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**BURHAM WOULDHAM
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SEPTEMBER

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<https://www.rochester.anglican.org/communications/diocesan-publications/enewsletter/>

CHURCH OF ENGLAND WORSHIP

REV'D MIKE HAYES

Dear friends



The Church of England keeps Sep 1st – Oct 4th as the season of **Creationtide**. It's a time when we think and pray about God's wonderful creation and pledge ourselves to look after it better.

We encourage people to walk or cycle to your local church for services. Every Sunday at 10.30am at All Saints Wouldham.

We will also be holding a children and families event with our Messy Church Team on Sat 19 Sep when we meet at 10am at the churchyard of Burham Old Church for a walk with nature activities and prayers. Whatever the weather – so bring wet weather gear if necessary! And the Church of England nationally is inviting anyone under 30 (children need parents' permission) to write saying what caring for creation means to them and how they want their voice to be heard in the climate justice conversation.

Please send an email to lettersforcreation@churchofengland.org

I would be very interested if anyone would also like to copy their letter to me it might give me some good quotes for preaching on the subject of the environment!

Letters (and any accompanying illustrative material) will be used for exhibitions in cathedrals and for stimulating debate in church and society.

One of the things we might learn from Covid19 is the importance of working together globally on matters which affect us all. Climate change is the biggest threat facing all of us, and like Covid19 affects the poorest people the most.

Creationtide is a time for special prayer and action, and appropriately concludes on 4 Oct, the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi who lived a simple life of reverence and respect for all of God's creation.

In peace. Mike

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES

**Holy Communion at
All Saints Wouldham.**

Every Sunday at 10.30am

After the service the church is open to visitors
till 2pm



These services also take place on zoom for those unable to attend personally, please email Mike for the invitation link. In church, seating is at 2 metre spacing, though households may sit together, please wait to be seated, and face coverings must be worn except for those who are exempt. All should use sanitiser provided on entering church. Communion is in one kind only and is received standing with arms outstretched and hands open. The priest after using sanitiser will drop the consecrated wafer into the hands without touching them. Congregational singing is not allowed at the present time and the services are shorter (approx. 35 minutes). If you wish to donate collection is by text giving for those not already doing standing orders. There are no refreshments after the service at present. But there is peace, joy, hope and a warm welcome. Additionally, the church is open to visitors every Sunday from after the service until 2pm.

**On Sunday September 27th we will be welcoming our curate
Chris Winter at the 10.30 Service.**



Saturday 19th September at 10am for 1 hour
approx.

Nature trail and low key worship following social
distancing guidance.

Starting at St Mary's Church by the river,
Burham ME1 3XY.

Bring your own refreshments, also waterproofs
and wellies if the weather is bad, for a truly
Messy Church.



FUNERALS *Rest in Peace*

30th June, Sidney Cooper
14th July, Khursheidan Masih
27th July, Rosslyn Bridges
30th July, Chas Grant



**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**

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH, WOULDHAM
WEATHERVANE APPEAL**



For 218 years the tower at All Saints Church in Wouldham has been surmounted by a fine iron weather vane. 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

SEPTEMBER

The Church in Burham (Methodist)

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



Dear friends,

The Oxford English Dictionary is regularly updated as new words enter our language and others slip quietly out of use. In 2019, well over 2000 new words, senses and subentries were added, including ‘omnishambles,’ ‘fake news,’ and ‘Jedi mind trick.’

This year, the OED has been carefully monitoring words that have assumed a new significance in light of COVID-19. Most of these ‘keywords’ (such as furlough, frontline and Zoom) were already vaguely familiar, but rarely used, until the pandemic began to shape our every waking moment.

‘Risk’ has always been a part of our daily lives – in the thousands of tiny decisions we make each day, we find ourselves assessing whether a risk (like trying a new food, or travelling by car) is worth taking. Often, we do so without conscious thought. But now, our conversations around risk have become much more explicit – and much more serious. As I write this (in mid-August) churches are continuing to carry out risk assessments and to decide whether they have done enough safely to reopen their doors for public worship.

Here at the Church in Burham, we intend to begin holding services again on Sundays at 10.30am from **Sunday 13 September** and have been working hard to ensure we can do so safely. Please keep an eye on the notice board outside the church and our page on the circuit website (<https://www.nkmethodists.org.uk/churches/maidstone-malling/burham.html>) or contact me using the details below if you would like any further information about joining us for worship – or about the other activities we hope might begin again in the not-too-distant future.

Over recent weeks, several of us have been working our way through the book of **Ruth** in the Old Testament – it’s a mere four chapters, and a gripping read! In it, Ruth takes a great many risks; she moves from her home country (Moab) to Bethlehem, where Moabites were traditionally detested. In doing so, as a young widow, she risks never being able to marry again or have children – a huge decision for a woman of her time, in a society where women without a male protector and

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provider were incredibly vulnerable. She goes out to glean in the fields, where female workers were routinely attacked. And why does she take such risks? For her ageing mother-in-law, Naomi, to whom she has made a promise: 'Where you go, I will go.' For me, Ruth's story chimes with those who cross the Channel in flimsy dinghies seeking a life free of persecution and poverty for their families. She risked everything for someone she loved. Sometimes, love means taking a risk for someone else, and putting ourselves in danger.

Sometimes – now – love means doing all we can to *minimise* risk. So even though our worship may look and feel different at first, in a world of face coverings and social distancing, we do these things as an act of love and care for the safety of those around us.

Our online services continue at 10.30am every Sunday and will do so (in some form) alongside our 'physical' worship. We'd be delighted if you could join us: [see https://www.nkmethodists.org.uk/news/invitation-to-worship-from-home.html for details.](https://www.nkmethodists.org.uk/news/invitation-to-worship-from-home.html)

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Every blessing,
The Revd Naomi Oates



**THE CHURCH IN BURHAM (Methodist),
Church Street, Burham
MINISTER The Revd 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*

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>

WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

NEW WEBSITE: *Wouldhampc.com*
SEPTEMBER



All Parish Council meetings have been cancelled until further notice.

NEW HALL

The sale of the current hall on the High Street is still progressing. The Village Hall Committee have had to have long conversations with the Charity Commission to ensure that the new hall will be an amenity available to the village and belonging to the village. If you would like to see the plans for the new hall which will be situated on the Recreation Ground please go to our website. *wouldhampc.com*.

FLY TIPPING

Fly tipping and litter are becoming a pandemic in this area. Whether you are walking or driving please take your litter home with you. If you see someone fly tipping you can call 101. Or if you can get photographic proof the clerk will be happy to pass this onto Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council who will prosecute.

PLAY AREA

The play areas are open in the Rec now but please can we ask that you still practise social distancing and use hand sanitizer where possible.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

The Parish Council are keen to get Wouldham signed up to the NHW alongside the NHW for Peters Village. One of our councillors will be organising the group. If you are interested please contact the clerk, it would be great if we could get someone from every street.

WEBSITE

If you haven't already, look at our new website **wouldhampc.com**. There is a lot of information on the workings of the village, history and photos. You can contact the PC through the website. You can register to receive notifications when something new is posted, you can read our minutes and accounts and see when the next meeting is. You can also view the Community Magazine posted monthly.

DOG POO

To dog owners "dogs don't mean to leave their poo for humans to tread in, it's lazy dog owners/walkers who don't care about our village" Children tread in it, the mower gets stuck in it and spreads it over the grass so PLEASE do not leave your dog poo on the ground.

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CONTACT:

Clerk: Nicky Grimes

clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk

Chair: Eddy Bell

ebellwpc@gmail.com

REWARD OFFERED IN CRACKDOWN ON DAMAGE AT PETERS VILLAGE

Trenport is offering a £200 reward to anyone providing information on an act of criminal damage or illegal trespass at Peters Village, which then leads to successful criminal prosecution.



Recent offences include graffiti, the smashing of paving slabs under Peters Bridge and throwing these into the river (around 1pm on 15 July) and illegal vehicle trespass on to the Riverside Esplanade.

Anyone with information is urged to contact:
public.info@stjames.com
giving full details of the crime and your contact information.

A spokesman for Trenport – the overall developer at Peters Village – said: “Peters Village has a lower than average incidence of criminal damage and vandalism and the community has an excellent Neighbourhood Watch, which aims to nip such anti-social behaviour in the bud.

“However, as the community’s developer, we also want to pursue a ‘zero tolerance’ policy and prosecute or deter the small minority of people who want to ruin this attractive and growing community for the majority.”

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.

BURHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS SEPTEMBER 2020

Keep up to date with Parish Council business, visit:

Website: www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk

Facebook page “Burham Parish Council”



Fenced children’s play area finally re-opened in late July. There was a delay from the government guidance as there were some health & safety issues (not Covid-19 related) which we needed to address. Our thanks to Steve Clark and his team at Tarmac Contracting South East who carried out the repairs at no cost to the parish council, ultimately saving the community a substantial sum of money. Well done, great work and many thanks.

As a reminder: The official way to contact the parish council is via the office telephone number (see below), e-mail (see below) or via the website (as above).

Comments on Facebook “Keep Burham Connected” is not an official source to contact us.

Whilst Facebook “Keep Burham Connected” may be read as it is a public group, rarely would we take any type of action/reply or response on comments posted.

Therefore if you wish for a response or reply, please use the official sources.

Our two outside part-time employees, who had been furloughed since April returned to work in July.

There was lots of litter to be picked/jobs to be carried out that had obviously We have held a couple of meetings (virtually) with a very reduced agenda so that we met our legal obligations. Any matters not within the virtual meetings will be carried over and certainly not forgotten about. As soon as we are advised that we are able to hold normal meetings “round the table/face-to-face”, we will do so, although there may be restrictions on numbers of attendees and possibly other criteria. Keep an eye on the website and noticeboards, the agendas will provide the up-to-date information.

Dog poo bag holders with dog poo bags available have been installed around the village next to or near bins. Now there is no reason for dog walkers not to pick up after their dogs. Most dog walkers are very responsible - thank you - but there appears to be a few that “forget” their bags. Hopefully this will assist in reducing the amount of dog poo left around the village.

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Frost Service Station – as you are probably aware, Bill and Pam Frost are retiring after 50 years service to the community. For many of those years as well Bill was a very active member of the Parish Council. We would like to congratulate both of them on their retirement and wish them all the very best for the future and the next chapter in their lives. They will be sincerely missed by the community and further afield.

As a reminder, all anti-social behaviour needs to be logged with Kent Police, either via 101 or via the Kent Police website, at the time that it is occurring if possible. The more calls that are logged, the more likelihood that the Police will attend.

After a Councillor's resignation, we have a vacancy. In fact we have three Councillors' vacancies, as the other two were not filled by co-option. If you are interested in joining the team, give me a call.

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 is due 28 September 2020 – as always subject to change due to Covid-19.
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)



SEPTEMBER 2020

We adhere to strict COVID 19 Government guidance. Please see our website for full details on what you can expect on your visit & our latest menu.

WE ARE CATERING FOR SOCIALLY DISTANCED FUNCTIONS FOR UPTO 30 PEOPLE

Opening times until further notice:

Mon - Closed

Tues - Closed

Wed- midday to 10pm (food midday to 8pm)

Thurs - midday to 10pm (food midday to 8pm)

Fri - midday to 10pm (food midday to 9pm)

Sat - midday to 10pm (food midday to 9pm)

Sun - midday to 10pm (food midday to 8pm)

01634 861500

the.robin.hood@hotmail.co.uk

www.therobinhood-pub.co.uk

**The Robin Hood Public House & Restaurant
364 Common Road, Blue Bell Hill Village, Kent ME5 9RJ.**

Phoenix Medical Practice

I would like to say on behalf of everyone at the Practice, how much we appreciate all the care and support that so many individuals have given to our patients who have needed help throughout this crisis be they elderly, vulnerable, shielding etc. This has shown that irrespective of which village you may live in, there is a caring community that has embraced and supported the whole area.

As most of you will know, we will be re-locating to a brand new larger purpose built surgery in Peters Village scheduled for late summer 2021 which will ensure the future of our practice and the continued provision of care to all patients within our catchment area. There are going to be additional challenges, some of which were highlighted at the engagement events we held back in November last year a lot of which focussed around our elderly and vulnerable patients.

I did mention to people at the engagement events that we as a practice want to work with the community across all the villages to look at ways we can help those patients that will be in greater need when we relocate. It has been amazing how quickly volunteer networks have been set up which have included things such as collection of patients medications and I would very much like to build on this to explore how we as a practice can help to support services that will benefit as many of our patients as possible.

We do have a Patient Participation Group (PPG) but I will admit that the lines of communication have not been as good as I would have hoped for which I apologise. Ideally this PPG needs to be patient driven and have someone with the time and ability to take the lead as representative to those patients that feel they wish to contribute. We can then work together to discuss any key issues raised by patients and have an active forum for the Practice to pass on relevant information.

I'm wondering if we can look at combining re-igniting our PPG as well as exploring how we can help our elderly and vulnerable patients for when we relocate? At this stage I am open to hear ideas that anyone would have, what type of forum to communicate via e.g. Facebook, Zoom etc. and if there is anyone that feels they would be willing to help drive the PPG as its patient lead.

What I would appreciate is any thoughts/suggestions/comments to be put to me via our practice email – gp.G82234@nhs.net. Also if anyone feels they would like to help drive this by becoming a lead (or deputy) for your PPG then please let me know.

Many thanks

Robert Niechoj, Practice Manager, Phoenix Medical Practice

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

www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk

The next Council meeting: 28th September

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.

Clarks 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



Phoenix Medical Practice

33 Bell Lane, Burham, ME1 3SX. Tel: 01634 867982.

Opening times

Monday & Thursday: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 8:30 am - 6:00 pm

Dispensary Opening Times

Monday & Thursday: 8:45 am - 12:00 pm
2.00 pm – 4:45 pm
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 8:45 am - 12:00 pm
3:30 pm – 6:15 pm

www.phoenixsurgery-burham.nhs.uk

HEALTH

NHS 111 can help if you have an urgent medical problem and you're not sure what to do. NHS 111 is available 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week. Get NHS help online or on the phone.

To get help from NHS 111, you can: -

go to 111.nhs.uk (*for people aged 5 and over only*) or telephone 111

DEFIBRILLATORS: Situated:

1. Outside Burham Parish Office.
2. Outside Wouldham Village Hall.
3. Outside Wouldham Village Store.

If a machine is needed, call 999 for the code and instructions.

PRESCRIPTIONS. If you are unable to collect your prescriptions and live in Burham, Wouldham or Peters Village, the Church offers a collection service. Contact: Rachael Harris. 07725289194
The surgery require 72 hours to prepare the prescription and the volunteers collecting these prescriptions need 24hrs notice.

HEARING AIDS.

HiKent Hearing Clinic, TEMPORALLY SUSPENDED monthly—on the 2nd Thursday the month. **10.30-11.30 hrs at Burham Community Centre.** Aftercare clinics for NHS hearing aids. Free of charge & open on a drop-in basis. No need for an appointment. Trained volunteers are able to change batteries, clean and re-tube hearing aids while you wait. -

<https://hikent.org.uk/>

BURHAM CHILDREN'S CENTRE
Due to the current situation with Covid-19 all our
Children's Centres are closed.
FOR SUPPORT & ADVICE PLEASE PHONE OR
EMAIL: tmbc@kent.gov.uk
or see our 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.

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

Email: Burham.pre-school@hotmail.com

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

CHURCHES

Church of England Parish of Burham & Wouldham:

1. **All Saints, Wouldham.** Holy Communion every Sunday at 10.30am and, afterwards, open to visitors till 2pm. Online Zoom worship continues. Funerals and weddings may be held in church with limited numbers. *See page 2.*
2. **St Marys Church, Burham.** Old Church Rd,
Open daily 10.0—4.0 pm
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.
3. **The ‘Church in Burham’ (Methodist). Church St.**
Sundays, 10.30 am. **Recommencing on 13th September.**
Also online services. *See 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 park.

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

Watermans Arms, Wouldham. Food served daily & Sunday lunch -
01634 681830

THEATRE/MUSIC/FILM/ART

Film Club The Church in Burham, Church St.
Contact Eileen Smith 01634867022

All Saints, Wouldham Church Choir. Choir practice is starting again on
Thursday, 3rd September, 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.
Tina Miles Tel: 07967 795913

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>

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SATURDAY WASTE COLLECTION—SUSPENDED

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Wouldham - Car Park, Knowle Rd,
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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

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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,
Opening hours to be confirmed

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

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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:
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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.

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_dance_school@yahoo.com

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

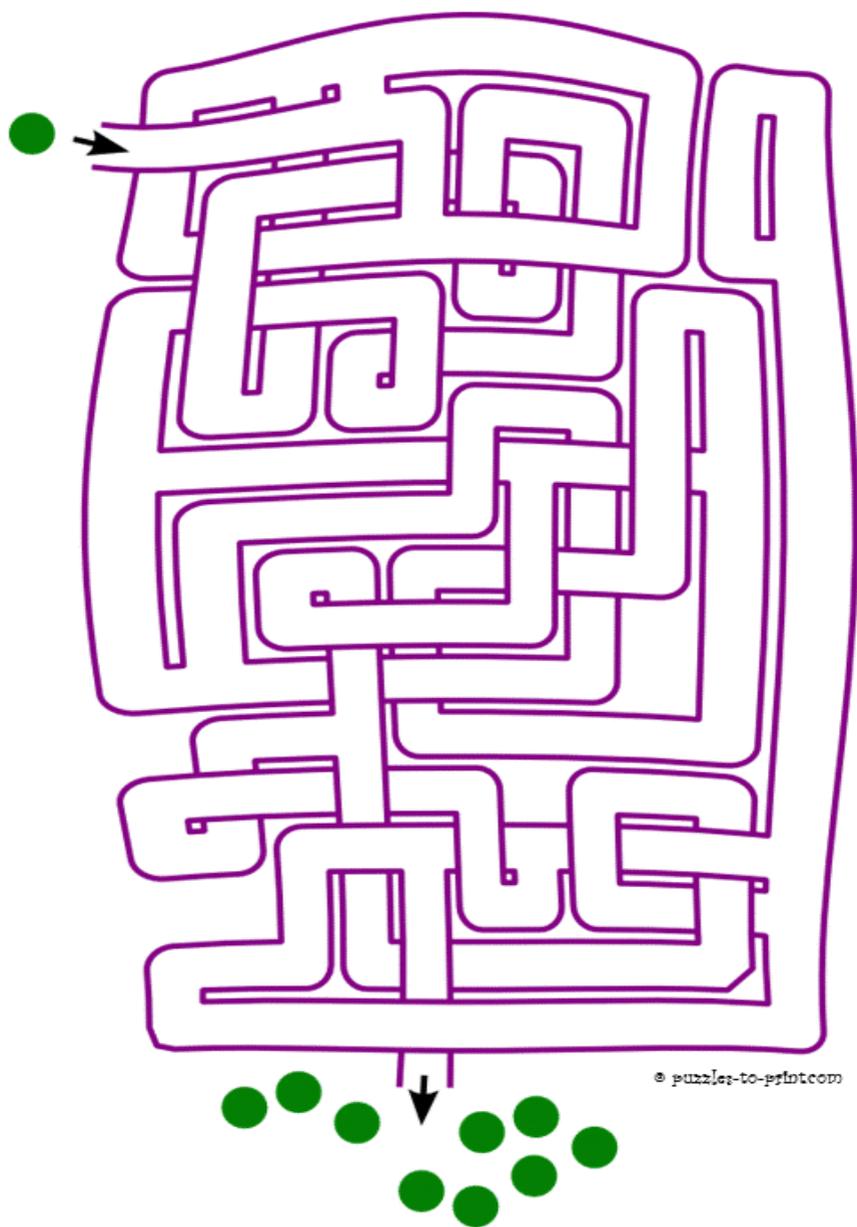
Step Fitness Classes – Fitness sessions in Burham Village Hall.
Thurs 7pm – 8pm @ £7 per session, Contact Abbey on 07713056301.

Medway Lindy Hoppers – Dancing classes in Burham Village Hall.
details www.medwaylindyhoppers.co.uk

Burham Football Club - Contact Paul Fitzpatrick 07805198937.

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

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



Find the shortest path through the maze for the green marble to join the others on the bottom.

SEPTEMBER in your Garden

*At Sunset, Nature is painting for us day after day,
pictures of infinite beauty.'*

Nature really has given us some beautiful sunsets over the last few months, as if she knew we needed reminding of their beauty. The pictures painted by the nature that surrounds us changes on a daily basis, and will always throw up something of beauty, whether it's a sunrise, the sunlight shining through leaves, a rose unfurling its petals, butterflies, bees and dragonflies sailing through the garden or a glorious rosy sunset at the end of a sunny day. The evenings are now drawing in, & with this the temperatures cool a little which gives way to more autumnal colour in the garden. Rudbeckia,

Salvia & Dahlias will continue to flower well into October if the weather stays mild, but trees will start to turn their leaves to the rich hues of autumn ready to drop them over coming months.

Summer has really been exceptional this year, which given the tribulations going on in the world has been a welcome respite from the craziness. The one drawback of the hot sunny weather has been the need to keep everything well watered. To keep plants healthy, pots & baskets have needed watering daily to keep them looking at their best, & this will need to continue into September as they will dry out quickly, particularly on warm windy days. If you're getting away for a few days, consider moving pots together to a shady location, place them in trays where possible, or use upturned plastic bottles filled with water (pierce a hole in the lid & push the neck of the bottle into the soil) to keep them watered for a few extra days. Make sure plants are well watered before you leave to give them the best chance of survival.

In the veg garden, the season is still in full flow. By now Salads, Tomatoes, Courgettes & Beans have been producing well over the summer, & winter brassicas will be well established. Any remaining Onions and Potatoes should now be dug up and stored for over winter use, leave them to dry for a few days somewhere dry before storing to maximise their longevity in storage. While mild weather continues, keep feeding and watering plants that are still producing, and raise any squashes & pumpkins off the ground if possible, either on a bed of straw or tiles/bricks as this will help them to ripen without rotting.

It is still possible to sow some crops for winter such as Chicory and Rocket as these prefer cooler temperatures. If you haven't already done so, pinch out the tops of tomato plants now so that their energy goes into ripening fruit rather than growing.

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Currant bushes can also be pruned now, aim for an open goblet shape, so take out any growth towards the centre of the plant, and remove up to one third of old woody stems as these will make way for new growth. Summer Raspberries should also have the older woody stem that fruited this year removed, with the fresh new stem tied into a framework as these will be the stems that produce next year.

September is the ideal time to propagate more plants, either by lifting & dividing clumps of perennials, or by taking cuttings. Larger clumps of perennials can often be invigorated by lifting & dividing as it gives the plant room to spread. Dig around the clump and far enough down to get a good amount of roots out as well. Once removed from its location, assess the size of the clump and how many new plants can be obtained. The easiest way to divide it, is either by using two forks back to back to prize apart section of the roots, or by cutting through the clump with a few sharp strikes with a spade. Replace one part into the existing hole, & either pot up the remaining clumps in fresh compost to give to friends, or replant them elsewhere in the garden. Water well to ensure they establish back into position.

Taking cuttings from woody perennials, such as Rosemary & Lavender, allows a number of new plants to be generated over the winter months. At this time of year its softwood cuttings, where the base of the cutting is more rigid but the tip is still soft. Cut lengths of approx. 10cm, ideally just below a leaf node, and remove the leaves from all but the top third of the cutting. Create a hole around the edge of a pot already filled with compost and push the cutting into it – you should be able to fit about six cuttings into a regular sized pot. Water the pot to make sure the cuttings are settled and place in a warm but not too sunny spot for them to take root. Once new leaves start to appear it will mean the cutting now has roots & can be potted up individually, and placed in a protected spot to harden off over winter. Its often sensible to take a few more cutting than you need in case some fail.

Other things to be doing in the garden now:

Continue to feed pots and baskets regularly until end of the month
Maximise storage of your crops, Autumn raspberries, tomatoes and chillies can all be frozen without cooking. Beans and peas will need blanching first, and Courgettes can be made into ratatouille for storage in the freezer. You can also make chutneys, jams, piccalilli and sauces – look for interesting recipes on the internet.
Continue to dead-head flowering plants.

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Push Strawberry runners into pots of compost to create new plants – pin them down with a paperclip or similar until they root.

Empty pots with summer annuals and re-fill with spring bulbs now available in shops or online.

Continue to mow lawns, but reduce the regularity as the days shorten.

Keep bird baths topped up, & install or make a bug hotel ready for hibernating winter insects.

*Sue Durrani, Secretary, Allotment Association, Wouldham
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