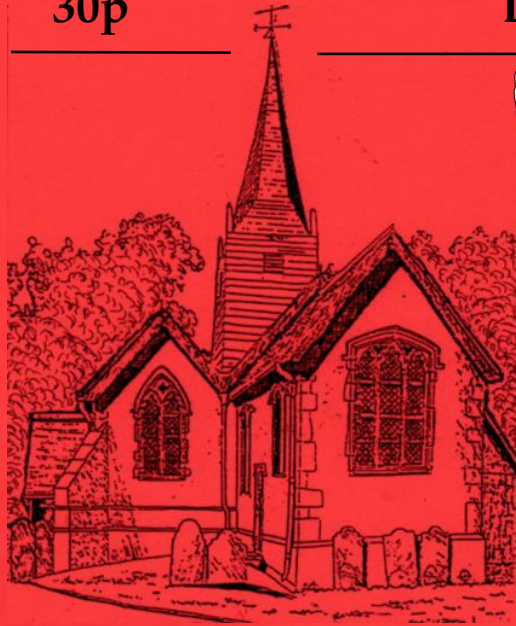


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St Bartholomew's Church, Burstow

THIS MONTH
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Christmas
Services, Events
& Festivities
in and around
the Village
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Your Village Magazine

SOME LOCAL SERVICES

Village Website www.burstowparishcouncil.org.uk

Burstow Parish Council

Parish Clerk: Jeannie Ryan
Office: Centenary Hall, Wheelers Lane 841880
email: burstowpc@btconnect.com
Office core hours: 9.30am-2.00pm weekdays during school term

Tandridge District Council (Oxted) 01883 722000

Smallfield Surgery Wheelers Lane 843822

Burstow Primary School Wheelers Lane 842010

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Bus Companies:

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Police

- In an emergency - dial **999**
- If not an emergency - dial **101** for Surrey Police
- The local police team can also be contacted at

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RECTOR'S RAMBLINGS...

One of the many things I look forward to at this time of year is coming across houses covered in Christmas lights as I drive around the area. It is amazing to see the time and effort people go to in order to put a smile on people's faces!

A few years ago there was a bit of a fuss in the news about the Christmas lights in Warrington. The lights that the council had spread over the city centre included one that proclaimed not the usual message of Christmas greetings. Instead, brightly lit up, was a circular arrow and the slogan 'Recycle for Warrington'. One local churchgoer was quoted as saying, 'It is clear that the council has forgotten what Christmas is about'.

In many ways it was a bit of a storm in a teacup. Warrington Council wasn't trying to replace the traditional Christmas message with an environmental one. It was just trying to say that recycling our old wrapping paper and

Christmas trees is clearly a good thing to be doing. But I also think that there is actually a deeper truth in this story as well – that the message of recycling has a spiritual truth to it as well as a practical one.

You will know if you've read other letters of mine this year that I often talk about living in a turning world, something that was impressed on me during my 40 days in the Sinai desert last year. And our turning world means, among other things, that Christmas comes around each year – recycled, you could say! It is a festival celebrating the birth of Christ but it is no coincidence that it coincides with the winter solstice, the time when sunrise stops getting later and sunset stops getting earlier. Christmas is therefore also connected to the earth's cycle of movement around the sun.

From early times the Church has used the image of the sun as an image for Christ and Christians have built their churches facing East, in the direction of the rising sun. Though the rising sun at dawn symbolises Christ's rising from death, an Easter message, the image of light coming into the world is at the heart of the Christmas message as well. The message is summed up in the traditional Christmas Gospel reading from the first chapter of St John:

In him was life and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Or to put it another way: the light is stronger than the darkness.

With our central heating, our electric light and all our other modern inventions we have rather lost touch with the rhythms and cycles of nature and perhaps lost our sense of wonder and amazement that ancient people felt when the days stopped getting shorter and started to get longer again; wonder and amazement at how incredible the sun is and how the warmth and light that it gives enables and sustains life.

Like the rising of the sun, the birth of Christ is also about warmth and light and life coming into the world. The warmth of love, the light of Christ and the life of God. Christmas comes again and with it the message that the light has come again. As those wonderful lines from the carol 'O little town of Bethlehem' proclaim:

*The dark night wakes, the glory breaks
And Christmas comes once more.*

So when you see Christmas lights, I hope they bring a smile to your face but also that they make you think of the message at the heart of the Christmas: that the light is always stronger than the darkness:

*In a world where people walk in darkness
Let us turn our faces to the light,
To the light of God revealed in Jesus,
To the Daystar scattering our night.
For the light is stronger than the darkness
And the day will overcome the night.
Though the shadows linger all around us,
Let us turn our faces to the light.*

With love and prayers for you this Christmas and in 2016

Nicholas

Nicholas.calver@btinternet.com

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

**Your Village Website
www.burstowparishcouncil.org.uk**

Now that Bonfire Night has been and gone it's all about Christmas. Please look out for the many local Gift Fairs in and around the village it's quite amazing what you can pick up from these. They may also give you inspiration to do your own thing - make a ginger bread house or your own personal Christmas cards. It also means that you can meet and talk to other village residents which can give a nice Christmassy feel to present buying. Buying on line can be fine but touch/feel/smell is better.

On a more serious note the spate of criminal damage in the village (35 offences since 1st October - 27 slashed tyres and 8 smashed windows) has been highlighted to police officers via daily briefings. Neighbourhood officers have been provided on overtime making high visibility patrols of key roads and areas. This seems to have had the desired effect but always be aware of any untoward behaviour and if in doubt always contact the police.

We will be planting spring bulbs around the village ponds and at the entrance "gates" to the village to enhance the feel of the village and with the flood defences and drainage repairs we have managed to achieve the flowers will bloom beautifully and not get washed away. If you have a little bit of spare time and would like to get involved with bulb planting in your area please contact our Clerk, Jeannie Ryancontact details at the end of this article.

Tandridge District Council are working hard on their Local Plan and they need to get this in place before a deadline in 2017 after which Central Government will announce the new homes that are required and impose quotas on areas. Please keep an eye out for consultation documents and respond so that your voice can be heard. When a 'call for sites' was put out by the district council Burstow in particular was pinpointed by developers as an area they would like to carry out house building. At the moment we are predominantly green belt area but this too is under review. The surest way we can protect our settlement and ensure that any development is carried out in a way that is sympathetic to the character of the village is to have our own Neighbourhood Development Plan. However we cannot do this without help from the community so we are asking you to come forward and volunteer to help prepare this essential plan for our area.

We are still working on the redesign of the Centenary Hall and are now at the stage where we are looking to appoint an architect. Please watch for notice of a consultation to be held at the Centenary Hall when we have plans and drawing to show you and so that we can take on board your feedback.

Don't forget the best dressed house this Christmas will win the coveted trophy (and a prize) , so get dressing!!

December meetings scheduled at the Centenary Hall:

Tuesday 8th December	7.00pm 7.15pm	Planning Committee Finance & Gen. Purpose Ctee
Tuesday 22nd December	7.00pm 7.15pm	Planning Committee Projects Committee

The Parish Council office will be closed from 3.00pm on Wednesday 23rd December until 9.00am on 4th January 2016. Emergency contact details will be posted on our website.

Clerk: Jeannie Ryan
Tel: 01342 841880 Email: burstowpc@btconnect.com

Happy Christmas

Ray Holdsworth
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 Friday 11th December, so that the staff of Lonsdale Print (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

Saturday 19 December
2nd Class and Royal Mail Signed For®

Monday 21 December
1st Class and Royal Mail Signed For®

Tuesday 22 December
Parcelforce Worldwide Express **48**

Wednesday 23 December
Royal Mail Special Delivery Guaranteed®
Parcelforce Worldwide Express **24**

from Royal Mail Info Leaflet

SMALLFIELD COMMUNITY CARE

The usual winter break will take place this year. The last date before the break will be Monday 14 December for the Art Class and Friday 18 December for the Exercise and Drop In. The Art Class will resume in the new year on Monday 11 January, the Exercise and Drop In on Friday 15 January.

Peter Brown

AT THE CENTENARY HALL SMALLFIELD HORLEY WEA

MORE PRACTICAL ART: Exploring Painting and Drawing

Tutor: Gabrielle Girardey
Thursday Early Afternoon 1.00 - 3.00 pm
7 meetings starting 28th January 2016
Fee £56.70

With an aim of teaching essential drawing and painting skills, the classes will give the opportunity to experiment with a variety of materials and techniques including Pen and Ink, and Acrylic. Suitable for complete beginners or those wanting to improve their skills. There is a charge of £3 per term for paper - all other basic materials and equipment will be provided.

For more information or to enrol on a course
please contact me 01342 843801 email j.wrobinson@btinternet.com

Jennifer Robinson

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Horley Methodist Church is having a festival of decorated Christmas trees again this year. The trees are decorated by different groups in and around Horley. This was hugely popular last year. This is not a competition but an opportunity for the community to come and see the trees and perhaps be amazed at variety of the groups who created it.

The Festival is open on
Friday 4 December
10:00 am - 7:00 pm

Saturday 5 December
10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sunday 6 December
2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
(6 pm Carols amid the trees)

Refreshments will be served in the Café throughout. The Festival closes with a special Candlelit Carol Service around the trees commencing at 6.00pm on Sunday evening. **Admission is free** throughout but there will be collecting boxes placed around the Church for donations, which this year will be given to **The Shooting Star Chase Children's Hospice** and again there will be collecting boxes in the Church.

WEDNESDAY CLUB

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 2nd December at 2.30pm at the Lloyd Hall in Outwood. We will be having a Christmas Tea and Secret Santa presents. Visitors are always welcome.

Ivy Hollingshead

BULKY RUBBISH

The next bulky rubbish collection in Smallfield will be on Saturday 5 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.co.uk/bulkywaste or ring Biffa on 01883 712333 or TDC Customer Services on 01883 722000.

TDC



Our meeting in September was cancelled at the last minute due to the anticipated absence of several members on the day. Hilary Richardson who was to have been our speaker at that meeting, talking about the Evaline London Children's Hospital, kindly changed her date and came to our meeting in November.

We spent the time at our meeting in October planning our programme for 2016. We also discussed details for our stall at the church's Christmas fair on 21st November and at the time of writing we are looking forward to our Christmas lunch which this year we will be having at "The Plough and Furrow", Smallfield.

Our first meeting in 2016 will be on Tuesday 19th January when we will be discussing our favourite hymns and as per last year, all our meetings will be held at 6 The Cravens, unless otherwise stated; starting at 2pm.

For further details about the Mothers' Union please contact Margaret Hobson on 01293 784862.

On behalf of all our members may I wish you a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful and Healthy New Year.

Mollie Case-Green

SMALLFIELD CLUB & READING ROOM NEW ROAD, SMALLFIELD

It's that time of year when the festive season is fast approaching.

Entertainment starts on 5th December with our Big Quiz at 8pm - Teams of six.

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19th December - Member's Children's Christmas Party at 3.30pm, £3.00 per child. Please make sure your child is registered by 11th December, full details on Club Notice Board.

24th December - Christmas Eve Disco with Bob Mummery - Members free, Guests £2.00

31st December - come and celebrate New Year with Mirage Disco - Members free, Guest Tickets £10 sold in advance only.

We would like to wish all our members and their families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and thank you for your continued support over the past year.

The Committee

CAMEO

We met on Friday 6 November for our usual tea, coffee, delicious cakes and chat in Smallfield Church Hall.

Nicholas and Judith Calver entertained us with a talk and slides about the experiences of Judith's Father- Rodney Hill - as a prisoner of war in central Italy. When the Italians surrendered he managed to escape and with the help of local Italians hiding him, and others, in their homes and acting as guides, he eventually reached the allies who were slowly moving up from the south of Italy. Nicholas and Judith's brother Andrew decided a few years back to visit Italy and retrace this "adventure". The last stage of the journey was a long walk over the mountains which Rodney had done in thick snow and with no special clothing while they had reasonably mild winter weather and warm clothing and did not have to worry about being captured. They still found it difficult. The story, well illustrated with photos and mementos, was very interesting and appropriate for the time of remembrance.

In December we will have our usual Christmas lunch and we meet again in Smallfield Church Hall at 2 pm on Friday 8 January (not the first Friday of the month due to New Year).

Margaret Hobson

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SMALLFIELD AND DISTRICT AVIATION GROUP

The meeting on Tuesday 1st December will be 'The Airlander Hybrid Air Vehicle' by Carl Thomas. This new airship being built in the UK has a revolutionary lift-producing shape, unlike the traditional cigar shape of previous generations. The Airlander 50 will be able to carry a 50 tonne payload and give access to land, desert, ice or water around the world to deliver its payload. It can also be remote controlled.



Visitors are most welcome, admission is £3 for the evening which includes refreshments and the Newsletter. The Subscription for 2016 is £15 (£5 for those under 20) and the phone number for further information is 01342 842594.

Our next couple of meetings are:

- 5th January – 'A Caribbean Adventure' by Captain Lorimer Burn, flying helicopters from Royal Naval frigates.
- 2nd February – 'Westland Centenary of Transport', Jeremy Graham

John Thorpe

BINGO IN SMALLFIELD

Christmas Bingo, how time flies - doesn't seem a year ago since we all gathered the Church Hall for an evening of Bingo.

December 12th starting at 7.30pm in the Church Hall, lots of goodies to be won. All welcome including children (as long as they know their numbers). Tea coffee and mince pies in the interval.

Eileen Souter

BURSTOW CHURCH 200 CLUB

Number 68 won £73 in October - to celebrate a 40th Birthday. Number 39 win £73 and number 39 won on November 15th. Next month even more to be won and you still have time to get a number.

Margaret Hobson

Happy Christmas

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

THE WAY IT WAS No 18

PS to the 1930's

With the possibility of war becoming a reality everyone was issued with identity cards which had to be carried at all times. Dennis was given the number DNHT 1033. Bill's number was DNHT 33/3. It's presumed the number 3 related to the third family member.

The National Registration Act 1939 was an Act of Parliament in the United Kingdom. The initial National Registration Bill was introduced to Parliament as an emergency measure at the start of World War II. Royal assent given on 5 September 1939.

The Act established a National Register which began operating on 29 September 1939 (National Registration Day), a system of identity cards, and a requirement that they must be produced on demand or presented to a police station within 48 hours.

Before the welfare state and the NHS. there was a system that started in 1908 with an old age pension of 5 shillings a week for the over 70s, by the 1930s this payment was raised to 10 shillings a week, there was also a scheme run by collaboration with friendly societies, the employer, and the employee with a small amount from the government.

This 'payment' was accumulated by stamps being stuck to cards (hence getting your cards) meant being dismissed from ones employment, this paid a small amount if sick and entitled the unwell to a free doctor. If anyone was sick for a long period this benefit ran out and people had to apply for relief. This meant going before a panel of well to do people and being put through a period of tough questioning. If you had anything of value you were made to sell it before you were paid any benefit money.

Large factories such as the Monotype at Salfords, who employed many from Smallfield, shut down for a week and gave their workers a holiday, otherwise most men did not get a holiday until 1944 when The Education Act was introduced and everyone had to have a weeks holiday once you had worked for an employer for a year.

This was difficult in the building trade as the casual employee moved from job to job, so each employer stamped their card to be cashed in to pay for the holiday period. There were of course many casual tradesmen who continued working on minor individual jobs regardless of any official acts.

The nearest Doctor to Smallfield was in Horley, as was the Cottage Hospital at the junction of Lumley Road and the Brighton Road where Bill had his tonsils removed in 1936. The method of sedation then was by placing a gauze cover over the mouth and nose then applying drops of Chloroform. No after effects were noticed.

Dennis Stenning and Bill Haylor

AT THE CENTENARY HALL SMALLFIELD HORLEY BRANCH WEA ANCIENT EGYPT: Contacts with the Wider World

Tutor: Suzanne Bojtos
Thursday Evenings 7.00 - 9.00
11 meetings starting 7th January
Fee £89.10

The course aims to study the period after the New Kingdom when Egypt was part of the Mediterranean world influenced by the Greeks, Persians and Nubians. Notable personalities will be discussed such as kings, generals, priests and adoratrices.

N.B. There will be a break in this course with no sessions from 18th February to 10th March inclusive.

For more information or to enrol on a course
please contact me 01342 843801 email j.wrobinson@btinternet.com

Jennifer Robinson



Christmas services

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

Sunday 20 December

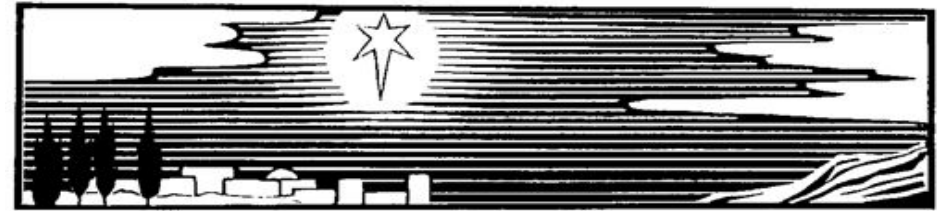
11.00 am Nativity Service at Horne
 3.30 pm Carol Service at Outwood
 6.00 pm Carol Service at Horne

Christmas Eve

4.00 pm Crib Service at Outwood
 5.30 pm Crib Service at Burstow
 11.30 pm Midnight Mass at Burstow
 11.30 pm Midnight Mass at Horne
 11.30 pm Midnight Mass at Outwood

Christmas Day

10.00 am Christmas Communion at Burstow
 10.00 am Family Service at Horne
 10.00 am Christmas Communion at Outwood



Smallfield Evangelical Church

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

Sunday 13th December

11.00am Nativity Service

Sunday 20th December

11.00 am Carol Service

Friday 25th December

9.30am Christmas Day (Short Service)

English Martyrs Roman Catholic Church, Horley

Father Ian Vane 01293 431703

Thursday 24th December

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

Friday 25th December

9.00am Mass
 10.30am Mass



SCOUTS

1st Burstow Scouts joined JOTA around the world to contact as many Scouts within 24hrs. They contacted Scouts from the USA, Canada, Brazil, Peru, Australia, New Zealand, Jordan, Cyprus, Malta, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Japan, South Africa, just to name a few. The photo opposite shows

them in the process of making their 300 contacts.

Scouting is a international youth movement. This year the Jamboree was held in Japan where young people around the world camping under canvass over ten days experiencing many cultures and making new friends.



1st Burstow, Beavers, Cub, Scouts on parade at the The Royal British Legion Remembrance Sunday Service and Parade in Horley. One of the Scout Parents joined in her Army Officer Uniform. Scouts laid the wreath at the War Memorial, Brighton Road, Horley along with other Scout Groups from Horley.

John Freebody

President 1st Burstow



BURSTOW WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Annual Meeting on 10th November started with a delicious 'Loaf & Ladle' lunch, which put members in a receptive mood for the business to follow. Firstly, Carol Falconer gave an account of the Autumn Federation Meeting at Dorking Halls, where there were several interesting speakers, including farmer Adam Henson from 'Countryfile'. This was followed by Pauline Lloyd's report on the past year's activities, recalling many excellent speakers, enjoyable outings and celebrations of two important milestones:- 100th anniversary of the Women's Institute and Burstow WI's 95th birthday. Alison Brown gave her financial report, then President Joan Lamb summarised the progress made during the year and asked members to consider what activities would interest them for the coming months. She also thanked Alison on everyone's behalf for preparing the lunch.



All the committee were willing to stay on and were approved by the members. Joan Lamb was re-elected as President. Cups were awarded as follows:-

Produce Cup	Joan Lamb
Needlework Cup	Yvonne Jewell
Art Rose Bowl	Yvonne Medcalf
Photography Cup	Pauline Lloyd

The cup for the monthly competition will be awarded at the December meeting.

There were some beautiful entries for this month's competition for an Autumnal Flower Arrangement. Pauline Thorpe won with her skilful arrangement of seasonal foliage and lovely pale pink roses.

On 3rd December, members will be enjoying a Christmas lunch at Redhill & Reigate Golf Club.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, 8th December, when members have been promised a Christmas tea and Belly Dancing! The competition is for a Santa Hat, home-made or shop-bought, and decorated in a silly or sophisticated manner.

We enjoy meeting new members, so please come and sample one of our meetings. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, starting at 2pm in St. Bartholomew's Church Hall, Redehall Road, Smallfield. For further information please ring Joan on 01324 844375.

Yvonne Medcalf

Burstow Friends of St. Catherine's Hospice

Warmly invite you to a

?? Quiz Night
?? & Supper



Saturday 23rd January 2016

Lloyd Hall, Brickfield Rd, Outwood

7pm for 7.30pm

Put your general knowledge to the test

Popular local Quiz Master

**Teams of 8 players or we can put you with
a team on the night**

£15 pp, Two Course Supper included

Cash Bar

**Shake off those winter blues by joining us
for a fun night out!**

**Tickets available from Angie on 01342
843718 or email**

challis668@btinternet.com

**Thank you to everyone who attended our recent
Race Night. We raised a magnificent £2,066.74!**

CAN'T GET TO THE LIBRARY ?

If you have difficulty getting to the library owing to ill-health, disability, mobility problems or caring responsibilities but still want to enjoy books and audio books you may be eligible to register for the Library Direct service provided by Surrey Libraries.

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Surrey Libraries



Fined for failing to deal with waste legally

On Tuesday 20 October, at Redhill Magistrates' Court, Charlie Chapman of Mid Street, South Nutfield pleaded guilty to failing to deal with waste legally. He was fined a total of £700 and ordered to pay the Council's costs of £498, as well as £35 to the victim support fund.

Around 27 November 2014, a very large flytip made up of building waste was left on East Park Lane, Newchapel, which led to the closure of the road and to this court case.

A reward of up to £500 is offered by the Council to anyone who provides information which leads to a successful prosecution for fly tipping.

To report a flytip as it happens, please call Surrey Police on 999. If it is not in progress, but you have information, please fill in the form on www.tandridge.gov.uk/flytipping, or call 01883 722000. If a flytip is blocking a road call Surrey County Council on 0300 200 1003.

Did you know you can recycle from every room in the house?

Everyone in Surrey can recycle tins, cans, paper, card, plastic bottles, pots, tubs, trays, glass bottles and jars.

So that means the items you can recycle include:

- Food tins, plastic trays and jam jars from the kitchen.
- Drinks cans and bottles, newspapers and tissue boxes from the living room.
- Bleach and shampoo bottles and toilet roll tubes from the bathroom.
- Moisturiser tubs, shoe boxes and magazines from the bedroom.

Please remember to rinse your glass, plastics, tins and cans, before putting them loose in your blue lidded recycling bin or clear recycling sacks. If any leftover food or liquid leaks onto other recycling it risks the whole load being thrown away rather than recycled.

Once collected and sorted, your recycling will either be turned back into the same product or into something new – like football shirts or children’s toys.

For a full list of what can be recycled from your home, from local recycling banks or from community recycling centres, visit www.tandridge.gov.uk/recyclingandwaste or www.recycleforsurrey.org.uk.

Financial plan aims to offset reduction in government grants and maintain reserves

The Resources Committee has agreed a five year Medium Term Financial Plan, which outlines how the Council will fund services and generate business growth in the light of less income from traditional sources, while still maintaining a good level of reserves. The plan will be recommended to full Council on 19 December.

The plan identifies there is likely to be reductions of around 38% in the amount of government grant available to the Council in the next few years, which will mean an overall loss of income of some £1.3 million pounds. This means the Council must find year on year savings of around £650,000 to balance its books. This will present tough challenges for the Council.

Chairman of Resources Committee, Councillor Martin Fisher, said: “Our plan and strategy demonstrates we are finding new ways to supplement our income, to ensure we can still deliver the good cost effective services our residents expect. Our plan aims to make us less reliant on government grants, which are likely to reduce and more able to generate an independent income stream.

“A recent review by the Local Government Association found we have managed our resources well in increasingly challenging times, leaving the council in a stable financial position. In addition, our auditors, KPMG, said we have made proper arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in our use of resources. Overall we are well placed to meet the financial challenges of the next few years.”

FROM THE WINDMILL BENEFICE REGISTERS

St Bartholomew, Burstow

Baptism

1 November Harriet Catherine Hearn

Funeral

10 November Olive Annie Cooper, aged 93

St John the Baptist, Outwood

Funeral

19 November Betty Perkins, aged 90

St Mary's, Horne

Funeral

21 October Sheila May King aged 75

Revd Nicholas Calver

SMALLFIELD EVANGELICAL CHURCH

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me”

Christmas Services: See page 19

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 December
- On Wednesday 9th December at 7:30 pm looking at ‘Christianity Explored’

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

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
	Angela Sullivan	843515
PCC Secretary:	Angela Sullivan	843515
Treasurer:	Kay Hammond	841916
Sunday Club:	Anil and Hope Jootna	07548 964829
Brunch Bunch:	Liz Copeland	07976 600041
Parish Safeguarding Officers:	Val Butt	842580
	Mary Chapman	01293 784323
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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.

FOR SALE

2 Artificial wedding car flower arrangements.

Perfect condition.

1 white L24".

1 Pink (bridesmaids) L14".

£14.00 (both)

Smallfield Tel: 843387

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December

1	Tuesday	7.00pm	Aviation Group: The Airlander	see page 12
2	Wednesday	2.30pm	Wednesday Club: Tea	see page 9
4,5,6	weekend		Christmas Tree Festival	see page 9
5	Saturday	7.30am	Bulky Rubbish collection	see page 10
5	Saturday	8.00pm	Smallfield Club Big Quiz	see page 10
8	Tuesday	2.00pm	WI : Tea & Belly Dancing	see page 22
8	Tuesday	7.00pm	Parish Council: Planning Comm.	see page 4
8	Tuesday	7.15pm	Parish Council: F&GP Comm.	see page 4
11	Friday		Copy date for Parish News	see page 5
12	Saturday	7.30pm	Christmas Bingo	see page 12
14	Monday		Last SCCA Art class	see page 6
18	Friday		Last SCCA Exercise & DropIn	see page 6
22	Tuesday	7.00pm	Parish Council: Planning Comm.	see page 4
22	Tuesday	7.15pm	Parish Council: Projects Comm.	see page 4
24	Thursday		Smallfield Club Disco	see page 11
31	Thursday		Smallfield Club Disco - Mirage	see page 11

January

7	Thursday	7.00pm	WEA Ancient Egypt course starts	see page 11
8	Friday	2.00pm	CAMEO Group	see page 11
11	Monday		SCCA Art class restarts	see page 6
15	Friday		SCCA Exercise & DropIn restarts	see page 6
19	Tuesday	2.00pm	MU: Favourite Hymns	see page 10
28	Thursday	1.00pm	WEA Practical Art course starts	see page 6

The Windmill United Benefice

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

Church Calendar for December 2015

Thursday 3 December

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

Sunday 6 December

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 December

10 am Morning Worship at **Burstow** Church
 10 am Holy Communion at **Horne** Church
 10 am Morning Worship at **Outwood** Church
 4 pm Messy Church Christmas Party in **Smallfield** Church Hall
 4 pm Christmas Carols on **Outwood** Common

There will be no 6pm Communion Service in Smallfield Hall today

Sunday 20 December

10 am Holy Communion at **Burstow** Church
 11 am Nativity Service at **Horne** Church
 10 am Holy Communion at **Outwood** Church

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 • For the full details of carol services on 20 December •
 • and Christmas Services on Christmas Eve and •
 • Christmas Day, please turn to page 18 •

Sunday 27 December

10 am Joint Benefice **Holy Communion** at **Burstow** Church

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..."