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CHURCH OF ENGLAND WORSHIP

REV'D MIKE HAYES



Dear friends

As I write (back in June) the world is reacting to the murder of an unarmed handcuffed black man by white police officers.

I don't agree with violent protest and, as I have family members working in the NHS, I worry when people do not observe distancing. However it did strike me that it was poetic justice that the statue of a slave trader should end up at the bottom of the sea in the same way that the slaves on his ships were thrown overboard if they became ill. Though I would rather it had gone to a museum of slavery.

People have said 'Yes, but he was a philanthropist'. But it's an insult to the black residents of Bristol to walk past the statue of a mass murderer. It would be like putting up a statue to Jimmy Saville and saying to abuse victims 'Yes, but he was a charity fundraiser'.

The bible, in the book of Genesis (Chapter 1 verse 26) speaks of all human beings as created in the image of God.

St. Paul in his letter to the church in Galatia (chapter 3.verse 28) says 'there is no longer Jew or Greek.. slave or free... male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus'.

Have we made progress in combating institutional racism in this country? I believe we have. Have we got any further to go? Sadly yes, as was demonstrated recently by the Windrush scandal. We may like to have a 'colour blind' approach to race, where we say I don't see the colour, I see the person. Trouble with this, although it has the good aim of seeing a person, it discourages us from recognising unconscious racism in ourselves.

Racism exists between all races, but there is a very particular kind of racism that has its roots in slavery and has created a lasting imbalance of power.

Church members have a duty to call it out. Colour blindness is a luxury that we can look forward to in God's kingdom of heaven, the place where justice and peace reign..

In peace. Mike

A Note from the Editor

This is our Summer Edition for July and August then we'll be taking a holiday and a rest until September.

As our nation is waking from it's induced slumber and restrictions are lifted, we hope that by then, and if everyone's careful, people will be getting back to their work and businesses again and all the children back in school.

Holidays and taking a rest are difficult this year according to our circumstances and how safe we feel but whatever our situation, we can at least enjoy the beautiful countryside around us and hopefully we will also have some lovely weather.

Best wishes,

Mary Davis, Editor

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, WOULDHAM WEATHERVANE APPEAL



For 218 years the tower at All Saints Church in Wouldham has been surmounted by a fine iron weathervane. Witness to the changing climate, seven monarchs, Walter Burke and the Battle of Trafalgar, two world wars, the changing valley seen, the building of new bridges and now a new village. Sadly after more than 200 years it is in need of urgent restoration. The church is seeking to raise £2500.00 to enable this to be undertaken by local craftsmen, this will involve removing the weathervane and transporting it, restoring the iron work and the original gilding, finally reinstating atop the tower for another 200 years. Please consider giving a donation towards preserving this beautiful iconic part of our village history. Thank you.. You can donate by visiting:

[www.https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/weathervanewouldham](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/weathervanewouldham)

Or, if you prefer, you can send a donation by cheque (*payable to Burham & Wouldham PCC Acc.*)

Send to: Mrs Heather Lloyd, 40 Downs View, Burham, ME1 3RR

I wish to donate £..... to the Weather Vane Appeal.

My name

Contact details

Nationally, more and more people are joining online church services



Join All Saints church online from the safety of your home on 'Zoom' for a short service of prayer, bible readings, a hymn and reflection each Sunday morning, 10.30—11 am.

Join with audio only or with full video. Just connect your phone or tablet or laptop. It's easy to download

Contact Mike Hayes for the link
mikejhayes@hotmail.co.uk

All Saints, Wouldham. is open for individual prayer on Sunday afternoons from 2-4pm. **Two metre** distancing continues to apply. Also funerals and weddings may be held in church with limited numbers. Church Services may start at some point in July, meanwhile Zoom worship continues. When services re-open, online worship will continue .

Troubled timesbut your churches are here for you

.....ask for a prayer for yourself or others

**..... contact Gwen Worcester on 01634 672060 or
mikejhayes@hotmail.co.uk to add your prayer request for
our Candle Prayer Time group to say in their homes on a
Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. Join them also in prayer
with a lighted candle from your home.**



**With much love to all in
Wouldham, Burham & Peters Village.
From all at
All Saints and The Church in Burham**

JULY & AUGUST

The Church in Burham (Methodist)

A message from the Revd Naomi Oates,
minister at the Church in Burham:



Dear friends,

As I write, I am preparing for perhaps one of the strangest holidays of my life. Like many holidaymakers this year, it will be a time of ‘should-have-been’s – a fortnight when I ‘should-have-been’ at my cousin’s wedding and visiting friends abroad. Like all of us, COVID-19 has ensured that my best-laid plans have gone awry. So (knowing, of course, that the world has far more important questions on its mind) I’ve found myself wondering what a holiday at home might look like, as the lockdown gradually begins to ease. How do we manage a change of pace, without a change of scene?

‘Rest’ is a thread that runs throughout the Bible. I wonder how many of the Ten Commandments you could list – and whether ‘remember the sabbath day and keep it holy’ would make the cut? The importance of rest is established at the very beginning, when God created the world, bringing order and beauty out of chaos – for six days he worked, making seas and stars and snails, but on the seventh, God rested, creating a pattern of life for his people to follow.

And not just the rich and comfortable – when God set out the Ten Commandments, he made clear that the sabbath day was for animals, slaves, and resident aliens. It became the responsibility of each Israelite to ensure that those in their care had the opportunity, once a week, to down tools and to rest.

But what does rest look like when, for many people, this has been a time of forced and unwelcome inactivity? For those people who’ve been furloughed, or unable to run their businesses, or unable to attend their usual groups and activities?

I once spent ‘Shabbat’ (the day of rest in Judaism, which falls on a Saturday) with a Jewish Rabbi and her family. They generously invited us to see how they kept the sabbath day holy. For each Jewish family, this will look slightly different – but I was struck immediately by how restrictive the rules of Shabbat for this family seemed to be. They couldn’t use electricity, and we were in a building with doors operated using swipe cards.

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So they couldn't open a door, but instead had to wait until someone else happened to be going that way, and follow them through. I asked them if they found these rules as frustrating as I would, and their answer surprised me. They told me that they found them hugely liberating – that it was good to be reminded of their human limitations and that, ultimately, the world does not depend on them. Ultimately, God is in charge. They told me, too, that the Hebrew word for 'rest' used in Genesis is far richer than the English translation suggests. It doesn't mean that God simply 'stopped' after six days – rest in the Hebrew language is a far more 'active' word.

Every blessing,
The Revd Naomi Oates

God *actively* rested. Similarly, for us, a period of forced inactivity may still not be restful. We must *choose* to rest, to lay down our burdens, to reflect, to spend time in the presence of God.

I hope, in these strange times, you nevertheless find opportunities for rest and refreshment. As I write, we do not yet know when services and activities at the Church in Burham might resume – but until they do, we'd be delighted if you could join us for our circuit service online every Sunday at 10.30

see: <https://www.nkmethodists.org.uk/news/invitation-to-worship-from-home.html>).



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Joyce Brown Tel. 01634864413
Rod Murr Tel. 01634868075*

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

<https://www.nkmethodists.org.uk/news/invitation-to-worship-from-home.html>

BURHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS JULY 2020

Keep up to date with Parish Council business, visit:
Website: www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk
Facebook page “Burham Parish Council”



There is not much new to report this month that differs from the last couple of months. The office remains open, but no face to face contact. The play areas/MUGA/ skateramp etc are still closed with signage stating “CLOSED” – for the safety of all of all concerned, please do NOT use.

Please bear in mind that as previously advised this is a fast moving situation, and by the time this newsletter is circulated, the contents may well be out of date. Please check with me if you are unsure.

As a reminder, whilst the parking facilities (Bell lane car park, Church Street car park, Village hall including overflow area) provided by the Parish Council are open 24/7 and are free of charge. All vehicles must be taxed, MOT'd and insured. “Storage” or SORN vehicles are not permitted under any circumstances, neither are mobile homes or camper vans. The Parish Council has no information on the ownership of vehicles left in these areas, but will place notices on vehicles that do not move for long periods and do not have full documentation i.e. tax and MOT. The Parish Council does not have

any legal powers in relation to anti-social behaviour, highway matters, parking (unless on parish council land), fly tipping and many other aspects of village life.

Whilst social media is great in many aspects, the correct acting authority does need to be notified as well (see below).

Any anti-social behaviour should be reported to 101 or via the police website **www.kent.police.uk**, if possible as it is occurring. so officers are notified and attendance (where appropriate and operationally possible) can be made. The more reports the Police receive, the higher the chance of attendance. This includes incidents on New Court Rd and other areas “hot spot” areas.

Highway matters (including pot holes) should be reported to www.kent.gov.uk

Fly-tipping should be reported to TMBC (email:

waste.services@tmbc.gov.uk, telephone 01732 876147 as they are the acting authority.

Again, if you are unsure on which the correct acting authority is, please contact me for further advice.

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**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 or come along to the next scheduled meeting, which although normally are held the last Monday of the month, currently all meetings have been cancelled until further notice.
Pam Saunders – Clerk.**

BURHAM UNITED CHARITIES

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.

They can also offer one off grants to help alleviate particular instances of hardship for any resident of the parish.

Parents of school age children may obtain help with some of the costs associated with schooling.

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)

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BUT NO MORE!

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**BURHAM CHILDREN'S CENTRE NOT OPEN UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE BUT INFORMATION & ADVICE
ARE AVAILABLE ON
THE PHONE NO. AND FACEBOOK PAGE**

Bell Lane, Burham. ME1 3SY Tel: 03000 418008

Free sessions for children aged 0-5 years— **TUESDAY, & FRIDAY**

Closed on Monday, Wednesday & Thursday

3rd Tuesday of the Month only 1.00pm –3.00pm. Well Baby Clinic.

Development Reviews 1.00pm-14.30pm

Come and get your child weighed and speak to a health visitor.

Friday am 9.30am –10.30am. Baby Stay & Play Birth - Crawlers

11.00am—12.30pm. Stay & Play.

You can now register for the Children's Centre online:

BURHAM PRE-SCHOOL, BURHAM VILLAGE HALL.

'Good ' OFSTED inspection - April 16.

We welcome children aged 2 -5yrs.

Sessions:

Mon - Fri* am 9.15 - 11.45.

*Fri. am is for rising 5's only

Mon - Fri pm 12.20 - 2.50.

Mon - Fri. Lunch Club 11.45 -

12.20

Optional 'early bird' drop off at 9am for £1.0.

Come along and visit to see if we are right for you!

Visit our website: burhampre-school@weebly.com

Supervisor - Tracey Beechey Tel: 07920 599287/07710 829954

JELLYBEANS PRE-SCHOOL, WOULDHAM VILLAGE HALL

Our Ofsted Inspection found Jellybeans to be 'good'.

Sessions :

Mon - Fri am 9.15-11.45

Mon - Thurs pm 12.25 - 2.55

Mon - Thurs Lunch Club 11.45 - 12.25

Early drop off option available.

Feel free to visit at any time, no appointment necessary.

For further information please contact-

Mrs Donna Cook (Supervisor) on 07932551771

WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

NEW WEBSITE: Wouldhampc.com



All Parish Council meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Parish Council could not meet so the Chair, Eddy Bell and Vice Chair Jenny Head agreed to stay on for a year until election May 2021 AGM.

The Clerk met with the Chair and Vice Chair whilst socially distancing to agree the shape of the PC for the coming year, these minutes are on our website.

FINANCES

There is a detailed breakdown on the Parish Council finances on our website. Following the annual audit the Notice of Public Rights is published allowing anyone to view the council finances. Contact the clerk with any questions.

VILLAGE HALL

The sale of the hall is continuing at a snails pace, however it is continuing and as soon as it is sold the new hall on the Recreation Ground will get the go ahead. All the plans are on our website.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The PC are applying for a grant to remove all the dead trees and -

replace with native hedgerow along Hall Road between the road and the pathway. New hedgerow is planted in the Autumn so this would be Autumn 2021.

BUS STOP The PC are also applying for a grant for a bus stop on Knowle Road.

THE RECYCLING BINS are being removed from the car park in Knowle Road now that TMBC are conducting roadside collections.

THE WALL ON THE RECREATION GROUND.

There are ongoing discussions on the area along the wall on the Recreation Ground. It is difficult to know what to do with it but part of it will accommodate spoils from the new hall footing which will be placed on a reserved area to reinstate the kids BMX track that got removed during clearance works.

CONTACT:

Clerk: Nicky Grimes
clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk
Chair: Eddy Bell
ebellwpc@gmail.com

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LIVERPOOL

9TH AUGUST
3 NIGHTS
£329

CAMBRIDGE

4TH AUGUST

WHIPNADE ZOO

6TH AUGUST

COTSWOLDS

16TH OCTOBER
4 DAYS
£269

3 DAYS IN FLANDERS

25TH SEPTEMBER
2 NIGHTS
£299

SOUTHEND

8TH AUGUST

BRIGHTON

11TH AUGUST

VINYL REVIVAL

30TH OCTOBER
4 DAYS
£229

IRELAND

6TH SEPTEMBER
7 DAYS
£649

DEAL SATURDAY MARKET

22ND AUGUST

POTTERS RESORT

2ND NOVEMBER
5 DAYS
£359

PINEDA DE

MAR
15TH SEPTEMBER
10 DAYS
£689

RYE ON MARKET DAY

27TH AUGUST &
17TH SEPTEMBER

HASTINGS

SEAFOOD & WINE FESTIVAL
20TH SEPTEMBER

SOMERSET

FREE BAR WEEKEND
6TH NOVEMBER
4 DAYS
£269

DURHAM

4TH OCTOBER
4 NIGHTS
£359

KNIT & STITCH SHOW

8TH OCTOBER

NEWMARKET

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PARISH INFORMATION

BURHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Pam Saunders – Clerk.

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

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Tel: 01634 685936. Email: pam@burhampc.co.uk

www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk

The next Council meeting: **MEETINGS SUSPENDED**

Usually the last Monday in the month.

WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk—Nicky Grimes 07904281522

clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk www.wouldhampc.com

Council Meetings are held in Wouldham Village Hall. The next

meeting: Usually 1st Tuesday of the month **MEETINGS SUSPENDED**

COMMUNITY WARDEN:- Vivien Hickmott 07813694140

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

PETERS VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Steve @ Petersvillagenhw@gmail.com



TRANSPORT

Bus Services: Arriva no.155. There are to be additional routes as 'lockdown' is lifted.

Clarkes of London's commuter coach service. The 764a and 764b service picks up from bus stops: Keepers Cottage Lane (05:52 & 06:30) & Village Road (05:50 and 06:28). www.clarkescommute.co.uk or call 020 8778 6697. Ring to check the services.

A Free Bus to Tesco leaves Wednesday, 10am from Burham village only.

HALLS FOR HIRE (Not for hire until 'lock down' lifted)

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

ALLOTMENTS Different size allotments are available to grow your own fruit and veg. **Burham:** Contact: Dave Young 01634 867669.

Wouldham: Contact Sue 01634 682363

**INFORMATION AND WASTE COLLECTION UPDATES
CAN BE FOUND AT TMBC:**

<https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/extreme-weather/waste-service-updates>

Also if there are any problems with your household waste collection they can be reported here.

<https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/services/environment-and-planning/recycling,-rubbish-and-waste>

**VISITING HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING
CENTRES DURING CORONAVIRUS**

Our household waste and recycling centres (HWRCs) at **Capstone** and **Hoath Way** (Medway Council) & **Tovil** (Kent County Council) are open for essential use only. You can only use these sites if there's a risk of injury, health or harm by storing your waste at home.. The **Cuxton site** (Medway Council) will be kept closed in the early phase of reopening. This is because traffic queuing for the Cuxton site at peak periods has had a severe impact on the A228 and other local. To be able to visit a HWRC you must book a slot online in advance. Please note that slots are very limited in order to maintain social distancing for staff and visitors. You will only be able to book one visit in any 4 week period per household to ensure everyone can use sites safely. Kent residents visiting Medway Council sites must show identification .

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/waste-planning-and-land/rubbish-and-recycling/visiting-a-hwrc-during-coronavirus>

<https://www.medway.gov.uk/info/200132/waste-and-recycling/1123/book-a-vehicle-into-a-kent-or-medway-household-waste-and-recycling-centre>

SATURDAY WASTE COLLECTION—SUSPENDED

TMBC Helpline 01732 844522 www.tmbc.gov.uk

Wouldham - Car Park, Knowle Rd,
8.00am—9.00am

Snodland- Saltings Road
(outside Neville Park)
8.00am—9.00am

Burham, Village Hall, Park,
9.15am -10.15am

Snodland—St Benedicts Rd,
junction of Paddlesworth Rd.
8.00am

Eccles – Bull Lane lay-by.
10.30- 11.30am 8.00am—8.45am

SOCIAL GROUPS & MEETINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO WHEN LOCKDOWN IS LIFTED

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

Thursday Community Club - Burham Community Centre, 10.30-12pm. Tea, coffee, cakes. Friendly gatherings & outings.
Contact: 01634 867669.

Hi Kent Hearing Clinic here on 2nd Thursday of the month.

Afternoon Tea The Church in Burham, Church St. 3.0 pm every Tuesday. Join us to enjoy a cup of tea and cake, a fun quiz and good company. £1 Donation. All welcome. Contact 01634867022

Coffee Morning. All Saints Church, Wouldham. Last Friday of the month 10.45 –11.45am. Just come along.

Country Lunch - The Church in Burham, Church St. **Thursday, 1pm.** Homemade soup, crusty bread & cheese, fruit crumble and ice cream, tea or coffee. We ask for a donation of £3 and all profits are go to our charity of the month. Contact 01634867022

Men's Supper. All Saints Church, Wouldham.
Guest Speaker, Supper (*donation for this*) Let Dennis know if you are coming. 07854400506.

Cream Teas. All Saints Church, Wouldham. On the first Sunday of each month up to and including September.

SHOPS

Wouldham Village Store. 134 High St. 01634 863731. Open 7-7.30pm

Frosts Service Station & Store, Rochester Rd, Burham. 01634 861228,
Hours: Monday-Friday:7-7pm. Saturday:7-6pm. Sunday:8-1pm.

The Vale Bakery, 209 Rochester Rd, Burham 01634 861572.

Closes 4pm. Closed Sunday & Monday.

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:
SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**
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. **10.30-12 noon**
Bring books you have read and exchange them for others from our good selection. Tea and coffee are served together with homemade cake for which we ask 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 01729 373558.

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

Duet Dance School Wednesday 3.30-7pm. Burham Old School.
Julie Potter/Hayley Mann. *duets_danse_school@yahoo.com*

Burham Football Club - Contact Paul Fitzpatrick 07805198937.

Force Medway Group - Self Defence in Burham Village Hall.
Weds 6 -7.15pm. Fri 6-8.30pm. Contact Stuart Lowe 07557 906249

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 afterward.

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

Step Fitness Classes – Fitness sessions in Burham Village Hall.
Thurs 7pm – 8pm @ £7 per session, Contact Abbey on 07713056301

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JULY & AUGUST in your Garden

‘Live simple, Love well, & smell the flowers along the way.’

If the last few months have taught us anything, it is that life can be lived more simply, love can get us through the hardest of times, and something as simple as a flower can bring a smile to our faces. Life has undoubtedly changed for us all, but nature and the seasons press on regardless. In what had become a somewhat impatient world, nature teaches power of patience, and that it will be rewarded by beautiful blooms and the freshest of fruit when the time is just right.

Summer is a wonderful season as the long warm days allow more time to really enjoy our gardens and surrounding spaces. We are very lucky to live in an area surrounded by fields and forests, with many different options for exploring without needing to take the car. This summer we may not be able to get away to far away climes, so explore what we have locally instead. Now that parks and gardens have reopened, take a picnic and a blanket and enjoy being in different outside spaces, & perhaps look for inspiration to bring back for your own garden.

In summer the main routine for the garden is to maintain the lawns and hedges to keep them neat, although if the warm weather continues it will help both if they are left a little longer between cuts. Dead-heading fading blooms from all plants both annual and perennial will encourage plants to flower for longer. More blooms also continue to encourage bees and butterflies into your garden, all of which helps to increase the bio-diversity within your space. Roses, Dahlia and most other flowering perennials will continue to flower through until Autumn if dead-headed regularly, and with Phlox, Echinacea and Rudbeckia coming into flower the garden will stay colourful right through until the frosts. Summer shrubs such as Ceanothus, Skimmia and Choisya can all be cut back now to remove faded flowers, & now is a good time to review their shape. Shrubs can often have their crown lifted to create space beneath them, which also has the advantage of creating some air flow beneath the plant, or cloud-pruning or topiary are also options on a number of shrubs and evergreen plants.

Research shapes and pruning methods before chopping away too much, as it can be difficult to replace a severed branch !! Watering is also key, especially if it continues to be as warm and dry as it has been recently. Focus your main attention on any pots or hanging baskets as these will quickly dry out and can be difficult to rehydrate once dry, be sure to water them every day and feed once a week if possible. The main garden will sustain itself in all but the driest of conditions, so only water if plants are visibly drooping, or to establish anything that has been planted out this season.

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Finally keep on top of weeding by hoeing or hand weeding small weeds. More persistent weeds such as bindweed or ground elder may need stronger treatment such a topical herbicide, but apply sparingly and follow the instructions on the packet, as the chemicals can be harmful to other plants and also to garden birds and bugs.

In the vegetable garden, the fruits of earlier labour are now being reaped. Peas, Beans and Salad crops are all able to be harvested, along with Strawberries and other summer fruits. Cucumber, Tomatoes & Courgettes can be harvested and this will encourage more fruit to develop. Garlic and Onions are ready when their stems go yellow and droop over – lift them and leave them in a dry place for a few days for the skins to dry which will allow them to be stored for longer. Excess crops can often be frozen, so don't waste any of your lovely produce. Salad crops can still be sown now for a successional harvest, as well as Peas, French beans and Beet-root. There are also some crops that will continue to grow through winter such as leeks, fennel and cabbages, so extend your cropping by planting these into spaces created from earlier crops.

Other things to be doing in the garden now:

July is the time to summer prune Wisteria by removing and whippy side shoots back to approx. 20cm from the main stem, by cutting back to the nearest bud (usually about 5 leaves).

Ensure climbing plants have sufficient supports in place, tying them in as they grow.

Feed & Weed treatments can be applied to lawns in the growing months, but check the weather before applying as they work best in warm weather when the ground is damp.

Indoor plants require more watering in summer months, and would also benefit from a regular feeding regime whilst they are growing and flowering.

If your strawberry plants have produced runners (long side shoots), peg these down either to the earth or into small pots of compost, as these will soon root, providing more free plants for next year.

Finish pruning cherry and plum trees before September.

Early Potatoes can be dug up once the flower stalks have faded, enjoy them boiled, with mint and butter sprinkled over.

Squashes should be limited once there are three fruit set on each stem – make sure they are established before pinching out the tips.

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Keep an eye out for slugs and snails, especially in damp conditions, taking appropriate action where required.

Continue adding to and turning compost heaps, all garden clippings and veg waste add valuable material to create fantastic compost. If you started a heap last year, there should already be good compost ready at the bottom, so dig down to check, & then dig it out if its soft and crumbly and well-rotted to spread on beds and borders.

Continue to top up bird baths and feeders as they rely on these sources of food and water in the dry summer months.

Sue Durrani, Secretary, Allotment Association, Wouldham

Wouldham allotment plots are available. [Contact Sue: 682363]

MENTAL HEALTH WORKSHOP, MARCH 2020

Margaret and I set out early to reach the morning workshop in Marden. We were not sure what the morning entailed and how much participation there would be.

We were pleasantly surprised, the speaker was a representative from Maidstone Mind Charity a most knowledgeable person and she soon had us all interested in what she had to say and most importantly feeling comfortable.

Health is not just a physical thing but encompasses our mental and spiritual being as well. Stress, anxiety, depression and a number of other conditions affect how we cope with everyday living and we were encouraged to consider the three things that caused stress in our own lives. These were shared within the group and it was interesting to hear the many issues causing stress in our busy lives. We then considered ways we could reduce and relieve the stresses.

Following a comfort break we addressed the issue of anxiety and depression and how they manifest themselves in everyday life.. We learned that 1-66 million prescriptions are issued for anti-depressants every week, a staggering amount and in a way a symptom of some of the demands of life in today's society.

We heard about treatments and mechanisms to help with anxiety and depression and the agencies that are available to help people in distress. The take home message for keeping healthy body, mind and soul were:

Keep active. Keep connected with people. Learn something new everyday. Give to others, time listening . Take care of the planet. Take notice of the wonderful place around you.

This was a most enjoyable and worthwhile workshop

Gwen Worcester/ & Margaret Mather.

ROMAN INVASION OF BRITAIN

The Battle of the Medway, described in last month's magazine, was a major victory for Rome and for the Roman general Plautius. The whole of Kent was under Roman control and a bridgehead had been established across the Thames into Essex. This opened the way into the heartland of the Catuvellauni, the principle tribe opposing the Romans. At the battle or subsequent skirmishes, Togodumnus one of the two tribal leaders had been killed or died of wounds and his brother Caratacus withdrew to Camulodunum (Colchester). Caratacus was a charismatic British leader who had galvanised many other tribes to form an alliance against Rome but he had to be wary of taking on Rome again in a set piece battle. Plautius, was an able soldier and general who had successfully invaded the south east corner of Britain. The soldier in him would have wanted to go straight in for the kill at Camulodunum but there was a political battle to be won in Rome to cement the power of his Emperor, Claudius by enabling Claudius to take the surrender of the British tribes and claim the glory for it. The invasion army waited for 6 weeks whilst Claudius came forward from Rome bringing with him 12 war elephants. Though there was mild opposition in getting to Camulodunum it was little more than a triumphal march. It was there that Claudius accepted the surrender of 11 tribal kings however Caratacus escaped and made his way westward to the Welsh Borders to run a guerrilla campaign against Roman Rule.



By the winter of 43 AD, the Romans had secured most of the ground covered by the Home Counties of today. The opposition employed hit and run tactics but no set piece battle was envisaged and so the Legions could be sent out separately to subjugate most of Southern Britain. The records, such as they were and subsequent archaeology, indicate that the IX (Hispania) Legion would go north towards Lincoln, The XIV (Gemina) Legion would be aiming for Leicester, the XX (Valeria) go to Gloucester and the II (Augusta) would make for Exeter.

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This was not a lightning campaign but a thorough one. Alliances were made with many tribes, with others there was more fighting but no set piece battles. In the background in the Welsh hills was the formidable persona of Caratacus still hoping to muster the power to eject the Romans from Britain. By the end of 45 AD , the Roman's had control over the south east corner of England from the Solent to the Wash and by AD 47 this extended from the Severn Estuary to the Humber.

By this time the invasion force was fully extended and under pressure from guerrilla attacks from Caratacus's Welsh tribes. They also had the considerable task of administering their Army and looking after the civil population they now controlled. A fifteen year period of consolidation was required during which the Legions not only defended the captured ground but built the basic Roman Road system of the south of England with Watling Street going from Dover to St Albans and then onto Chester. Ermine Street going from London towards Leicester and later on to Lincoln. Portway from London to Dorchester and Fosse Way going from Exeter to Lincoln roughly along to outer extent of the land that was now controlled by Rome. Along the roads they established fortifications and supply bases and they began to settle and administer, govern and tax the local population. Some of this was delegated to trusted local tribal chieftains.

Plautius returned to Rome in AD47 and received a hero's welcome with an ovation. His successor Scapula continued with the process of consolidation. In late AD 51 Scapula and Caratacus met for a final showdown at the Battle of Caer Caradoc. The site of the battlefield is not known and is disputed but it is in the Welsh Marches probably in Shropshire. Caratacus forces were inside strong fortifications on high ground but the legions used their "Tortoise Formation" of shields held all round and above them to provide protection whilst they dug into the fortifications with their hands and defeated the Welsh tribesmen.



Testudo
'Tortoise Formation'.

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Caratacus's family was captured but the chieftain escaped yet again and went to seek help from Queen Cartimandua of the Brigantes tribe in the Pennines. However the queen was allied to the Romans and so he was taken prisoner and taken to Rome to be paraded in chains as part of the victory celebrations. However Caratacus was not quite finished.



Caractacus in Chains before Emperor Claudius.

The Roman historian noted his speech to the Emperor Claudius as:
“Had my noble ancestry and rank been accompanied by just a bit of success, I should have come to this city as a friend rather than a prisoner, and you would have wished to ally yourself peacefully with me as a ruler of so many nations (tribes). However, humiliation is my lot and the glory is yours. I had horses, men, arms and wealth. Are you surprised I am sorry to lose them? If you want to rule the world, does it follow that everyone else welcomes enslavement? If I had surrendered without a blow before being bought before you, neither my downfall nor your triumph would have become famous. If you execute me, these glories will be forgotten. Spare me and I will be an everlasting token of your mercy. Look at this splendid City of Rome: When you have all this, why do you envy us our poor hovels?”

Claudius was so moved by this that he freed Caratacus and his family who lived in peace in Rome until his death in AD 54.

Back in Britain the Roman consolidation progressed. There were significant problems in the west with the Welsh tribes and in AD 60 the Iceni, in what is now Norfolk, revolted against the harsh rule of what had been their Roman allies.

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Under Boudica the Iceni joined up with the Trinovantes and attacked and destroyed first Camulodunum, then they successfully defeated the IX Hispania Legion's infantry and marched on and destroyed the new Roman trading settlement of Londinium (London). Boudica continue her advance to sack St Albans. Whilst this was going on the new Roman governor of Britain who was on the point of subduing the Welsh tribes in Anglesey had to divert from those battles to deal with the uprising. He assembled a force consisting of the XIV and XX Legions to face the British tribes. The Romans again were heavily outnumbered but in a set piece battle the legions' tactics won again.

The final part of the Roman conquest of Britain took many years. Wales was fully under their control by about AD 79 as was northern England. There were extensive Roman operations in Scotland reaching the north coast of Scotland in the AD 84 in force.

However the economy of Scotland was not attractive and a decision was made to withdraw to a line of the Solway Firth to The River Tyne. This consolidation was finally confirmed by Hadrian's Wall which was started in AD122 and completed in AD 128. There were still operations by the Romans into Scotland but the main border was that of the Wall.

The Roman invasion of Britain started in AD 43 and the most important event that ensured success was the initial major battle, the Battle of the Medway. There were many subsequent battles fought between the Romans and the ancient Britons but they were not as critical because the Romans were well established with much support from within the indigenous populations.

England and Wales were a colony of Rome from AD 43 until AD 410. In AD 410, the Roman world was facing economic and military collapse as a result of the expansion of the Germanic tribes. Rome itself was sacked by the Visigoths that year and the history of Britain moved on too. For the next 660 years there were many invasions that changed the nature of Britain but arguably one of the most lasting was that from Rome.

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