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Dear friends



Well the magazine is back now from its summer holiday with the batteries recharged ready to dive back into these pages.

September always seems to have that ‘beginning of term’ feeling whatever one’s age. Thinking of this, I see that Sunday, 8th September is ‘Back to School Sunday’ (*page 3*) where prayers will be said for parents, children, teachers and school governors for the year ahead. Carl Fitter (*Headteacher, Wouldham School on page 15*) reflects on schooling in Wouldham over the past 155 years and tells us of his hopes at the new school with the increased numbers of children for their learning adventure into the future.

There’s plenty going on in September and into the Autumn and there are even some Christmas dates for your diary! But, hang on, there’s plenty of summer left to enjoy if just to get out and enjoy the garden and allotment. As usual Sue (*page 25*) has timely gardening advise for us gardeners and I note that there are still allotments available. (*page 18*). There’s a great day out at the ‘Ploughing Match and Gymkhana’ (*page 9*) and also at special fundraising events in support of our local Heart of Kent Hospice. (*page 2*) You could have a lot of fun being creative and enter the ‘Scarecrow Competition’ .... later to be judged on the Scarecrow Trail in Wouldham. (*page 14*) There’re music and art events at St Marys Old Church down by the river (*page 4*) and also the Quiz Night. (*page 13*) Also I notice they’re having a Harvest Lunch at the Methodist ‘Church in Burham’. (*page 4*) So find a friend, go along and make some new friends. See more of ‘What’s Going On’ *on pages 18, 19, & 20*. There’s such a lot going on that it’s hard to fit everything in but do let the editor know if you have a club or event you’d like included and we’ll do our best to get it in. On *page 28*, Trenport tell us that Peters Village is now five years old and they up date us on the progress there. It is interesting to see the timeline of all that has happened/is happening so far. It’s good delivering the magazines in the Village and meeting people on the way and we get to see all the different new homes, admire the setting and the lovely planting over the seasons. Every month, though, I can’t help feeling it’s a puzzle set for us to find the new properties without a map! Well that’s it for my September ramble. Oh...on a practical note, don’t forget the new bin collection arrangements. (*see outside back cover*)

Mary Davis, Editor

## **CLASSIC VEHICLE CHARITY DAY**

In support of Heart of Kent Hospice  
**The Walnut Tree, Forge Lane, East Farleigh ME15 0HJ**  
**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 10.00 am – 4.00 pm**

The Event includes a BBQ and raffle.

Entry is by donation to Heart of Kent Hospice.

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### **CHARITY GOLF**

#### **‘A ROUND FOR RICHARD’**

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**Burham United Charities are a local charitable organisation that provides assistance to those in need living within the old parish boundaries (i.e. Burham Village and parts of Blue Bell Hill).**

Every year the Charity gives grants towards the Winter Fuel costs of retired villagers on restricted incomes.

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**If you, or someone you know, is on a low income or has an exceptional need which is not provided for by Welfare Benefits, we may be able to help.**

**Contact: Dave Young (01634 867669) or Roger Kiralfy (01634 869900)**

# CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES

## SEPTEMBER



**Every Friday, TODDLER CHURCH.**

9.15-10.15am **Term time only**

All Saints, Wouldham

**Sunday, 1st September, 11th Sunday after Trinity**

9.00am Said Holy Communion

Burham Community Centre

10.30am Holy Communion with hymns

All Saints, Wouldham

**Sunday, 8th September, 12th Sunday after Trinity**

**'Back to School Sunday'**

10.30am Sung Holy Communion

All Saints, Wouldham

**Thursday, 12th September**

11.00am Winchester House Holy Communion & hymns. All welcome

**Sunday, 15th September, 13th Sunday after Trinity**

9.00am Holy Communion

All Saints, Wouldham

10.30am, Messy Church (*see page 20*)

Burham Community Centre

**Sunday, 22nd September, 14h Sunday after Trinity**

10.30am Sung Holy Communion

All Saints, Wouldham

**Sunday, 29th September, St. Michael and All Angels**

10.30am Café Communion

All Saints, Wouldham

4.00 pm Sung Evening Prayer

All Saints, Wouldham

**Sunday, 8 September. At 'Back to School Sunday' prayers will be said for parents, children, teachers and school governors.**

10.30 service at All Saints Church Wouldham. All are welcome.

**The Pilgrim Course begins on Monday, September 16th, 7pm at All Saints Church and runs for 6 weeks.**

This time we look at "The Bible - how it was given to us, and how we should read it". Costs: £6 for the course book.

Please contact Mike Hayes (*see front cover*) if you are interested.



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**Saturday/Sunday 21/22nd September** from 10-4. We will be showing the work of two contemporary artists in the beautiful setting of St Mary's Old Church down by the river in Burham

**This is my Theatre - Snow Queen:** Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2pm  
**Carols by Candlelight:** Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

We will be posting dates of all these events on our facebook page [www.facebook.com/stmarysburham](http://www.facebook.com/stmarysburham) Or call Rosie 01634 672346  
We hope you will be able to join us.



**WHY NOT JOIN US  
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A SUNDAY HARVEST LUNCH  
on  
SEPTEMBER 29<sup>th</sup> at 1.00pm**

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# SEPTEMBER

## 'The Church in Burham' Services

All services at the church, Church Street, Burham



### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September

10.30am **Morning Worship** led by the Worship Group

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September

10.30am **Morning Worship** led by Margaret Price

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September

10.30am **Morning Worship** led by Richard Vincent

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

10.30am **Morning Worship** led by Rev. Naomi Oates\*

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September

10.30am **Harvest Thanksgiving Service** led by Rev. Tony Graff, followed by a **Sunday Harvest Lunch** (see further details below and on the 'What's Going On?' centre pages in this magazine).

Gifts of dried and tinned food (soup and beans not currently needed) can be brought to the church on or before Sunday 29th September for the Harvest Thanksgiving Service. They will be donated to the Salvation Army in Gillingham for use in **food banks and food parcels**.

Our chosen charity for September is **Water Aid**, a charity working to provide clean water, decent toilets and hygiene knowledge to people who don't yet have access to them. See [www.wateraid.org](http://www.wateraid.org)

In support of this, we will hold a Harvest Lunch, see details of this opposite.

***For details of other activities at The Church in Burham, including teas, the Sunday Harvest Lunch, Thursday Country Lunch, Film Club and Book Exchange, please see the 'What's Going on?' centre pages in this magazine.***

**\*We welcome Rev. Naomi Oates as the new Minister. Naomi will lead her first service in Burham on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. We thank Rev Noreen Daley-Lee for her ministry to the Church and the Circuit for over three years.**

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# WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL



The next meeting will be on  
September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

## HALL ROAD

The Parish Council have been trying to get lighting installed along the pathway at Hall Road. We have asked the developers of the new builds if they would donate and we are very grateful to Bellway and Hyde for their donations. We are getting advice on the suitability of solar lighting and getting some quotes.

## TRAFFIC

Congratulations to the new resident's traffic group (Wouldham Against Traffic/WAT) for getting the publicity for the conditions along the High St. We are in contact with KCC to try and agree a solution. If you want to **contact them: [wouldhamagainstraffic@gmail.com](mailto:wouldhamagainstraffic@gmail.com)**

## NEW VILLAGE HALL

Work on getting a new village hall is continuing. The Parish Council have had an offer on the old hall and are working on the best possible replacement. We will keep you posted.

## CONTACT DETAILS

Wouldham Parish Council website is;

**[wouldhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://wouldhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk)** We try and keep it updated with all Parish news and plans. Our agendas, minutes and finance information is all on here.

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**CONTACT THE EDITOR**

*See page 33*

**To contact the clerk you can email [clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk) or call 01634 864319.**

If you would like to report a problem on the road KCC have an excellent online reporting tool on [kent.gov.uk](http://kent.gov.uk): roads and travel: report a problem. We also have a report in the Parish news and noticeboards on the High St, the car park, the Village Hall and Village Road.



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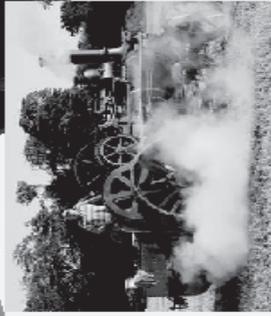
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Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2019

Paddlesworth Farm  
Snodland  
Kent ME6 5DR

Events commence: 9.30am

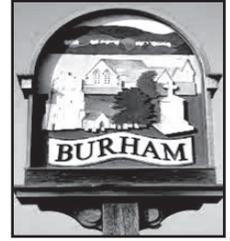
Entry on foot : £2

Entry by Car: £5 & £1 per passenger

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Gymkhana entries: [sue.batchelor@me.com](mailto:sue.batchelor@me.com)

# **BURHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS SEPTEMBER 2019**



Keep up to date with Parish Council business, visit:

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

**Facebook page “Burham Parish Council”**

Welcome back after the summer break – We hope you all had a good summer.

As a reminder, no motorized vehicles (including cars, motor cycles and quads) should be on the recreation ground unless prior permission has been granted by us. If you see any suspicious activity, then please let me or any Councillor know or report to the Police on 101. Further signage will be installed in due course. Any anti-social behavior (including speeding and racing along New Court Rd) should be reported to the Police on 101 or via the Kent Police website.

We have received many positive responses to the Whitehouse Crescent planting areas – where the original wooden planters stood. This is only temporary planting and hopefully next year, the area will have more permanent structures in situ.

Car Park facilities: Village Hall (including the over flow), Bell Lane and Church Street: All these facilities are available on a free of charge basis. However, please do not use the facilities for “storing” vehicles. Vehicles should be taxed, MOT’d, insured and in a road worthy condition. No mobile homes/camper vans or similar type vehicles are permitted. All the car parks are monitored and vehicles which do not move for a while are observed and if necessary letters written, requesting removal and hand posted via the local PCSO. Parking in the village is at a premium and can cause problems, so the facilities offered need to be respected and used for normal every-day parking activities. Please do not take advantage of the existing car parks.

As a reminder, please do not park over dropped kerbs and on/near corners.

We are still in communication with KCC Highways regarding the outstanding matters including the speed limits and Gateway section in Church Street.

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Work started at Peters Village in July on a six month project to re-model part of the quarry slope which is needed to make full use of the housing phase on the north-west side of the brown field site. The work should be finished by Christmas 2019 or early 2020 but there could be a small amount of noise and dust in addition to the existing construction work elsewhere on the site. Spoil from the work will be contained onsite for local use.

As previously reported, the land between New Court Rd and Court Rd is under lease. The area has been named as “Court Meadow” and whilst “walkways” through the area will be trimmed, via our landscape contractors, generally speaking Court Meadow will be left as a wild flower meadow. The hedge is also under contract to be trimmed on an as and when required basis.

**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 30 September 2019, 7.30 pm The Parish Building, ROCHESTER ROAD, BURHAM. Pam Saunders – Clerk.**

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# Dates for your Diary

## CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday, 16th November  
1pm—3pm,  
Burham Village Hall



Raffle, Cakes, Jams & Chutneys, Bottle Stall.  
Come & look for Christmas gifts  
Refreshments: Tea & Homemade Cakes

Anyone wishing to sell Christmas themed goods can hire a table, contact Gwen 01634 672060

Raising Funds for the Parish Church of Burham & Wouldham.

Burham Music Co. is staging a special....

## 'CHRISTMAS BOX' Show

Full of Christmas Goodies for all the family

7th December. 7.00 for 7.30pm

Burham Village Hall

Tickets available from  
November:

Adults £8 Children £4





Join us in the Old School Community Centre  
for a **FREE Quiz Night**  
**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September**  
**7:30pm – 9:30pm**



***ALL welcome!***

***Prize for the winning team! - Teams will be sorted out on the night, so please just turn up***

**Bring own drinks and nibbles**

Future events: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm-9.00pm – Event planning  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm-9.00pm – Pizza night  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 7.30pm-9.30pm – Christmas Party  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm – 9.00pm – 1st Year Celebration  
Jacket Potato night

***Psst...Look out for details of future events, including details of our fortnightly ramble via our Facebook page***

**If you would like to help out in anyway, or offer new ideas, or are just curious to see what we are about, please do drop by.**

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*Judging will take place on  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019*

*Trail visiting all scarecrows will take  
place on  
Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019,  
with prize giving at the school.*

*School Hall will be open from  
10am – 12pm*



## **Wouldham All Saints Church of England Primary School**

Happy new school year to everybody! As we open our doors to welcome all of our children to the start of another exciting year of learning I can hardly believe we are here again. This marks the beginning of our 155<sup>th</sup> year in Wouldham – wow! Personally, I will have been headteacher for 15 of those years and have been working in education for just over 30 years. Those numbers are scary as it doesn't seem that long at all!

What is amazing is that all those years, whether mine or the school's, have all been different and although impossible to recall every lesson from every day there are memories that have been created and kept throughout all of them.

When we moved from the School Lane site in 2018 it was wonderful to meet some 'old pupils' and hear their stories from many years ago. We all have memories from our childhood schooling (not always warm and cosy!) and this shows just how important our education is.

Our children develop attitudes and confidences that will help shape them into their future selves and being part of this is a real privilege for those working in schools.

I wonder what activities, comments and experiences will set alight enthusiastic learning that makes memories for our children that will last a lifetime? The summer time is a chance for school staff to rest and relax but also a time for making plans and thinking creatively about the opportunities that will be given to the children in school. A chance to recharge batteries but also to experience new things and learn themselves as it is important that adults in school never lose touch with being a learner!

As we start the new year we move into 14 classes and welcome two new teachers to our team as well as many new families who join us for the first time. Our two Reception classes are full and we are excited about getting to know you all as you begin your adventure of learning this September.

There have been many changes over the past few years and we expect the rate of change to settle down now and we can then focus on the most important part of what we are about – getting the children to fly as high as possible and experience living life in all its fullness.

The coming year will have many challenges, tears, laughs and times of wonder ahead. With everyone working hard together we expect there will be many lifelong memories created, for young and old alike, and we encourage you all to come along with us and enjoy the experience!

Whatever it may bring!

*Carl Fitter, Headteacher*

## PARISH INFORMATION

### Burham Parish Council

Pam Saunders – Clerk.

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The next Council meeting: 30th September, 7.30pm. Usually the last Monday in the month.

### Wouldham Parish Council

Parish Clerk—Nicky Grimes 01634 864319 [clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk)

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Council Meetings are held in Wouldham Village Hall. The next meeting: 3rd Sept, 7.30pm. Usually on the first Tuesday of the month.

COMMUNITY WARDEN:- Vivien Hickmott 07813694140

POLICE - PCSO Jo-Anne Tiller, non emergency tel no. – 101

### HALLS FOR HIRE

Burham Old School Community Centre – 01634 863322

Burham Village Hall – 07842883028

‘The Church in Burham’ Hall – 01634 867022

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

## SATURDAY WASTE COLLECTION

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

Wouldham - Car Park, Knowle Rd,  
7th September, 8.00am–9.00am.

Burham, Village Hall Car Park,  
7th September, 9.15am -10.15am

Eccles – Bull Lane lay-by.  
7th September, 10.30- 11.30am  
21st September, 8.00am—8.45am

Snodland- Saltings Road  
(outside Neville Park)  
14 & 28 Sept. 8.00am—9.00am

Snodland—St Benedicts Rd,  
junction of Paddlesworth Rd.  
12th September, 8.00-9.00am

All sites on the Saturday Service have WEEE collection ie-  
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#### **HEARING AIDS.**

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# What's Going On?

## SOCIAL GROUPS & MEETINGS

**Women's Institute** - 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Burham Village Hall. 7.30pm. Contact Eileen Smith 01634 867022.

**Wouldham 60+CLUB.** Social afternoon for over 60s. Meeting Tuesdays, 2-4pm at the Watermans Arms, Wouldham

**Burham Meeting Place** - A Community Group socialising with events for the whole community. Meeting once a month on a Monday evening, 7.30pm till 9pm usually the second Monday of the month. (*see page 13*)

**Thursday Community Club** - Burham Community Centre, 10.30-12pm. Tea, coffee, cakes. Friendly gatherings & outings. September 5, 12, 19, 26. Contact - Betty Young 01634 867669

**Afternoon Tea** The Church in Burham, Church St. 3.0pm. every Tuesday Join us to enjoy a cup of tea and cake, a fun quiz and good company. All welcome. Contact Trevor Smith 01634867022

**Coffee Morning.** All Saints Church, Wouldham. Last Friday of the month 10.45 –11.45am. 27th September. The proceeds from this month's coffee morning in church will go to Macmillan Cancer Support. We always welcome donation of cakes. Just come along. All welcome.

**Men's Supper, 24th September.** All Saints church, Wouldham. Evening Supper together & a speaker. Contact Dennis Worcester for dates & catering. 01634 672060

**Country Lunch** - The Church in Burham, Church St. 1pm, Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September (a week earlier than usual). Soup, Crusty Bread & Cheese, Fruit Crumble & Ice Cream, Tea/ Coffee. We ask for a donation of £3. Profits to our charity of the month. Contact Trevor Smith 01634867022

**Sunday Harvest Lunch** The Church in Burham, Church St. Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September. *See the details on page 4.*

**Men's Supper with guest speaker.** 7.30pm, 24th September. All Saints Church. Wouldham. Enjoy supper together. All very welcome. Contact: Dennis re. catering nos: 672060.

## ALLOTMENTS

Different size allotments are available to grow your own fruit and veg.

**Burham.**Contact- Dave Young 01634 867669.

**Wouldham.** Contact Sue: 682363

## **BOOKS**

**Book Club** - Meet 3rd Wednesday of the month at various venues.  
Contact - Gwen Worcester 01634 672060.

**KCC Mobile Library: Fortnightly on Tuesdays:**

**SEPTEMBER: 10th & 24th**

**Wouldham, Walter Burke Ave** - 13.15-13.45hrs.

**Wouldham, Ravensknowle** - 13.55-14.25hrs.

**Burham, Village Hall** - 14.35-15.35hrs (*use us or loose us!*)

**Book Exchange** - 1st Saturday of the month. The Church in Burham, Church St. 7th September, 10.30-12 noon. Bring books you have read and exchange them for others from our good selection. Serving tea, coffee & homemade cake for a donation of £1. Contact Eileen Smith 01634867022.

## **ACTIVITY/SPORT**

**Burham Baton Twirlers** -Village Hall every other Thursday 4.15-30pm.  
Contact Lyn Robinson 07729 373558.

**Burham Blue Bells Dance School.** Sat 9.30-12noon in Community Centre  
3 years and above. Contact - to be confirmed.

**Duet Dance School** Fri 3.30-7pm. Julie Potter/Hayley Mann.  
*duets\_dancer\_school@yahoo.com*

**Burham Football Club** - Contact Paul Fitzpatrick 07805198937.

**Force Medway Group** - Self Defence in Burham Village Hall.

Tues 7.30-9.30pm. Weds 6-7.15pm. Fri 6-8.30pm.

Contact Stuart or Lorraine Lowe 01634 862943

**Short Mat Bowls** Monday & Wednesdays in Burham Village Hall,  
7.30pm - 10pm. New Members are always welcome. Contact - Irene  
Benton 01634 867466

**Windmill monthly dog walks** from The Windmill Inn, Burham at 10am.  
Advertised in the Windmill. Afternoon tea there afterwards.

**Rambles** are organised fortnightly. Evenings are best time to contact  
Jane Gilbert: 01634 682910.

## **CRAFTS**

**Bear Paws Quilters** in Burham Community Centre. Meeting twice a  
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## CHURCHS

**Church of England Parish of Burham & Wouldham:** *(See page 3)*

1. **All Saints, Wouldham. Parish Church.**
2. **Burham Old School Community Centre:**
  - (i) Messy Church – 3rd Sunday of the month 10.30-12 noon. Rod Murr 01634 868075. For all ages. Games, painting and many other activities and a special bible story. Refreshments.
  - (ii) 9.00am Early morning communion. 1<sup>st</sup> Sun. of the month.
3. **St Marys Church**, Old Church Rd, Burham is a redundant Anglican Church under the care of the Churches Conservation Trust. Occasional special C of E services held there and events run by the Friends of St Marys. *(page 4)*

**Methodist. The ‘Church in Burham’** *(page 5)*

## EATING & DRINKING

The Butchers Block Pub/Restaurant, Burham - 01634 786626

The Robin Hood Pub/Restaurant. Common Rd, 01634 861500

The Windmill Inn /Restaurant, Burham - 01634 864570

Happy House Chinese takeaway, Burham - 01634 668326

Fish & Chips Van: Wednesday, 5-8pm. Burham Village Hall car park  
Saturday, 5-8pm. Wouldham recreation ground car pk.

Medway Inn & Rubys Indian Restaurant/Takeaway, Wouldham. 869181

Waterman Arms, Wouldham. Sunday lunch and Friday afternoon tea.  
01634 681830

## THEATRE/MUSIC/FILM/ART

**Burham Music Hall Group.** Meeting from September weekly on Thursdays, 8.0pm, Burham Village Hall. Planning & rehearsals for Music Hall performances in March 2020. Come along. New members welcome.

**Film Club** 7.30pm Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September. The Church in Burham, Church St. Join us to watch ‘**The Mad Woman of Chaillot**’ Katharine Hepburn, Yul Bryner. Share tea and coffee. Donation of £1 requested. Contact Eileen Smith 01634867022

**Church Choir. All Saints Church Choir.** Choir practice is on Thursdays, 7.30pm, All Saints Church, Wouldham. New junior and senior members are most welcome. Enquiries: Sandra Holman: 01634-867586

**Church Bell Ringing** All Saints Church, Wouldham. Practice: Weds at 8pm. New ringers are welcome. Tina Miles Tel: 07967 795913

**Music Festival. Sat.7 Sept. Burham Old Church** *(see page 4)*

**Art Exhibition. Sat.21 & Sun.22 Sept. Burham Old Church** *(see page 4)*

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## **REPORTING 155 BUS PROBLEMS ?**



A number of residents who rely on buses have spoken to local councillors about late and 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. It's important that they get the evidence your reports provide.

Any poor service we suffer from now will take time to sort out and it is dependent on timely reporting of the problems as they occur. Our MP, KCC & TMBC councillors and our two parish councils are still working on this problem and making slow progress.



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## September in your Garden

*Green is the prime colour of the world & that from which its loveliness arises.'*

Whilst the days may be getting shorter, and temperatures dropping, there is still plenty of colour in the garden, and plentiful harvests of fruit and veg.

Late summer colour in the garden is one of the most vibrant with Rudbeckia, Sunflowers, Salvia and Echinacea all taking centre stage. These should continue to flower through until last frosts, so continue to deadhead regularly to promote flowers right through to Oct/Nov. These flowers also have wonderful seed-heads, which are great for collecting seed, and also for overwintering wildlife. September is also the optimum time to lift & divide those perennials that have already finished flowering for this year, such as Red Hot Poker and Osteospermum. Use a spade or fork to dig the entire root ball out, and then using two forks back to back, sink them into the middle of the plant to create two (or more) new clumps. Replant one clump back into the original hole with some fresh compost, & use any new plants in spare spaces, or pot them up to be donated for the Wouldham Replanting Scheme along the new path in the Rec. Water everything in well to help it resettle, & it will help rejuvenate the plant for stronger growth next year.

In the vegetable garden beans, tomatoes, courgettes, cucumbers, squashes, autumn raspberries and salads continue to crop. Its important to keep harvesting regularly as this will encourage your plants to keep producing. There are a number of ways to extend the life of your harvest, including pickling, freezing and making conserves and chutney, so make sure none of it is wasted and that you can still enjoy the fruits of your labour well into winter. Potatoes, Onions, Garlic and hard fruits (apples & pears) can also be stored in cool, dark places such as a shed/garage, but do check them regularly for signs of decay.

Now is also the time to be looking for spring flowering bulbs as Sept/Oct are the best time to plant them out, either into pots or borders. Planting in pots creates an effortless way to bring early colour into the garden that can be used to place directly into any bare spots - & that can be replaced seasonally once they finish. Other things to be doing in the garden now:

Start using an autumn lawn feed as part of your lawn maintenance

Take hardwood cutting of perennial plants such as Salvia, Cornus, Fuschia & lavender – pot into fresh compost, water from the bottom & protect from frost & they should have new roots by Spring.

Clear the veg plot of plants that have finished producing and compost any waste. Cover beds with fresh compost ready for next years crops.

Keep watering, feeding & deadheading pots & baskets to extend their flowers for as long as possible.

*Sue Durrani, Secretary, Allotment Association, Wouldham*

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# PETERS VILLAGE IS FIVE

Peters Village is currently celebrating its fifth year since construction work started on the all-new 1,000-home community.

The first housing phase, Bellway's 152-home Portland Gardens is also nearly complete - a milestone en route to the project's overall completion in 2024/5. A point not lost on Chris Hall, Director at Trenport, the overall developer of Peters Village: "With Portland Gardens virtually completed and excellent momentum in construction and sales for the other housebuilders onsite – Orbit, Ashberry, Hyde & Westerhill and Moat – we will have nearly a quarter of the planned properties at Peters Village occupied, contradicting those claiming that the housing market is running out of steam.

"We have also just welcomed Bovis Homes to the project and it will start building a new 119-home phase in the autumn, which includes 24 affordable rented units."

And Mr Hall admitted this was also despite obstacles Trenport knew it would face in developing the brownfield site, a former Victorian quarry and cement works. "We have never sought to hide the site's industrial origins – indeed we celebrate them with the 'robust' metal sculpture on the entrance roundabout – but the terrain was a major construction challenge," he said. "The works and quarry closed in the 1920s and the site was latterly used for various businesses, until we bought the land and gained re-development permission.

"The quarry contours needed reforming to create the more gradual elevations that give many homes such a good view of the Medway Valley, but we also needed to build new access roads and services and invest heavily in building the river bridge – opened in September 2016 – to access the M20, M2 and M25 motorways and rail links, including the HS1 to London.

"The riverside esplanade is a big selling point too: visually attractive, it's a popular meeting place, and includes a cycle and bridle way that are just part of a sustainable travel plan we instigated for the village.

"But the over-riding appeal is a rural and riverside lifestyle, with the 'connectivity' that people seek for best employment, education, shopping and leisure options. A sample survey of the first 100 householders at Peters Village showed all would urge family and friends to move there too.

"And while Peters Village has its industrial past, it also has a natural heritage, both celebrated by the dramatic sculpture on the Peters Village roundabout and by heritage trail boards around the site – created by a descendant of the original cement works' owners.

"That natural heritage is highlighted by the Peters Pit SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest) beside the new village and home to a major UK colony of Great Crested Newts and other rare flora and fauna – management of the SSSI is funded by us in a partnership with Kent Wildlife Trust."

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*continued.....*Regarding the community facilities at Peters Village, Mr Hall said the primary school was completed in February 2018 and had been a huge success, but the village hall, a big-name supermarket and three smaller shops plus a dental surgery will be started shortly. The village hall plans were recently enhanced to include a badminton court, nursery school, changing facilities for the newly upgraded playing fields, as well as the meeting and entertainment options now expected of a modern community hall. But Mr Hall added: “Progress on the proposed Peters Village medical centre remains frustratingly slow. We have negotiated with the NHS for many years, but that body has yet to commit its support.”

### **Peters Village -a timeline**

Summer 2014 – CONSTRUCTION STARTS This follows investigations by archaeological ‘time teams’, invited in by Trenport. These reveal human habitation dating back as far as Neolithic times, around 4,000 years BC, and a major Roman presence after they invaded in 43AD, but no significant findings to affect building the new community.

Sept 2015 – FIRST HOUSEBUILDER STARTS Bellway begins building the first homes.

Sept 2016 – BRIDGE OPENS By cutting a ribbon to open ‘Peters Bridge’ the Lord Lieutenant of Kent also cuts a 25-minute journey from the same point on each bank to less than one. In order to link the crossing into the A228 trunk road on the west bank, a replacement bridge over the west bank rail line was also required and part of the Trenport’s £50m overall investment in the infrastructure for Peters Village.

Sept 2017 THE BRIDGE - ONE YEAR ON Positive interviews show how the bridge had already changed the local community on both banks, dramatically boosting people’s options for jobs, education, recreation, shopping and friendships.

March 2018 NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL OPENS the former Wouldham village school moves to Peters Village but retains its old name: Wouldham All Saints CofE Primary School. The £7.95 million replacement is 0.65 of a mile away from its predecessor.

The new school stands on an all-new road, Worrall Drive within PV and can expand to take 420 pupils and accept up to 48 SEND (special educational needs and disabilities) pupils. The site and £4.3 million of the capital cost were provided by Trenport under the planning agreement for the new community.

March 2018 NATURAL HISTORY LEAFLET Trenport and Kent Wildlife Trust publish this printed and online guide (at [www.petersvillage.co.uk](http://www.petersvillage.co.uk)) majoring on the Peters Pit SSSI.

April 2018 PETERS VILLAGE EARNS TRUE COMMUNITY STATUS Orbit Homes markets the first portfolio of shared ownership and affordable rent properties.

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*continued.....* July 2018 CHILDREN AND ART CELEBRATED Since 2014 there has been an annual school arts competition involving the schools in PV's neighbouring villages: Burham, Wouldham and Eccles. After his school's second overall win (2018) in two years, head teacher Jonathan Bassett of St Mark's Primary, Eccles, said: "This art competition has really made us, and our neighbouring schools, think again about art and lift our ambitions for the children."

Sept 2018 BUS LINK Peters Village is linked into the existing 155 bus service from the Medway Towns to Maidstone.

Sept 2018 FIRST 100 RESIDENTS' VERDICT Those living in the first 100 homes deliver a positive view of life in the new community, saying they would not hesitate to urge family and friends to move there too. They liked the expectation of the forthcoming village centre facilities, mix of rural and riverside lifestyle, easy road and rail communications, riverside esplanade, and the association with the SSSI and wealth of flora and fauna.

Oct 2018 COMMUTER COACH LINK TO LONDON Clarkes of London launches service from bus stops at Keepers Cottage Lane and Village Road.

Feb 19 TRAVEL PLAN LAUNCHED Portal is added to [www.petersvillage.co.uk](http://www.petersvillage.co.uk) and follows up on a leaflet published in November 2018. The plan highlights the community's comprehensive sustainable transport and communications network to existing and prospective homeowners in Peters Village. The new web presence also means travel developments can be reported immediately.

Feb 19 HERITAGE TRAIL BOARDS Trenport announces installation of six information boards around the village, highlighting links with Neolithic and Bronze Age cultures, the Romans, and historic figures such as Admiral Nelson: two boards are on the Medway riverbank, two in the middle of Peters Village, one to the north east of the site and one far out to the south east to chronicle the history of Old Burham – marked by the historic St Mary's Church.

There is a further heritage link: the boards and heritage leaflet that partners them have been created by Mark Peters, a descendant of the Peters family who established the former cement works, which in turn gave its name to the modern-day community. But Mark previously had no idea of this local connection, despite living close by at Otford, while his father, Hugh, had grown up believing his family were Midlands stock, and nothing to do with the dynasty who owned Peters works and the nearby 'grand house', Wouldham Hall.

But an ancestral hunt led to a spine-tingling moment worthy of TV's popular 'Who Do You Think You Are?' when Hugh Peters and his family traced his great-great grandfather's grave to Halling Church (see <http://bit.ly/2XLvIEd> for more).

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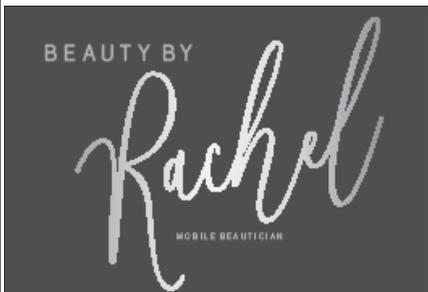
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## **NEW GARDEN WASTE BIN COLLECTION –**

**Current collections of organic waste from the green-lidded bin ceases on 27 September.**

**From 30 September, the new garden waste service becomes an ‘OPT-IN SERVICE’ at £40 per year.**

**You can have up to 3 bins, with the 2nd and 3rd bins costing £25 each. This is all part of Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council’s new waste kerbside services, which will provide:-**

- **Weekly food waste collections, using a new small bin (to be provided);**
- **Fortnightly collections of mixed dry recyclables (plastics, cartons, tins, cans and glass), using your green-lidded bin**
- **Fortnightly collections of paper & card, using your green box**
- **Fortnightly collections of textiles, household batteries and WEEE (waste electrical and electronic equipment) and—**
- **Fortnightly collection of waste which can’t be recycled, using your black bin;**

### **PLUS:**

**Fortnightly collections of garden waste using a new brown bin if you “opt-in” to the service**

**Full details can be found on TMBC’s new website:**

**[www.tmbc.gov.uk/recycleforall](http://www.tmbc.gov.uk/recycleforall)**

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