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**THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARISH OF BURHAM & WOULDHAM**  
**All Saints Church, Wouldham**

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*Unfortunately at present the Church must be kept locked but arrangements for access can be made by contacting one of the Church Wardens:*

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

Dear friends



On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 10.30am the Bishop of Tonbridge will be with us at Wouldham Church for All Saints Sunday. I hope that many people will be able to be with us at that service. It will be an opportunity to hear Bishop Simon speak and to meet him afterwards. Anyone new to the parish is especially welcome that day.

I am also pleased to announce that we will be getting a curate in the parish next September. His name is Christopher Winter and he is currently in training and will come to us when he is ordained deacon at Michaelmas 2020. After one year he will be ordained priest, after which he will be able to celebrate the Eucharist (or Holy Communion). He is expected to be with us for 4 years.

A curate is an assistant priest who is continuing to learn before going on to be in charge of a parish. We have been identified by the diocese as a parish with good learning opportunities. Of course it won't just be him that is learning, the church community here continues to learn all the time including through studying the Pilgrim course.

We have not had a curate here in living memory, so I am very pleased that we will be helping with the continuing training of a new priest. I think there will be a great benefit to the parish having a recently trained member of staff, and I believe Chris will bring very particular gifts to the mission and ministry of the church in this place, especially in this time of great change. As he, and we, prepare for this may I commend him to your prayers.

I will ask Chris to write something to introduce himself in one of the magazines next year.

*In peace, Mike*

**Remembrance Day is on 10th November** *(see pages 3 & 5)*

**Remembrance Day** is the memorial day observed by Commonwealth member states since the end of the First World War to remember the members of the armed forces who have died in the line of duty. This year the red poppy will be used to remember civilian victims for the first time—acknowledging the wider impact of conflict. As usual, poppies are being sold around the villages and the proceeds from these go to the Royal British Legion for their work supporting war veterans. So please be generous. Local services of remembrance will be held on Sunday 10th November: All Saints Church, Wouldham at 10.30am *(see page 3)* and at 2.0pm starting at Burham War Memorial. *(see page 5)* A two-minute silence is held to remember the people who have died in wars and in particular, the local people from our villages who gave their lives in service are named and individually remembered.

# PERRINS CHARITY

Trustees: Rev. Mike Hayes, Marie Rayner and Catherine Gore  
“WOULDHAM PERRINS CHARITY”

The Trustees are pleased to be able to offer assistance in the form of a small Christmas hamper to residents of Wouldham who:

- \*have lived in Wouldham for over 10 years
- \*are 70 years of age or older
- \*at the discretion of the Trustees who are known to be in need of financial assistance.

If you would like to be considered please complete the form below.

## Application form

All information given will be treated as absolutely confidential.

Name.....

Address .....

Date of Birth..... Signature .....

This form should be completed and sent to the Trustee, Mrs. Marie Rayner, 8 Trafalgar Close, Wouldham by 22nd November 2019.

## Messy Church will be CAROL SINGING around Burham



**on 21st December**

More information next month.....

## CHURCH FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE AT CHRISTMAS



*Please see page 31 for  
details of how to make a  
donation for flowers.....*

# CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES NOVEMBER



**Every Friday, TODDLER CHURCH.**

9.15-10.15am **Term time only**

All Saints, Wouldham

**Sunday, 3rd November, All Saints Sunday**

**NO 9.00am HOLY COMMUNION AT BURHAM TODAY**

10.30am Sung Holy Communion,

All Saints, Wouldham

\* Bishop Simon to preside and preach (*see below*)

**Sunday, 10th November, Remembrance Sunday**

10.30am Sung Holy Communion

All Saints, Wouldham

2.00 pm Burham Act of Remembrance

Burham War Memorial

**Thursday, 14th November**

11.00am Winchester House Holy Communion & hymns. All welcome

**Sunday, 17th November, 2nd Sunday before Advent**

9.00am Said Holy Communion

All Saints, Wouldham

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

Burham Community Centre

**Sunday, 24th November, Sunday next before Advent**

10.30am Sung Holy Communion

All Saints, Wouldham

3.00pm Bereavement Service

All Saints, Wouldham

**On All Saints Sunday, 3rd November.**

**at**

**All Saints, Wouldham**



**'The Bishop of Tonbridge, The Rt. Revd. Simon Burton-Jones**

will be presiding and preaching at the 10.30 service.

This is part of his week-long visit to parishes in this deanery of Malling. We encourage everyone to come and hear him and meet him especially those who have moved in to the parish recently'

# Race Night

In aid of  
Kent County Short Mat Bowls Association

**Saturday 23rd Nov 2019**

**Burham Old School Community Centre**

**Adults £5 Children Free**

Tickets from [allanplowman@hotmail.com](mailto:allanplowman@hotmail.com)  
or: 07773 485232

Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Raffle on the night  
[www.kentshortmatbowls.co.uk](http://www.kentshortmatbowls.co.uk)



**Doors Open 7pm**

**Races 7:30pm – 10.30pm**

## 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.

## FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S BURHAM

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

*(down by the river)*

*Come and join us in this beautiful setting*

**This is my Theatre -**

**Snow Queen: Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2pm**

Tickets from <https://www.thisismytheatre.com/burham>



**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.

# NOVEMBER

## 'The Church in Burham' Services

All services at the church, Church Street, Burham



### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

10.30am **Morning Worship** led by Julien Myles

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November

2.00pm **Remembrance Sunday** at **Burham War Memorial**  
Followed by service in the church led by  
Rev. Mike Hayes and Rev Naomi Oates

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November

10.30am **Morning Worship** led by Rev. Gareth West

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November

10.30am **Holy Communion** led by  
Rev. Gareth West and Rev. Naomi Oates

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

Following the impact of Hurricane Dorian in The Bahamas, our chosen charity for September and now also October is **The National Association of the Bahamas Hurricane Relief Fund**. The Harvest Lunch in September raised £165, which will be donated to Water Aid along with monies raised from other activities. Thanks to all who came to the lunch and supported this cause. We would also like to thank the pupils of Burham Church of England Primary School and Church members for their generous gifts for our Celebration of Harvest. Twenty bags of food were taken to the Salvation Army in Gillingham to be distributed to those in need.

**THE CHURCH IN BURHAM (Methodist), Church Street, Burham**  
**MINISTER Rev. Naomi Oates Tel: 01732875072 or**  
**07485072407 Email: naomi.oates@methodist.org.uk**

*Stewards: Eileen Smith Tel. 01634867022.*  
*Joyce Brown Tel. 01634864413*

*Rod Murr Tel. 01634868075 Trevor Smith Tel. 01634867022*

*Requests for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals to: Rev Naomi Oates or  
one of the Stewards*

# VOTING ISSUES

## HAVE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

If you have recently moved in and wish to vote in national or local elections you must register to vote. Voting rights do not come just because you pay Council Tax.

The easiest way to register is to go to the TMBC Website which says:

***“You can register online at:***

***[www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)***

***Registration is quick, free and simple and will only take a few minutes. It will mean you have the right to vote at elections and being registered could also improve your credit rating. Please note that you will need to have your National Insurance number when you register. Once we receive your application we will write to you to confirm you will be added to the Register or to ask for further information”***

## HOW DO YOU WANT TO VOTE?

There are 3 ways you can vote once you are registered:

- \* **Voting in Person.** For most elections you will receive a Polling Card which tells you which is your Polling Station. In recent years these have been:
  - For Burham Residents:** The Old School Community Centre.
  - For Wouldham & Peters Village :** Wouldham School ,  
Worrall Drive.
- \* **Voting by Post.** You can apply for a Postal Vote to TMBC.
- \* **Voting by Proxy:** You can appoint a Proxy to vote for you by applying to TMBC.

Once you have registered to vote it is assumed you want to vote in person. You can easily change this by going online to TMBC for a Postal or Proxy Vote and following the instructions there.

If you have any problems or queries contact your TMBC Councillors Dave Davis or Roger Dalton.

# HUGE IMPROVEMENTS TO OUR VILLAGES' BUS SERVICE



In the near future and hopefully before Christmas, there will be significant improvements to the local bus services in our villages. This is possible because of funding provided by Trenport for a 3 year period as part of the planning agreement for Peters Village . It is intended that the existing 155 service will run on its normal route from Chatham to Maidstone and there will be a new service linked to the 155 but with a half hour time difference and differences in the route. This will open up new destinations to us such as the Aylesford, Quarry Wood shops and a better link (but not direct) to Maidstone Hospital. There will also be a different and much cheaper fare structure for the evening bus service.

The existing 155 Bus service route will continue to be from Chatham → Borstal → Wouldham (through the High Street) → Peters Village → Burham (via Hall Road, Knowle Road & Rochester Road) → Eccles → Aylesford à Running Horse Roundabout → Ringlestone à Maidstone Bus Station. The return journey is the reverse of this.

The new service will run from Chatham Bus Station → Borstal → Wouldham Church → Burham (via School Lane, Pilgrims Way and Rochester Road) → Peters Village (via New Court Road à Eccles (via New Court Road) → Aylesford → Quarry Wood (via Station Road and Hall Road) → Maidstone Bus Station via A20. The return journey is the reverse of this.

In the evenings, existing journeys after 7pm (currently operated by Nu-Venture) are to be retained but will be operated by Arriva and will be a two hourly service as now. However, as a result of this, passengers will be able to make use of Arriva's Twilight fares offer whereby all journeys made after 7pm will cost just £1.60 for a single ticket. Bus passes and season tickets can be used as normal.

We must all realise this improved service is only funded for 3 years. If the service is well used it will be able to be funded from fares paid by passengers. If it is not, we will lose it. So please use it.

A massive improvement in our local bus service is on the horizon but this is work in progress. More will follow in the December. In the meantime, residents with any questions or comments should speak to our Tonbridge and Malling Councillors Dave Davis and Roger Dalton who are working with KCC on this issue.

United Charities of the Ancient Parish of Burham  
**Winter Fuel Grant 2019**

**Applications for grants towards the costs of winter fuel bills are invited from residents of the Ancient Parish of Burham.**

To qualify for assistance applicants should be aged 65 years or over and have lived within the boundaries of the Ancient Parish for the past 10 years.

The weekly HOUSEHOLD income of applicants, i.e. the total income from all occupants, must not exceed £275 for single occupancy or £350 for multiple occupancy. For this purpose, income is determined after deducting half of rent payable (rent after deducting any housing benefit received) and ignoring attendance allowance and similar state benefits and credits. Only one application per household will be considered. The Trustees reserve the right to make such enquiries as they believe necessary to confirm entitlement to the grant.

**Application Forms will be available from Mon 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019 from:**

**Burham**

Dave Young (17 Bell Crescent), Jill Emptage (147 Rochester Rd)

Margaret Older (29 Downsvieiw) Roger Kiralfy (c/o Arkadia, 159 Rochester Rd)

Jack Owen (22 Whitehouse Crescent) Jill Pannell (177 Rochester Road)

**Blue Bell Hill:** Barry Smith (296 Robin Hood Lane)

**All applications are handled in the strictest confidence**

*if you require help completing the form please feel free to ask a trustee.*

**Completed Application Forms should be returned to Mr. Kiralfy at Arkadia, 159 Rochester Rd Burham ME1 3SF by Fri 29<sup>th</sup> December 2019.**

Registered Charity Number 233519

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**THE HENRY PETERS  
CHARITY**

**This charity was set up by Henry Peters in his will around 1912 to be distributed to the sick and poor of Wouldham by the Parish Council. The trustees have agreed that the payments could be used to fund residents getting to and from the doctors' surgery or hospital.**

**To apply please contact the Council clerk on 01634 864319 or clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk.**

**T.T CARPETS  
AND  
FLOORING**



**Domestic & Commercial**

**Tom Whiterod  
Supply & Fit**

**01634 669033 / 07957757905**

**T.TCARPETSANDFLOORING@  
YAHOO.COM**

# WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL



Our last meeting was on October 1<sup>st</sup> and  
the next meeting will be on  
November 5<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm in the Village Hall

## SCAMS

A local resident was recently scammed by 2 men who said they were from the Water Board. We get information on recent scams from KCC and the Community Warden. I put them up on Facebook but for the vulnerable who may not have Facebook please can you remind them to be careful who they let into their house or who they talk to on the phone.

## YOUTH CLUB

The Youth Club going from strength to strength. They meet on Friday in the Village Hall 7.30-9.30pm. All children from year 7 are welcome.

## ZUMBA

Also happening in the Village Hall are the Zumba classes on a Monday evening. Zumba gold starts at 6.30pm with the following class starting at 8pm. These are proving to be very popular classes so go along and have some fun!

## REMEMBRANCE SERVICES

This year the Remembrance service will be on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am. The Parish Council send representatives to remember and thank all the members of Woldham's community for giving their lives in the 2 world wars.

## SPEED WATCH

If you are interested in training for Speed Watch or have any other comments or suggestions on the traffic in Woldham, please contact Dawn from Woldham Against Traffic.

Her email is [dawnieh@talktalk.net](mailto:dawnieh@talktalk.net)

## NEW REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Despite a couple of hiccups the new waste services scheme appears to be working well. Chair of the PC, Jenny puts up reminders on Facebook as to which bins should be going out on Monday. If you have any problems such as failure to empty bins, ring the waste desk, TMBC - 01732 876147 or if you would like to ask a question you can contact waste services on [waste.services@tmbc.gov.uk](mailto:waste.services@tmbc.gov.uk)

## CONTACT DETAILS:

Nicky Grimes, Clerk [clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk)

Jenny Head, Chair [jheadwpc@gmail.com](mailto:jheadwpc@gmail.com)

**Wouldham All Saints CE School**  
invites you to their annual



## **FIREWORK DISPLAY**

**Thursday, 7th November**  
**6pm: Refreshments**  
**in the School Hall**

**Last entry is at 7.15pm**  
**with the Firework Display starting at 7.30pm**

Free entry—donations appreciated.

*Donation buckets will be placed on the doors for any monetary contributions you would like to make*

**WOULDHAM ALL SAINTS SCHOOL**

## **WINTER FAYRE**

**Meet Father Christmas**



Enjoy a luxury hot chocolate whilst getting ahead of the  
Christmas Shopping

**Saturday, November 30th, 10 –2pm.**

Stall holders welcome, charge applies

Contact: [friendsofwouldham@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofwouldham@gmail.com)  
**07377620887**

## Wouldham All Saints Church of England Primary School

November here again and so starts the run into winter! Seasons are great for seeing changes and although we may wish for long and hot sunny days we have just as much fun in the colder parts of the year and maybe even get chance to play in the snow!

Last year saw our first time of enjoying an adventure residential in November and this is being repeated again this year. Although colder and darker as long as you can wrap up warm there is no reason not to enjoy the same activities and adventures that we have been doing over many years. This year we are taking 45 Year 5 children to a centre in Ashford where we will climb, swing, abseil, zip, shoot arrows, complete obstacle courses and other challenges and whatever the weather throws at us!

Children learning away from home and including nights away has been shown to massively increase confidence and even achievement – but also serves to provide lifelong memories whilst developing independence.

Our Year 5 trip isn't the only experience we encourage our children to do – it was only last month that Year 6 had a week in France where the challenge was using language and experiencing a different culture. This was especially so when we visited a French school that we have partnered with. The style of school and approach had many similarities but also very many differences – the French children were appalled that English children have to go to school on Wednesdays and also wear a uniform! It was really challenging for the children to spend time talking together and overcoming language barriers but it was very impressive to see the effort and enthusiasm taking place. We are hoping to have even more contact between the schools over the coming year and maybe even welcome our new French friends to Wouldham one day.

The French trip had been in danger of not taking place following the theft of one of our minibuses but Dan and Debs from Farleigh Coaches gallantly came to our rescue and allowed us the use of one of their vehicles. Thank you! It meant all could happen as planned and a very successful week was completed. Let's hope this trip can still take place in the future depending on outcomes with Brexit.

November is fireworks time and our annual event is open to all and taking place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>. Come along – its free to enter but please make a donation especially as we need to fund the cost difference between insurance payout and replacement minibus! Enjoy your Novembers and be confident that we will continue to enjoy our learning in all areas throughout the month!

*Carl Fitter, Headteacher*

BURHAM CE PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA



# FIREWORK DISPLAY

FRIDAY, 1st NOVEMBER

BAR \* GAMES & STALLS \* REFRESHMENTS

Family ticket: £15 (admits up to 5 people)

Individual ticket: £5

Tickets available from 1st October from:

School reception or

Helen: 01634 660756 or

Vickie: 07957 529595

Tickets must be bought in advance and will not be available on the night.

Please do not bring your own sparklers or fireworks.



Burham Music Hall Group is staging a ....

## CHRISTMAS SPECIAL SHOW

Full of Christmas Goodies for all the family

7th December. 2.0pm & 7.30pm

Burham Village Hall

Tickets available from:

Frosts Shop & 157 Rochester Rd.

Adults £8 Children £4





COMPASSION, ACCEPTANCE, RESPONSIBILITY,  
FORGIVENESS, TRUST

We would like to welcome back all of our children and their families for this new school term.

As a school we support many different charities throughout the year and this term one of the charities we decided to support was the NSPCC. In order to raise money for this worthwhile cause the children all took part in a 'Sponsored Singalong' where each class learnt a song which they then performed for the rest of the school. As a result of all the singing we managed to raise a fantastic £1620 so a big thanks to all the children, staff and those who sponsored their efforts. To continue our fundraising efforts, children were invited to come into school on 18<sup>th</sup> October which was the last day of term, wearing something pink for Breast Cancer, in exchange for a voluntary donation.

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September our Year 5 class took part in a performance of Roald Dahl's Revolting Rhyme of the Three Little Pigs, set to music, through Music@Malling. The children received a music workshop from some of the organisers of Music@Malling before showing off what they had learnt, together with children from other schools, in a concert at St Mary's Church in West Malling.

Also this term, a large proportion of our Year 6 children completed the Cycling Proficiency Programme through KCC and our Year 6 class dressed up in Victorian clothes and visited Kent Life for a Victorian Day as part of their Creative Curriculum topic. All of our children also had their photographs taken and the children from our new Reception Class had their class photo printed in the Kent Messenger's First Class supplement.

For our Harvest Festival we welcomed members of the Methodist Church to School, while the Salvation Army benefitted from the generous donations given by our children and their families. The members of the Methodist Church said that they enjoyed the friendly atmosphere of the school and were impressed with the preparation and delivery of items performed by the children during the service.

Our Annual PTFA Firework Display will take place on Friday 1st November. There will be stalls, refreshments and a bar, as well as a spectacular firework display. We hope that as many people as possible from the village and surrounding area will be able to attend and it isn't too late to get your tickets. Tickets are £5 per person or a Family Ticket for £15 (admits up to 5 people). These are available via the school office or by calling Helen (01634 660796) or Vickie (07957 529595). Entry is by ticket only and these must be purchased in advance.

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) *Michelle Grima - Headteacher*

# BURHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS NOVEMBER 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”



Whilst (kerbside) household refuse and recycling changes came into effect on Monday 30 September 2019, the main recycling site near to the Village Hall & Parish Office will remain open. Whilst many main recycling sites within the Borough may be closing, the Burham site will not. Cans, glass, plastics, books, CD's, DVD's, card and paper can still be recycled in the large banks. As a reminder the cardboard/paper bank does generate revenue for the village, so please continue to use.

Sometimes the bank may state “No cardboard”, this is INCORRECT, paper and cardboard can be placed in the bank.

Rochester Rd from Bell Lane to Church Street is scheduled to be closed on Monday 18 November 2019 between 9.00 am – 3.00 pm. This is to enable UK Power Network contractors to trim back the trees growing in the overhead power lines between numbers 209-221 Rochester Rd.

Residents who live between the closure points should be able to gain access during the works, as long as access is maintained for the contractors. A diversion route has been advised. UK Power will be advising residents/businesses if their power will be affected on this day. Please be advised that Church Street is scheduled to be closed from the car park to New Court Road on 4 November 2019. This closure is necessary to install the “Gateway Section”. The car park may be affected.

Residents should receive notification of the road closure via KCC Highways. The scheme will also be addressing the speed limits.

War Memorial Funeral Flowers: Due to the new recycling collections, it is now not possible to dispose of any flowers placed at the war memorial garden. Permission to place flowers in this location should be requested in the first instance from myself (details below). Details will be taken and flowers must be removed and disposed of appropriately outside of the war memorial garden after seven days.

Windmill Public House: As the pub is listed under the TMBC Community Asset scheme, The Parish Council has registered an interest as the owner has indicated that he wishes for the listing to be rescinded. The listing gives the community (including the parish council) the right to a moratorium period of 6 months to determine if they wish to purchase the asset.

There is much to consider and consultation with the residents would be made before any formal decision is made.

Trenport have notified us that their application for 60 houses in the southern extension to Peters Village has been submitted to TMBC. TMBC Planning reference number is TM/19/02199/OAEA.

As a reminder, please do not park across dropped kerbs, near to junctions or anywhere that your vehicle could be classed as an obstruction. Please also respect the double yellow lines in the village.

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



**Join us in the Old School  
Community Centre**

**for a**

***Pizza Night***

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November**

**7:30pm – 9:00pm**



***ALL WELCOME!***

***Please let us know via our Facebook page if you will be coming along  
(This event will be £1 per person)***

**Future events:**

**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.**

## PARISH INFORMATION

### Burham Parish Council

Pam Saunders – Clerk.

The Parish Office, Rochester Road. Burham. ME1 3RJ

Opening times: Mon-Frid., 10am—2pm

Tel: 01634 685936. Email: [pam@burhampc.co.uk](mailto:pam@burhampc.co.uk)

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

The next Council meeting: 25th November, 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)

[www.wouldhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.wouldhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk)

Council Meetings are held in Wouldham Village Hall. The next meeting: 5th Nov., 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

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2nd November, 10.30- 11.30am  
16th November, 8.00am—8.45am

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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, November **11th, 7.30pm till 9pm** (usually the second Monday of the month.) (*see page 15*)

**Thursday Community Club** - Burham Community Centre, 10.30-12pm. Tea, coffee, cakes. Friendly gatherings & outings. **November 7, 14, 21 & on 28th going on an outing to Polehill Garden Centre.** Contact: 01634 867669. **Hi Kent Hearing Clinic here on 14th November.** (*see page 17*)

**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. **29th November.**

**Country Lunch** - The Church in Burham, Church St. Sorry, but please note that there will be **no Country Lunch in November.** It will resume in December, so do not forget to put **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December** in your diaries for a Christmas Country Lunch!

## SHOPS

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**Frosts Service Station & Store,** Rochester Rd, Burham. 01634 861228,  
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**ALLOTMENTS** Different size allotments are available to grow your own fruit and veg. **Burham:** Contact: Dave Young 01634 867669.  
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**CRAFTS Bear Paws Quilters** in Burham Community Centre. Meeting Wednesdays twice a month. Many talented people with varied abilities in all areas of needlework. 7.30-9pm. Contact Mrs Taylor 01634 861781

## **BOOKS**

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

**KCC Mobile Library: Fortnightly on Tuesdays:**  
**NOVEMBER: 5th & 19th**  
**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** - The Church in Burham, Church St. Sorry, but please note that there will be **no Book Exchange in November**. It will resume on the **first Saturday of December**.

## **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.  
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**Rambles** are organised fortnightly. Evenings are best time to contact  
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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

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

The Windmill Inn /Restaurant, Burham - 01634 864570

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

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.** *(see page 12)* Meeting weekly on Thursdays, 8.0pm, Burham Village Hall. Planning/ rehearsals for Music Hall performances in December 2019 & March 2020. Come along. New members welcome.

**Film Club** 7.30pm Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November. The Church in Burham, Church St. Join us to watch ‘**The Time Traveller’s Wife**’ directed by Robert Schwentke and starring Eric Bana, Rachel McAdams and Ron Livingston. Share tea and coffee after. Donation of £1. 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

**This is my Theatre. Snow Queen,** Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2pm.  
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How quickly this year is passing and what a year it's been so far, but now we are talking about Halloween and Fireworks and also even Christmas. We are looking forward to Holmesdale School visiting us again and picking up where we left off before the summer holidays. So much to catch up on. We have also been invited to the School and our residents are very excited and looking forward to seeing the Students and finding out what they have been doing.

So much going on within the home, all our favourite entertainers visiting and always on the lookout for new exciting things to do. So if anyone out there has an interest they would like to share with us or local Choirs or Dance Schools that would like to come and entertain us. Please let us know. Your local Nursing home needs you.....

Exciting changes with the Activities team – after 8 years at the home I am leaving and I must say my time at Winchester House has been an incredible journey and I have loved every Minute. I have met the most amazing people, Residents and their families and the most amazing dedicated staff. And you the local community. Thank you all for your interest in our lovely home, your support no matter how small makes a difference. Mr & Mrs Fitter and staff and children at Wouldham All Saints School, the joy you bring to our home is wonderful and I know you will continue to spread your joy. Mike Hayes and all at the church and of course Gwen and Dennis.

So a big welcome to our Head of Activities, Amber who has been with us for almost a year. She is full of sparkle and great ideas. Also Sarah who many of you will know from the village, she is our beautiful Sunflower and Rachael who is joining the team from the laundry. Such a great and powerful team, so I will not be missed (crying).....

I wish them all the best for the future, not that they need it. So it's goodbye from me and I wish you all the best for the future.

Regards, Sheila



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## November in your Garden

*Sunshine is delicious, rain is refreshing, wind braces us up, snow is exhilarating.  
There is no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather.'*

Now that the weather is fresher and the days are shorter, there are still a few jobs to be done around the garden if time and weather permit. Perhaps the most important of these is to ensure any tender plants are brought into a greenhouse, conservatory or shed if possible, or failing that are wrapped in bubble wrap and horticultural fleece to protect them from any frosts and harsh winter weather. This applies to Dahlias (which should also have any remaining foliage cut back by now), Lemons/Limes, Agave & Pelargonium, and any other plants that would naturally be found in a more Mediterranean climate. Roses can also be cut back to reduce 'wind-rock', by pruning the stems back by approx. a third to an outward facing bud, and herbaceous perennials can also be cut back to tidy the garden for winter. The prunings can all be added to a compost heap, and remember by chopping any waste material in smaller pieces will help to create some wonderful compost ready to use next year. There is also still time to lift, divide and move any perennials that have outgrown their spot, but choose a fine day when there is no imminent risk of frost, to give them the best chance to re-establish in the border.

Now is also a good time to clear ponds of any decaying matter, dead leaves and overgrown pond plants, to help to maintain good pond health over winter. It's also a good idea to float a tennis ball on the surface of ponds & bird baths to help prevent them from freezing completely solid, & therefore maintaining oxygen flow for any pond dwellers.

In the vegetable garden it's time to sow broad beans and garlic if you haven't done so already, and also winter onion sets can be planted out if there is no sign of imminent frost. It's also wise to stake Brassicas, such as Brussel Sprouts and Kale, as these can be easily rocked in the wind. Apple & Pear trees can also be pruned over winter while they rest. The best rules to follow are to initially remove the 3-D's (dead/diseased/damaged) branches first by cutting them back to the nearest bud or main branch. Furthermore, cut back any wispy growth, especially any from the base, back to main trunk/branch with a clean cut. Aim to maintain an open shape, and select the strongest branches as the main structure, bearing in mind that horizontal branches will bear more fruit than vertical.

Other things to be doing in the garden now:

- Plant out Tulip bulbs either into the borders, or layering in pots
- Keep bird feeders topped up, and clean bird baths ready for winter
- Spruce up fences & sheds with a fresh coat of paint if the weather is dry

- Aerate the lawn by spiking it over with a garden fork – push the spikes into the ground and wiggle them to create a small hole.

*'Sue Durrani, Secretary, Allotment Association, Wouldham  
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## SUCCESS FOR THE INAUGURAL TOUR OF PETERS VILLAGE SSSI

Contrary to what you may think, newts don't need lots of water to swim around in. In fact, it can be fatal - fish are then likely to thrive and feed off the newts. This was just one fascinating insight revealed to the inaugural tour of the Peters Pit Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), a UK top 10 site for conservation of the Great Crested Newt – the rarest of the three native newt species.

The location beside Peters Village earned protected status in 2000 and is managed by Kent Wildlife Trust (KWT) with funding by Peters Village developer Trenport. Apart from the newts it is also home to many other rarities including the Dormouse, Nightingale and various bats, orchids, solitary bees, and butterflies. All are threatened by loss of habitat, so public access to the SSSI is deterred, but KWT recognised the pride and interest shown by residents in and around Peters Village and has launched a series of occasional guided tours.

The inaugural tour was led by KWT's Medway Valley Warden Steve Weeks, who told the 15-strong party of visitors that the 29 hectare/71 acre SSSI might seem an unlikely nature reserve on what was once a major industrial site, the former Peters Lime & Cement Works, producing cement from locally quarried chalk. Some 1,000 men worked there at its peak and it was served by a fleet of 80 Thames barges, but the works' lack of a rail connection led to closure by the 1920s and gradual reclamation by Nature and then the SSSI.

Steve Weeks said tours were not staged to track down and show the rare wild species there – there are penalties for those who do – but visitors did at least meet some other rarities: a flock of Hebridean Sheep. Steve explained that the Hebrideans – looking more like small goats – are particularly useful for grazing and maintaining the balance of SSSI vegetation: “If we didn't have them here for a while then the area would quickly turn to secondary woodland and change the habitat for the newts and other existing flora and fauna. They are also hardy little animals and don't need much looking after.” After our woolly encounter, he led the group to what appeared to be a scene of devastation: a cracked and dried area surrounded by scratchy trees and announced it as one of the SSSI's most important newt ponds: “The key to success as a Great Crested Newt colony is the rise and fall of the water in the various ponds of the SSSI; the biggest threat to the newts is being eaten by fish, but fish cannot survive if the water dries up in summer.

“Newts emerge from hibernation in March, the males put on a mating display with their colourful crest and markings and the females produce the eggs. These are not like massed frog spawn, but laid individually and white, which the female tries to screen from the sun's heat by using a leaf or other vegetation. The hatchlings resemble tadpoles but have feathery external gills.” He added that while newts are not prolific egg producers, they do live longer than their frog and toad cousins: a newt can reach 20 years in captivity and at least 10 in the wild. Pointing to the pond trees, he said part of KWT's management of the colony was to control those and other dominant vegetation near the ponds, to ensure that they don't take too much water away during the newts' breeding season or provide too much shade when the ponds need maximum sunlight to warm the water:

*continued.....*

“It is a real balancing act,” said Steve. He also showed visitors the ‘newt fences’ created to allow the newts into the colony but deter them from leaving.

It was clear by the end of the tour that everyone has learned far more than they expected, while sharing nuggets of information they had gleaned from their own local knowledge and connections.

Lucie Davis has family roots in neighbouring Wouldham and recently returned to the area by buying a new home on Peters Village. “This tour has been brilliant,” she said. “And I would really like to join another one so that I can see how it develops further and how the site might be during a different season.” Peter Davey, who lives in Burham said: “It was really excellent to learn so much. I think everyone round here is very proud of the SSSI – now we know more about it.”



**WHY IT’S IMPORTANT NOT TO ENTER THE PETERS PIT SSSI**  
Kent Wildlife Trust’s Steve Weeks said: “**Technically, the Peters Pit SSSI is off limits to the general public in the interests of conservation of rare species like the newts, but there has been unauthorised access by dog walkers and others so, short of erecting an unfeasibly high fence, we hope these guided tours will help spread the word about admiring their wonderful natural asset from afar in future. This approach has certainly worked at other sites we manage.**

Trenport Director Chris Hall said: “The SSSI at Peters Village is a unique asset and one we are very proud of, but rather than go to draconian lengths to keep people out, we would rather encourage these tours to help publicise the need to respect this special open space, so that it continues to foster and maintain many rare species – with a helping hand.” Also people can help to preserve the Peters Pit nature reserve by joining practical volunteer days with the warden – please use the contact details below.” He added that such helping hands have included

newt fences and tunnels introduced by Trenport under KWT’s direction, to help keep the Great Crested Newts from wandering into harm on local roads and tracks. “

If you would like to join one in the future please contact KWT Medway Valley Warden Steve Weeks at:

[stephen.weeks@kentwildlife.org.uk](mailto:stephen.weeks@kentwildlife.org.uk)

Can’t wait for the next tour though? See some tips on how you can use your garden to help wildlife and conservation: <https://petersvillage.co.uk/entry/an-invitation-to-go-wild-at-peters-village>

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**[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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