

# **THE COMMUNITY MAGAZINE**



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**PETERS VILLAGE**

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**VISION IN THE VALLEY**

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**Burham Parish Council: [www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk)**

## Dear Friends

We're back again now after our break so we send all our best wishes to you for the year ahead.

Many new people have now moved into the valley - some moving from nearby and others from further afield. It's wonderful to be moving into a new home but, once the rush has died down, it can feel strange and perhaps lonely until new friends are made. With that in mind, an invitation (on page 2) is extended to you to come to meet others. So come along to Wouldham Church if you are able—you will find a very warm welcome there.

So I will take this opportunity to say some things about the Magazine. It's published by the Church and sponsored by the Parish Councils. It aims to appeal to the community at large, placing the church at the heart of the community. It is not a church magazine per se but one of its many strands is to be an outreach vehicle for the church.

We publish 10 issues a year. Each one has a print run at the moment of 1400 copies which will increase as Peters Village grows. They are delivered free to homes throughout the Burham, Wouldham and Peters Village by a team of volunteers, currently numbering 25. The main product is a printed copy, but soft-copy editions are accessible via the Internet.

**PDF copies** of each issue are published on:

the church website: <http://www.wouldhamchurch.org.uk/>

and websites of Burham Parish Council:

<http://www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk/>

and Wouldham Parish Council:

<http://www.wouldhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk/> enabling it to potentially reach a far wider audience.

Advertising local businesses is an important part of the Magazine and I write more about this on page 29 at the back.

Items of interest are welcomed from the whole community. We would love to publicize your event and activities. Have you got a subject of interest that you would like to write about? It needn't be lengthy. Also if you are running a club or a group, can you write a little something about what you are doing so that it is appealing to new people who might like to join? Please contact the Editor if you have something to contribute so that space is reserved.

Also, we are in need of some more people who are willing to deliver a few magazines in some local areas—particularly around Peters Village.

Can you help? Thank you.

*Mary Davis, Editor*

**All Saints' Church,  
High Street, Wouldham, ME1 3TD**

**To all residents of Peters Village and new residents of  
Burham and Wouldham:**

**The Rector & Members of the Church Council  
invite you for a visit to your  
Parish Church of All Saints  
on Saturday, 2nd March between 5 and 8pm**

**Refreshments will be served. We would love to meet you, and  
you would be able to meet us and some of your neighbours.  
There will be a short talk about this grade I listed building  
which dates from 1058. We are child-friendly, dog-friendly  
and there's an accessible loo with baby changing facilities.**

**No need to book, just turn up.  
We look forward to seeing you.  
*www.wouldhamchurch.org.uk***

## **BIG THANK YOU'S**

Thank you to Frost's for providing oranges and sweets for the Christingle Service at Wouldham.

Thank you to Pam Perkins for kindly giving a Christmas tree to All Saints' Church.

Thank you to the Gore Family for providing and hosting Mulled Wine following the Carol Service.

Thank you to everyone who joined members of Messy Church singing carols around Burham village before Christmas. We were about 30 in all.

## **MESSY CHURCH**

**for all ages**

**17th February**

**3rd Sunday in the Month,  
10-30am for about an hour**

**Burham Community Centre**

**Games, painting and many other  
activities and a special bible story .  
Refreshments.**

**Contact:**

**[http://wouldhamchurch.org.uk/  
contact.html](http://wouldhamchurch.org.uk/contact.html)**

# FEBRUARY

## Church of England Services



### Every Friday, **TODDLER CHURCH.**

9.15-10.15am **Term time only** (*see below*) All Saints, Wouldham

### **Sunday, 3rd February, Candlemass**

9.00am Said Holy Communion Burham Community Centre

10.30am Holy Communion with Hymns All Saints, Wouldham

### **Sunday, 10th February, 4th Sunday before Lent**

10.30am Sung Holy Communion All Saints, Wouldham

### **Thursday, 14th February**

11.00am Winchester House Holy Communion. All are welcome

### **Sunday, 17th February, 3rd Sunday before Lent**

9.00am Holy Communion All Saints, Wouldham

10.30am, Messy Church (*see opposite*) Burham Community Centre

### **Sunday, 24th February, 2nd Sunday before Lent**

10.30am Sung Holy Communion All Saints, Wouldham



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**or 07964 697556**

## **COFFEE MORNING**

**Friday,  
22nd February,  
10.45-11.45am**

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All Saints, Wouldham.  
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welcome**

# **Heart of Kent Hospice**

## **Preston Hall, Aylesford. ME20 7PU**

.....is holding open mornings for potential volunteers throughout 2019 and you are warmly invited to come along and find out about the amazing contribution you could make by giving the gift of time regularly or on an ad hoc basis. We know from speaking to our volunteers that doing good does you good and is a good opportunity to broaden your experience and help a local charity which is important in the community.

We have a variety of volunteer roles available for example in our shops, with patients in the community or our Inpatient Unit, at our events or on our Living Well Sessions. If you have considered volunteering and can spare some time on a regular or occasional basis please do come and have a chat with us. All are welcome but we are particularly interested in meeting volunteers with training in the arts, music, storytelling, exercise techniques such as Tai Chi and Yoga and complementary therapies.

The next open mornings are 9<sup>th</sup> February and 9<sup>th</sup> March from 10.00 am – 1 pm . Thereafter they will be on the second Saturday of each month up to and including November.

To find out more about us please call Volunteer Services on 01622 792200 , email [volunteers@hokh.co.uk](mailto:volunteers@hokh.co.uk) or just drop in at one of the sessions.

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### **CALM**

This month the Methodist Church in Burham is supporting the charity CALM (Campaign Against Living Miserably), which is dedicated to preventing male suicide. Death's from suicide is the single biggest killer of men under 45 in the UK, and 75% of all suicides in 2015 were male. CALM offers support to men in the UK of any age via their Helpline, Website and Webchat. They challenge a culture that prevents men from seeking emotional help when they most need it. Men are expected to be in control at all times and failure to be seen as such equates to weakness and loss of masculinity. If men felt able to ask for and find help at times of crisis, very many male suicides could be prevented. CALM can be contacted on line or by phone 0800585858.

If you would like to support this work, join us in making a financial contribution. All money received will be sent to CALM at the end of the month.

## **THE CHURCH IN BURHAM (Methodist), Church St.**

**Minister:- Rev. Noreen Daley-Lee. Tel No 01732 642581**

**Stewards:-** Eileen Smith, 01634 867022 & Joyce Brown 01634 864413  
Trevor Smith 01634 867022. & Rod Murr 01634 868075

Requests for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals to: Rev Noreen Daley-Lee or stewards.

### **SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY**

- Feb 3rd 10.30am Morning Worship led by Roger Byard**  
**Feb 10th 10.30am Morning Worship led by Local Team**  
**Feb 17th 10.30am Morning Worship led by Judith German**  
**Feb 24<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Holy Communion led by Rev. Noreen Daley-Lee**

**AFTERNOON TEA** This will continue as usual each Tuesday afternoon from 3.0pm till 4.30pm. Everyone is most welcome to join us for a cup of tea, piece of homemade cake and a 'Fun Quiz'

**COUNTRY LUNCH** Country Lunch will take place as usual on Thursday February 12<sup>th</sup> when everyone is welcome to enjoy our meal of homemade soup with crusty bread and cheese, followed by fruit crumble and ice cream with tea or coffee to finish. We ask for a donation of £3.

**BOOK EXCHANGE** Book Exchange this month will be a week later than usual on Saturday February 9<sup>th</sup> from 10.30am till 12.0. This is an opportunity for you to bring books you have read and exchange them for others from our good selection. Tea and coffee and served together with homemade cake for which we ask a donation of £1.

**FILM CLUB** February's Film Club takes place on Wednesday February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm when we will be showing 'The Last Emperor'. Do join us to watch the film and share tea and coffee afterwards for which we ask a donation of £1.

### **CHARITIES**

Our charity for December and January was Maidstone Homeless Care. In February we will be supporting CALM. Please see the separate piece opposite which explains the work of this charity.

## 2019 EVENTS AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, BURHAM

*(down by the river)*

*Come and join us in this beautiful setting*

### FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S BURHAM

We are currently sorting out dates for our events for 2019 and we have lots of exciting things planned.

"This is My Theatre" will be performing several productions.

Also we have plans for a Quiz, Music Festival, Art exhibition, and a Flower Festival. Finishing off the year with the Carols By Candlelight.

We will be posting dates of all these events on our facebook page

[www.facebook.com/stmarysburham](https://www.facebook.com/stmarysburham) and in the parish magazine.

Or call Rosie 01634 672346

We hope you will be able to join us.



## MEN'S SUPPER CLUB

TUESDAY, 5th FEBRUARY

at

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, WOULDHAM



Ken Kirk will be talking about-

The Soldiers Sailors & Air Force Families Association. SSAFA

All are welcome. Contact Dennis 01634672060

## RAY STURGEON'S 2019 CALENDAR CHARITY

My sincere thanks to everyone who supported me for this very worthy cause and special thanks to Aylesford Pantry, Eccles Village Store, The Red Bull, & Burham Arkadia.

A total of £1100 was raised from the sale of the calendars and distributed:

£550 Heart of Kent Hospice

£220 Riverbank, Children's Ward, Maidstone Hospital

£150 Homeless Charity

£50 Aylesford Pre School

£50 Burham Pre School

£50 Wouldham Pre School

£50 Burham 'Sure Start'

Ray Sturgeon



# WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council would like to wish all our residents a very Happy New Year.



## **Old School. School Lane**

The Parish Council tried very hard to obtain the old building to use as a new Village Hall, sadly we were unsuccessful, KCC having to make as much money as they could to help pay for the new school. We have heard that it has been purchased by a private school to use for children with special needs. We consider this to be the 2<sup>nd</sup> best option it could have been. However we have put in an application to list the old building.

## **Henry Peters Charity**

This Charity, set up many years ago has been reopened and will be available to any resident that needs help getting to and from medical appointments. Please use the form printed opposite to apply.

## **Dog Poo**

PLEASE stop allowing your dogs to poo in the village without picking it up, there are many bins around and posters to remind you. It is very unpleasant for all other residents.

## **Recreation Ground**

The PC has been successful in applying for wildlife saplings from the Woodland Trust and will be asking for volunteers in March to plant them in the Rec. Residents have been offered the chance to put a gate in their walls so they have easy access to the car park.

## **Traffic**

We have heard from KCC that they have commissioned an independent strategic transport review to cover Wouldham, Burham and Eccles. They will be putting in a barrier and dropped kerb at Knowle Road at the end of the pathway and some signs warning about the crossing at the Village Hall. The PC continue to work hard on the problem of traffic in the village and have commissioned yearly traffic surveys. These are on our website. We have also commissioned air monitoring, these results will be available in the summer.

CONTACT: Clerk Nicky Grimes [clerk@wouldhamPC.co.uk](mailto:clerk@wouldhamPC.co.uk)  
01634864319. Chair Jenny Head [jennyhead1@gmail.com](mailto:jennyhead1@gmail.com)

## **FLYTIPPING**

Fly tipping has increased considerably in this area, recently bags of clothing were dumped along Hall Road and Wouldham Road. Fly tipping costs us all to clean up either when TMBC clean it up or our litter warden, we all pay. So please, if you see anything suspicious please report it, you can either tell the Parish Council or use the 101 website, photos are useful but if you get a number plate definitely report it. Bags of rags which were dumped this week can be dropped off at the tip easily and for free, these people have no respect for this area so any information on them would be treated seriously.

## **WOULDHAM HENRY PETERS CHARITY**

Trustees: Catherine Gore. Nicky Grimes (Wouldham Parish Council)

### **REGULATIONS:**

This is an old village charity, to bring it up to modern standards we are offering payments for transport to hospital or Doctors where other transport is not available.

“Wouldham residents, especially families, who are suffering financial difficulties as a result of sickness or accident. In particular, the fund will be used in cases where long term illness creates a continuous need, although shorter or more immediate difficulty can also qualify for help”

### **APPLICATION FORM.**

**ALL INFORMATION GIVEN WILL BE TREATED AS  
ABSOLUTELY CONFIDENTIAL.**

**NAME**.....

**ADDRESS**.....

**DISTANCE TO TRAVEL:** .....

**COST OF TRAVEL:**.....

This form can be completed and sent to a Trustee:

Catherine Gore  
Ringshill Farm  
Wouldham Road  
ME1 3TP  
gore@farmline.com

Nicky Grimes  
Scarborough Farm  
Rochester Road  
ME1 3RD  
clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk

## PETERS VILLAGE NEWS

### **Stella offers hi-vis crossing comfort in the winter gloom**

As Wouldham and Peters Village schoolchildren and their families stand by for the worst of winter, they will be cheered to see Stella Wingate running the school crossing patrol.

Stella was appointed at the beginning of the autumn term 2018 after funding provided to Wouldham All Saints Church of England Primary School by Peters Village developer Trenport, and the housebuilders of the site: Bellway, Ashbury and Orbit.

Since then, clad in her hi-visibility uniform, she has helped hundreds of children cross the road at the Medway Inn junction, between Knowle Road, High Street and Hall Road, a role that becomes increasingly important in gloomy wintertime conditions before and after school.

“I love the job, especially as I’ve lived in Wouldham for 17 years now and feel I’m contributing something to a village I’ve come to love,” said Stella. “The children always say ‘thank you’ after I’ve seen them across the road safely and that gives me a warm feeling”.

“I’ve also had fantastic support from the school and the head, Carl Fitter. The hours are handy too, as I can be home when my 16-year-old daughter Jade comes in from her own school day.

“I was surprised to learn that I would need two days’ training, but the course was actually very useful and gave me a better insight into all the safety aspects,” she added.

The role also adds neatly to what really has been a caring career for Stella, who previously worked as a registered nurse and an occupational health advisor, before ‘retiring’ last Easter after ten years as a self-employed foot health practitioner.

“I like to be active, so a lot of my spare time is spent outside, gardening and walking the dog and also in the local church choir,” added Stella, who has moved around in her career, with locations including the Lake District, Cornwall and nine years in South Africa.

Wouldham school moved from its former site in the centre of village in February last year to an all-new purpose-built complex – the land and funding being provided by Trenport – in order to cater for both the children of Wouldham and those living on Peters Village, which is set to have 1,000 homes within the next few years.

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The school's head, Carl Fitter, said: "The new school location is ideally placed for Wouldham and the new community at Peters Village, but the safety of children walking to the new school was paramount, so we are absolutely delighted to have Stella as our 'lollipop lady'. Everybody loves her here!"



## **BURHAM & WOULDHAM BOOK CLUB**

**7.30pm, Wednesday, 20th February  
Burham Methodist Church, Church St.**



On January 16th we held our monthly Book Club meeting to discuss; 'Once upon a time in the East'; another wonderful and thought provoking read, and we had a particularly good meeting as it was also our annual dinner at The Butchers Block! If you've ever thought about joining us - please do - we always have space for a couple more. We meet on the 3rd Wed. of the month at 7.30pm, at Burham Church in colder months and Wouldham Church in warmer ones, but it's not actually a Church club. We read a wide variety of books provided by the library. Some we suggest and some are a surprise! Often one of us downloads some questions to get us talking, and often we end up talking a bit off topic - but it's never too heavy/intellectual!

Our next book is Kate Atkinson's; 'Behind the Scenes at the Museum'. If you are interested please contact Gwen Worcester 01634 672060

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## Wouldham All Saints Church of England Primary School

We were recently looking at photos and film clips of the school being built and the epic move from one site to the other. It is now one year since the move and we really can't believe the change!

Change can always cause anxiety and upset but all change is inevitable and we have to choose whether to embrace the change and work with it to achieve the best possible outcomes or to remain with what we know and are comfortable with and miss out on things getting better.

I have many years of experience in education and seen very many changes in all sorts of ways but like to think I make the best of everything that goes on and to demonstrate to our children that we should grow and learn in all situations and circumstances and strive to make things better for everyone.

As we celebrate a new year and look forward to the coming of spring it is really important to think about how we might support and encourage positive outcomes from the changes that will occur around us – whether it be at school, at home or within the community. My challenge to everyone is to consider how we can support and encourage those working to improve lives in all ways and to avoid moaning and criticising without doing anything better instead! This is particularly important with current political turmoils and gives us chance to show our children how to be tolerant, considerate and sensible!

Wouldham All Saints has changed dramatically on the outside with our amazing new building but we've also changed quite a bit in respect to our family. We now have over 330 children and continue to welcome newcomers on a regular basis. We have been able to employ new adults to our team and we welcome all of you (too many to name individually here!) and look forward to seeing your amazing contributions to the whole school.

February will be hectic with lots of learning and a week off as well. Some children are off to Snowdonia for a week to experience mountains and we look forward to sharing some great stories about their adventures at some point in the future.

### **Dates for your diary**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb                      End of Term 3. Re-open on Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Feb.

5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> March      Learning Progress Meetings – all classes. 3-6pm

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April      End of Term 4. Easter holiday until 24<sup>th</sup> April.

**[www.wouldham.kent.sch.uk](http://www.wouldham.kent.sch.uk)**

*Carl Fitter, Headteacher*

# PARISH NEWS

## Choir Practice

Church choir practice is on Thursdays, 7.30pm at All Saints Church, Wouldham.

New junior and senior members are most welcome.

For enquiries, please contact Sandra Holman

Tel. 01634-867586

## Bell Ringing

Bell Ringing Practice is on Wednesdays at 8pm at All Saints Church, Wouldham. New ringers always welcome

## Prescriptions

If you are unable to collect your prescriptions and live in Burham, Wouldham or Peters Village, the Church offers a collection service.

**Contact:**

**Rachael Harris. 07725289194**

*The surgery require 72 hours to prepare the prescription and the volunteers collecting these prescriptions need 24hrs notice.*

## THANK YOU

Thank you to all those who contributed so generously to the hymn book appeal, which raised enough to buy 80 copies of 'Ancient & Modern: Hymns and Songs for Refreshing Worship'. We bought melody editions so that people can follow the tunes.  
*Rev' Mike Hayes*

## SATURDAY WASTE COLLECTION

**TMBC Helpline 01732 876147**  
**[www.tmbc.gov.uk](http://www.tmbc.gov.uk)**

For January dates, please check with TMBC.

**Wouldham** - Village Car Park, Knowle Rd, **8.00am–9.00am.**

**2nd February,**

**Burham**, Village Hall Car Park, **2nd February, 9.15am -10.15am**

**Eccles** – Bull Lane lay-by.

**2nd February 10.30am- 11.30am**

**16th February, 8.00am—8.45am**

**Snodland**- Saltings Road  
(outside Neville Park)

**9th February, 8.00am—9.00am**

**23rd February, 8.00am-9.00am**

**Snodland**—St Benedicts Rd,  
junction of Paddlesworth Rd.

**16th February, 8.00-9.00am**

All sites on the Saturday Service have **WEEE** collection ie- **Waste,Electical,Electronic,Equipment & scrap metal items** at the same time that Veolia's vehicles are on site. *Do not leave waste unattended at the collection sites or in advance of the waste vehicles arriving.*

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## POPPY APPEAL

Thank you to all who generously donated and to those who gave their time to collect. £850.11 was raised by Wouldham. The Burham amount is awaited.

## PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

### Burham Parish Council

**Pam Saunders – Clerk**  
The Parish Office, Rochester Road.  
Burham. ME1 3RJ  
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Email: [pam@burhampc.co.uk](mailto:pam@burhampc.co.uk)  
[www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk)

### Wouldham Parish Council

[www.wouldhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.wouldhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk)  
**Parish Clerk—Nicky Grimes**  
[clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk)  
01634 864319

**Community Warden:-**  
**Deb Foreman—07813694140**  
**Police non emergency – 101**

## MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

The library visits Burham & Wouldham  
fortnightly on:

**Tuesdays, 12th & 26th February**

**Wouldham, Walter Burke Ave - 13.15-13.45hrs**  
**Wouldham, Ravensknowle - 13.55-14.25hrs**  
**Burham, Village Hall - 14.35-15.35hrs**

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## HALLS FOR HIRE

**Burham Methodist Church Hall –**  
01634 867022

**Burham Old School Community Centre**  
– 01634 863322

**NB—From March 1st, 2019, Burham**  
**Community Centre will be increasing the**  
**rent to:**  
**£10/ hour weekdays & £12/hour weekends.**

**Burham Village Hall – 07842883028**

**Wouldham Village Hall – 01634 864319**  
[clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk)

## ALLOTMENTS

**We have some Wouldham**  
**allotment plots available.**  
**Contact Sue: 682363**

**Burham Parish Council.**  
There are allotment plots  
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**Contact: Dave Young on**  
**867669**

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## February in your Garden

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With the new year comes a new gardening season, and an opportunity to recognise and take stock of all the hard work that has been put into making your outdoor space all you want it to be. The longer days do create optimism for the garden that is yet to come, & with Snowdrops, Narcissi & Hellebores now out in all their glory it presents a hopefulness of great things. If you have planted pots of bulbs in Autumn, then these will now be starting to come to life and will soon be flowering their socks off, a light feed especially if they've been in the pot for more than one season will help them to perform at their best.

February is also a good time to get things started on the vegetable garden. Onion sets can be planted out, together with Broad Bean seeds as both are hardy. Sow extra beans in pots on a window sill or in the shed to grow on in case any of the outdoor plants get caught by frost or nibbled by garden pests. Other seeds that can be sown now are brassicas such as broccoli and cabbage, keep these in a cool shed or greenhouse to germinate, and tomatoes & chillies which will benefit from a warm windowsill and the occasional warmth of the heating (just don't let them dry out).

It's also a good time to review what seeds you have – remember to use up left-over seeds if you can as some won't store for more than a few years – and then replenish those that are needed. There is so much choice now amongst the various websites & catalogues that every taste is catered for in vegetables, fruit & flowers, so it's well worth trying something different each year along-side your favourites – who knows you may discover some new favourites !! Seed sowing is also a great activity to get kids involved in – mini varieties work well. Any cuttings taken last year should also be starting to show signs of growth in the next month, so keep a close eye on them, offering them some protection if the weather turns particularly harsh, but also ensuring they have adequate water if the weather is dry to encourage strong, healthy roots.

Other things to be doing in the garden now:

Vary the feed on your bird tables to encourage a range of birds into your garden – this year's RSPB Birdwatch is on 26-28<sup>th</sup> Jan 19 so make a date with your garden & record who visits.

Prune Wisteria & Fuschia – by cutting back summers side shoots to 2-3 buds.

Prepare veg beds by removing any weeds, lightly forking over, and/or covering with a generous layer of compost.

*Sue Durrani, Secretary, Allotment Association, Wouldham*  
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# BURHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

FEBRUARY 2019



**Website:** [www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk)

**Facebook page** “Burham Parish Council”

Welcome back after the Christmas break. We you all had a lovely time. Just to clarify: Changes in recycling from the home (kerbside) will be implemented by TMBC. The new contract starts on 1st March 2019 which will initially remain the same as now while preparation is made to launch the new recycling collection service. The new service is expected to be available to all residents by November 2019. An overview of the new service is a weekly food waste collection, a fortnightly collection of waste which can't be recycled, an alternative fortnightly collection of mixed dry recyclables (plastics, cartons and glass), with a separate container for paper and card. There is also a separate fortnightly collection of garden waste (as an “opt in” charged service). Further full details will be published by TMBC and residents will be informed before any change takes place. At our 25th March monthly meeting, a TMBC representative will be in attendance to answer any queries residents may have.

As you are hopefully aware, the work to the Village Hall overflow car park was completed before Christmas. The contractors (Southeast Groundworks) in fact finished the work within 4 weeks, well ahead of schedule. Many positive comments have been received by residents on the professional finish. Now that the area is neat and tidy, please ensure that parking is also neat and tidy, so that as many vehicles as possible can use the upgraded facilities. Parking in the village is at a premium and by parking “pretty” more spaces becomes available for all to us.

Pete's Bench has been installed in the recreation ground near to the Millennium Oak. A dedication service for Pete's bench has been arranged for Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019 at 11am. All residents are welcome to attend.

Arriva bus service. Please continue to advise me of any difficulties that you are experiencing with the service, whether it be lateness, no show or driver problems, as I am still logging the incidents. *continued .....*

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We have been advised that for 6 months from 02.01.2019 - 02.06.2019. Southern gas networks will be carrying out existing pipe replacements along the whole length of Borstal Street up to Priestfield, with multi way temporary traffic lights.

This will bring delays to the 155 service which is beyond their control, also there will bus stop closures put in place during these works.

Church Street One Way System Survey: Further information from the survey will be available in the next edition.

We welcome Lenny Bennett to the Parish Council team. Lenny will be out and about in the village, keeping everything neat, tidy and clean. If you see any areas that need attention, please let me know.

Early December 2018, Jenny Doran resigned as a Councillor, so we now have two vacancies. Let me know if you are interested in becoming a member.

Don't forget to let me know of any fly tipping, pot holes or street lights that are defective, so that I can log with the appropriate authorities.

**If you have any items that you would like the Parish Council to discuss, just give me a call on 01634 685936, e-mail me on [pam@burhampc.co.uk](mailto:pam@burhampc.co.uk) or come along to the monthly meetings, normally held the last Monday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 25 February 2019, 7.30 pm The Parish Building, ROCHESTER ROAD, BURHAM .**

*Pam Saunders – Clerk*

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## **REPORTING 155 BUS PROBLEMS ?**



A number of residents who rely on buses have spoken to local councillors about late cancelled 155 buses.

The buses are a vital link for many people and especially those who do not drive. It is important if there is a poor or non-existent service, that it is reported. So a new system of reporting problems has been set up.

If you have problems please contact **Pam Saunders: 01634 685936 or [pam@burhampc.co.uk](mailto:pam@burhampc.co.uk)** ( Parish Clerk for Burham) or **.Nicky Grimes: 01634 864319 or [clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk)** (Parish Clerk, Wouldham.)

They will require the date and time of the incident, the direction of the bus and brief details of the problem. This should be done as soon as possible after the incident and the details will then be passed to Kent County Council for follow up action.

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**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Mill Rythe Family Entertainment & Activity**  
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We wish our children and all new children and families a very Happy New Year and welcome them after the holiday.

In December, we had an OFSTED inspection which judged us as continuing to be a 'good' school. In particular the Inspector observed that 'Your school provides pupils with a welcoming, inclusive and safe place to learn.' She also observed that, 'You and your team give reading a high priority. As a result, pupils achieve particularly well in reading, including at the higher standards.' We are very pleased with and proud of the outcome of the inspection. A full copy of the report can be seen at <http://www.burham.kent.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Ofsted-Inspection-5th-December-2018-Report.pdf>

December was a busy month beginning with the Christmas Fair organised by our PTFA. The fair was a huge success and raised a fantastic £750 for school funds. Rev' Mike Hayes came to lead our Advent Eucharist with parents and carers attending. The children performed their Christmas productions in front of large audiences of friends, family and carers. Both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 performed 'It's a Baby!' and 'Tinsel and Tea Towels' twice and did brilliantly, especially with all the words and songs they had to learn. A big thanks to all the staff for their help with preparation and performances and well done to all the children. The children were also lucky enough to watch two professional shows before the end of term. Shooting Stars' Entertainment came to perform 'Dick Whittington', and the Family Trust performed a play called 'Quentin's Quest'. Also together with all parents and carers we enjoyed amazing performances from the children who are having music lessons in school with Rock Steady Music School and this was followed by a Christmas Singalong. On the last day of term, the children enjoyed Christmas lunch and came into school wearing something gold. This was in exchange for a donation to the 'Children with Cancer' charity, raising £150. The children were also treated to an entertaining Magic Show from Micky the Magician.

In January all our extra-curricular activities resumed including gymnastics, football, dancing, Rock Steady and Science Club.

Finally, we are raising money for a School minibus and have so far raised £6,000. We still have a way to go though, so if you or anyone you know, might be able to help us with our fundraising effort, in any way, then please get in touch with the school.

As always, all updates relating to our school can be found on our website [www.burham.kent.sch.uk](http://www.burham.kent.sch.uk) If you would like to get involved with our PTFA please do get in touch [office@burham.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@burham.kent.sch.uk)

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So as we head into the New Year, we are planning trips out, new activities and what to do in our gardens and patio areas. Looking forward to Denis Worcester coming to give us help and advice as we tackle this project and to Gwen Worcester visiting us and spending time with our residents and helping with events. What would we do without you both? Looking forward to our visits from regular entertainers and looking for new ones or anyone with a skill or interest in the community they would like to share with us.

Oh and a very special visitor to our home, Rosie our pet therapy dog, who

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