00pm Midnight Holy Communion, in Burstow Church  
*(please note that this service begins at 11.00pm)*

### Wednesday 25th December

10.00am Family Holy Communion, in Burstow Church

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

## Smallfield Evangelical Church

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

### Sunday 8th December

11.00am Nativity Service

### Sunday 22nd December

11.00am Carol Service

### Wednesday 25th December

9.30am Christmas Day (Short Service)

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

## English Martyrs Roman Catholic Church, Horley

Father Ian Vane 01293 431703

### Tuesday 24th December

6.30pm Vigil Mass of Christmas  
11.30pm Carols and Readings  
12.00 Midnight Mass

### Wednesday 25th December

9.00am Mass  
10.30am Mass

*Unto Us a Child is Born, Unto Us a Son is Given*

## SMALLFIELD CLUB & READING ROOM NEW ROAD, SMALLFIELD

Firstly, we must thank everyone who supported and took part in our Charity Auction for Children in Need. It was a very successful evening raising a fantastic £2069 for this very worthy cause.

It's that festive time of year again and we start December with a live band. Ice Cream Bikinis are making their first appearance on the 7th. Which we follow with the return of the Children's Christmas Party on the 8th any members interested in their children attending please make sure they are registered by 1st December full details on Club Notice Board.

13th December at 8pm the Christmas Draw will take place.  
24th December is our Christmas Eve Disco with Bob Mummery.  
31st December come and celebrate New Year with Mirage Disco.

Don't forget our Weekly Bingo on Wednesday evenings, Meat Raffle and BBQ on Friday evenings.

*The Committee*

---

### WEDNESDAY CLUB

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 4th December at 2.30pm at the Scout Hut in Redehall Road, Smallfield. We be having a Christmas Tea, and the stall will be for Christmas Gifts.

*Ivy Hollingshead*

---

### EXTREME MUD RUN

In October our intrepid local Scout Leader, Duncan Batchelor, took on the challenge of an Extreme Mud Run to raise money for the 1st Burstow Scout Group. Completing the challenge in a pretty good time of 48 minutes, dressed as a clown and raising a great £560, he's now got the bug and will definitely be doing more extreme challenges to keep the money rolling in for the group. *(Photo: Duncan showing his medal)*

The money's being spent wisely providing the scouts with some much needed equipment and subsidising some of the adventurous activities we love to do. For more pictures and information about the group please visit [www.burstowscouts.org.uk/gallery/duncans-mud-run/](http://www.burstowscouts.org.uk/gallery/duncans-mud-run/). The group could do with any support the local community would like to offer and if you have a suggestion for challenges, please let us know.

*John Freebody*

President 1st Burstow Scouts



*Photo by Amanda Lund-Batchelor*

## A Short Christmas Prayer



May the **Wonderful Counsellor**  
Guide you in any difficult decisions

May the **Mighty God**  
Give you strength when you feel weak

May the **Everlasting Father**  
Give you compassion for those around you

May the **Prince of Peace**  
Bring peace to you and those you love

*Rev Colin Gale*

---



**Rev Colin and Mrs Jill Gale**, together with the Churchwardens and Staff of St. Bartholomew's Church, Burstow, join in wishing all Parish News readers (including those online) and contributors a very Happy, Joyful and Peaceful Christmas.

## THE BENEFITS OF VOLUNTEERING

There is still something quite exciting about receiving 'nice' post don't you think? You know what I mean, not the brown enveloped bill or the junk mail but something in a handwritten envelope which you just know contains something special.

Well last week I received just such an envelope - it was A4, hand written and as it plopped on to the mat, I just knew it was something nice. And I was right! Inside was a totally unexpected Volunteer Award for my services to the Olive Tree charity. If you don't know of it, the Olive Tree is a charity attached to Crawley Hospital serving cancer patients and their families. A place of support, therapies, counselling and practical advice not to mention a place to a laugh or cry and a good cup of tea! A place where I have been proud to volunteer as a therapist now for several years. In fact, I love my work there so much I would give them a certificate for letting me!

For those of you that have never considered volunteer work or have, but don't feel you have the time, lend me your ear for a moment whilst I give you an insight as to what it has given me and what is involved.

Firstly, you will need to pick your charity - it doesn't matter what it is but the "why" you want to support it needs to be strong. I lost my beloved Dad and several of my friends to cancer so the Olive Tree and St Catherine's Hospice were a both natural choices for me. The reason your why needs to be strong is that it will be raining one day when you come to leave the house, its going to be cold and/or dark, there may even be something more exciting going on that day but they need you to be reliable.

"I would love to but I just don't have the time", I hear you say. It doesn't matter how little time you have - a couple of hours a month will help and we all have a couple of hours a month, don't we? Just think for a moment of all the time we waste - surfing the net, watching TV? So it doesn't need to be lots of time although that's great if you can, but it needs to be something you can be passionate about.

"Whats in it for me?" Well, to be honest I didn't even ask myself that question when I first volunteered, I just knew I wanted to do it. But seeing as you asked, I will tell you what it has given me - an overwhelming sense of doing something really worthwhile and valuable, a putting something back into a society that has served me well, but most of all - pure joy! I have had the privilege of meeting some amazing people, people at their most challenged, most vulnerable, who have shown courage, fear and in some cases bloody mindedness! If I have managed to help in any small way their difficult journey, I can only say it has been my pleasure!  
*(cont*

If you would like to know more about volunteering for The Olive Tree or St Catherine's here are the contact details

St Catherine's Hospice <http://www.stch.org.uk> Tel 01293 447333

The Olive Tree [www.olivetrecancersupport.org.uk](http://www.olivetrecancersupport.org.uk) Tel 01293 534465

***Amanda Lund-Baker***



We were transported to another world at our meeting in October when Tim Budd shared with us his experiences of trekking in the Himalayas. His talk was accompanied by some beautiful photos of the scenery including one of the night sky.....well early morning really (3am). The stars and moon were so bright it was as clear as daylight, it makes one realize how polluted our skies are.

To reach the beginning of the trek a flight from Nepal to the airstrip at Lukla was necessary. This air strip is 9100 feet above sea level and has the distinction of being called the " world's scariest airport". With a wall of mountains surrounding it and a very small runway I am not surprised. If you are able to access the internet, it is worth going onto the Google site to have a look.

Everything has to be carried up the mountain "roads" on the backs of porters even the very large pipes for a new water system that is being built to make the lives of the villagers easier. However modern life has come to the Himalayas in one way as all the guest houses along the trail have internet cafes, even the last guest house before the base camp at Mount Everest!

In December we will be having our Christmas lunch at "The Plough and Furrow" and our first meeting in 2014 will be on Tuesday 21st January when Ann Sheppard will be talking about "Tea Towels". Intrigued? Come and join us , we start at 2-30pm and meet at 6 The Cravens. You will all be very welcome.

If you wish to learn more about the Mothers' Union please contact Margaret Hobson on 01293 784862.

On behalf of all the members of Mothers' Union may I wish you a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

***Mollie Case-Green***

## FROM BURSTOW CHURCH REGISTERS

### ***Baptisms***

3rd November Rocco Andrew Marley Marsh

### ***Weddings***

19th October Matthew Edward Minns & Nicole Ilene Smith

### ***Funerals***

30th October Roger Antony Peacock (91)

### ***Interment of Ashes***

29th October Peter Eric Gasson

***Rev Colin Gale***

## SMALLFIELD EVANGELICAL CHURCH

*"Therefore be followers of God as beloved children.  
And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us"*

### Christmas Services:

- Nativity Service on 8th December at 11:00 am
- Carol Service on 22nd December at 11:00 am
- Christmas Day at 9:30 am (short service)

### Regular Sunday Services:

- Morning at 11:00 am and Sunday School
- Evening at 6:30 pm

### Bible Study and Prayer meeting:

- Wednesday 4th December at 10:00 am Prayer meeting
- Wednesday 11th and 18th December at 7:30 pm looking at Advent

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

## ST MARY'S CHURCH, HORNE

Regular Sunday Services are held at St. Mary's Church, Church Road, Horne:

1st Sunday:	8am & 11am
2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays:	10am
5th Sunday:	Joint Service – venue to be announced

***Rev Colin Gale***

## PARISH CHURCH OF ST BARTHOLOMEW

Website: [www.stbartholomewsburstow.org.uk](http://www.stbartholomewsburstow.org.uk)

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

<b>Rector:</b>	Rev. Colin Gale, 5 The Acorns, Smallfield (Day off: Monday)	842224
<b>Churchwardens:</b>	Kay Hammond Ann Sheppard	841916 842386
<b>Southwark Pastoral Auxiliary:</b>	Jane Armstrong	712900
<b>Organist and Choirmaster:</b>	Roger Hind	01293 771817
<b>PCC Secretary:</b>	Caroline Clancey	841909
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Kay Hammond (temporary)	841916
<b>Sunday Club:</b>	Jill Gale (temporary)	842224
<b>Brunch Bunch:</b>	Jill Gale	842224
<b>Parish Safeguarding Officers:</b>	Val Butt Mary Chapman	842580 01293 794323
<b>Church Hall (Smallfield) &amp; Flamsteed Hall (Burstow) :</b>		
<b>Bookings/Enquiries:</b>	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	<b>Holy Communion</b>	Smallfield Church Hall
1st Sunday 10.00am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	St Bartholomew's Church
2nd Sunday 10.00am	<b>Morning Worship</b>	St Bartholomew's Church
	6.00pm <b>Holy Communion</b>	Smallfield Church Hall
3rd Sunday 10.00am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	St Bartholomew's Church
4th Sunday 9.00am	<b>Holy Communion</b>	Smallfield Church Hall
	4.00pm <b>Messy Church</b>	Smallfield Church Hall
5th Sunday 8.00am	<b>Holy Communion (BCP)</b>	St Bartholomew's Church
	10.00am <b>Joint Service</b>	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 Sundays (except the last in the month) at 10.00am (term time only)

**BRUNCH BUNCH** (for 11 to 15 year olds)

meets regularly at The Rectory on Sunday mornings

### 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.

**SMARTFIELD'S:** Painting, card-making, craftwork, on Tuesdays 10am-1pm at Smallfield Church Hall £4.00 per session; over 20's welcome: 01342842425 or [ninanunes@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ninanunes@hotmail.co.uk)

**Charlwood Toddler Groups** Nearly New Sale at Charlwood Village Hall, 14th December 11am -1pm Buyers & Sellers welcome. Details call Georgina 07740 651641

### BURSTOW CHURCH 200 CLUB

At Messy Church Liz drew number 39 out of the bag to win the £73 October prize. A nice prize for the winner who had just paid her £60 annual membership.

*Margaret Hobson*

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### December

3	Tuesday	7.00pm	Aviation Group: The Wright Bros.	see page 9
4	Wednesday	2.30pm	Wednesday Club: Christmas Tea	see page 18
6	Friday	11.00am	Community Care : Table Top Sale	see page 5
7	Saturday	7.00pm	Christmas Bingo	see page 10
10	Tuesday	2.00pm	WI : Desert Island Tricks	see page 10
10	Tuesday	7.00pm	Parish Council: Planning Comm.	see page 4
10	Tuesday	7.15/30pm	Parish Council F&GP Comm.	see page 4
<b>12</b>	<b>Thursday</b>		Copy date for Parish News	
13	Friday		SCCA: Last Drop-In.	see page 5
13	Friday	8.00pm	Smallfield Club: Christmas Draw	see page 18
16	Monday		SCCA: Last Art Class.	see page 5
24	Tuesday		Smallfield Club: Christmas Disco	see page 18
31	Tuesday		Smallfield Club: New Year Disco	see page 18

#### January

10	Friday		SCCA: Drop-In resumes	see page 5
13	Monday		SCCA: Art Class resumes	see page 5
21	Tuesday	2.30pm	MU: Tea Towels	see page 24

## BURSTOW CHURCH CALENDAR

Venues: BC : St Bartholomew's Church, Church Road, Burstow  
 SCH : Church Hall, Redehall Road, Smallfield

NB: Coffee is served in the John Flamsteed Hall (opposite the Church) following the service - *please join us.*

### December

1 *Sunday* *Advent Sunday*  
 10.00am **Holy Communion** BC  
 6.00pm **Joint Burstow w. Horne Advent Service** (with joint choirs) BC



5 *Thursday* 10.00am **Holy Communion\*** SCH

8 *Sunday* *Advent 2*  
 10.00am **Morning Worship** BC  
 4.00pm Messy Church Christmas Party\* SCH  
 6.00pm **Holy Communion\*** SCH

15 *Sunday* *Advent 3*  
 10.00am **Holy Communion** BC  
 6.00pm **Service of Carols and Lessons** BC  
 (by candlelight)



22 *Sunday* *Advent 4*  
*NO 4th Sunday Church Hall Services this month*  
 (10.00am **Christingle making in the Flamsteed Hall**)  
 11.00am **Holy Communion** (NB 11am start) BC

24 *Tuesday* *Christmas Eve*  
 5.00pm **Christmas Eve Christingle Service**  
 (A service for all the family in aid of the Children's Society) BC  
 11.00pm **Midnight Holy Communion** BC  
 (NB 11pm start)

25 *Wednesday* *Christmas Day*  
 10.00am **Family Holy Communion** BC

29 *Sunday* *1st Sunday of Christmas*  
 8.00am **Holy Communion (BCP)** BC  
 (occasional 5th Sunday Book of Common Prayer Service)  
 10.00am **Holy Communion**  
 at St Mary's Church, Horne  
 (a Joint Burstow with Horne Service at Horne Church)

**Please note:** \* Services marked with an asterisk take place at Smallfield Church Hall in Redehall Road

### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

We would like to see more people contributing to *Parish News*. Perhaps you are a fairly new reader ... saw *Parish News* for the first time since it went on the web last year. 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..."