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# CHURCH OF ENGLAND WORSHIP

REV'D MIKE HAYES



*Dear friends*

This is an exciting time for the Church of England in this parish. We have a curate, Christopher Winter with us. He was ordained Deacon on 26<sup>th</sup> Sep and we welcomed him at All Saints' Church on 27<sup>th</sup> where he preached. He is the first curate here in living memory! What's a curate? A curate is someone who shares with a Parish Priest in the cure of souls, or ministry in a parish, in an assistant role. He starts as a Deacon, meaning one who serves, and all being well in a year's time will be ordained as a Priest (meaning one who prays). He will always remain a Deacon as well, as indeed I do. The serving goes hand in hand with the praying. For this first year Chris will not be able to celebrate the Eucharist. This is the great prayer of the church at which the Priest presides in the presence of church members.

You may well be thinking how come Mike needs an assistant in this small church! Curates often do go to larger churches, but our church leaders take the view that a Curate is still in training, and that our parish will give a good training experience, and in particular in our case a knowledge of working in a semi-rural parish with a new housing development.

Chris has already done 3 years of ministry training at St. Augustine's College, the local training scheme for Rochester and Canterbury Diocesan ordinands. He has studied, amongst other things, the Bible and its interpretation, Church History, Ethics, Worship in the Church of England, Philosophy of Religion, World Religions and other things that he will probably be able to remind me about, it being 41 years since I finished at theological college!

I am looking forward to being in a training role, as Chris learns about conducting public worship, (including in schools when it becomes possible for those outside the bubbles to be there again, God willing)) leading nurture groups, conducting Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals, supporting those in need and visiting the sick. We will also be seeking constructive feedback from church members and parishioners about how he is getting on.

One other thing you need to know about Chris. Although eventually he is preparing for full-time ministry, at present he is a self-supporting minister. That means that he has a day job! So he will be with us on Sundays and the equivalent of one day a week at different times of the day and evening. A full-time curacy typically lasts for 3 years, but Chris will have the opportunity to be with us for up to 6 years.

Please join me in prayer for Chris at this time, and may we all be blessed by being able to share in his training,

*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.

Worship materials for each Sunday can be sent out by email on request.



## **HARVEST SERVICE, ALL SAINTS, WOULDHAM 4th OCTOBER, 10.30am**

We will be keeping Harvest Festival but in a scaled down way this year.

Please bring gifts of dried goods to the service or later when the church is open until 2pm .

For donation to the Medway Food Bank and Maidstone Homeless Care .

# CANDLE PRAYER TIME



Troubled times .....but your churches are here for you  
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..... 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 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 .....

# OCTOBER

## Services at The Church in Burham (Methodist)



Dear friends,

We are absolutely delighted to let you know that, following a thorough risk assessment process, services resumed at the Church in Burham on Sunday 13 September.

You are warmly invited to join us for worship **every Sunday at 10.30am**. Services will be led by a range of ministers and lay Local Preachers. To help keep yourself and others safe, we ask that you:

- wear a face covering while in the church (unless you are exempt from doing so);
- maintain 2m distance from other households;
- follow the one-way system;
- allow the welcome steward to take your contact details, which will be held on file for 21 days as part of the Government's Test & Trace programme.

Of course, we recognise that many people are unable, or not yet ready, to worship with others in a church building. Our online circuit services continue at 10.30am every Sunday. The services are also available on 'catch up,' if you would like to do both! For details see:

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

We are also continuing to offer a fortnightly dial-in service, especially for those without the Internet, on alternate Thursdays at 10am. If you would like to join us, please contact me using the details below.

We hope, soon, to have further details about other activities taking place at the church. For now, we are thrilled to offer a range of opportunities to worship at church or in the comfort of your own home. We look forward to seeing you – or connecting with you by phone or online – in the near future.

Loving God, you built your church,  
the body of Christ, as living stones.

As we gather in your house again,

help us to remember that we are your church in every place.

Unite us in your Son, and send us out in the power of your Spirit,  
to witness in your world.

Amen.

Continued.....

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.*

## **Heart of Kent Hospice, Moonlit Walk 2020** **Being together while walking apart**

**Saturday 10th October**

**Any time between 10am & 10pm**  
**Any distance between 1K & 10K**



Please join us for a special version of our annual flagship event. The team at the Hospice would love to be walking alongside you from the doors of the Hospice but sadly this year this cannot happen.

We know that this beloved walk is as important to you as it is to us so we have created a special version of the Moonlit Walk for individuals or small groups to take part in.

Choose your own route and look out for fellow Moonlit walkers wearing their special t-shirts - bring the community together by waving and shouting hello. Now more than ever we need your support.

For full details of how to join in and entry fees please visit:

**[www.hokh.org/events](http://www.hokh.org/events)**.

Your entry fee includes:

a Moonlit Walk t-shirt, medal (by post) and a pdf certificate..



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After almost six months where the majority of our pupils have not been at school, we reopened the school doors to all of our pupils on 1<sup>st</sup> September. We were able to open to a limited number of pupils towards the end of Term 6, and this meant that our Year 6 pupils were able to say goodbye to friends and staff before they started at secondary school in September. We would like to wish them all the best of luck at their new schools.

During the lockdown, and for part of the Summer holidays, we were open to the children of key workers, but it has been lovely to once again have all of our pupils at school and we would like to welcome our new Reception class and their families to the school, as well as any other new pupils who are joining us for this academic year.

As you can imagine, life in school at the moment is not quite what we are used to, however parents, pupils and staff have all embraced this new 'normal' and we are pleased with the way it is working. We are operating a staggered start and finish for different year groups as well as utilising the different entry points for the school. All children are in their own Year group 'bubbles' and do not mix with other Year groups within the school. Of course hand hygiene, cleanliness and social distancing are paramount and all children and staff are very aware of their importance. We are using all of the resources we have in school, including our lovely outdoor space, to ensure that our children remain fit and healthy, both physically and mentally, and to ensure that the return to school has been as normal as possible. All of the measures we have taken to enable the school to reopen are there to protect both children and staff as well as the wider community.

Sadly, due to the current situation, we are unable to hold our large fundraising events such as our Annual Firework Display and our Christmas Fair. We hope that these events will be able to return next year and be bigger and better than ever.

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*

# 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](mailto: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 07904281522 or [clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk).**



## 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](mailto: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

# **BURHAM**

## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

### **OCTOBER 2020**



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”**

A virtual meeting with reduced agenda items did take place in August which is very unusual.

Pilgrims Way/Split Road – As I am sure you are aware the rubbish has started to build up again. We have already been in contact with TMBC, who arranges for contractors to litter pick on a rolling road closure basis. TMBC have advised “contractor unable to address at the current time”. Hopefully by the time this magazine is circulated, the rubbish would have been cleared, although last time it took several months for the work to happen. I will keep an eye on the situation and will re-contact TMBC in due course, if nothing occurs.

As a reminder, please ensure that when you are parking that you are not parked on double yellow lines, across drive-ways or anywhere else which could cause a problem to other motorists and pedestrians. Spending a few moments just to check will be appreciated by all.

There is still no update on the TMBC Saturday free of charge bulky refuse. Their latest information is “Currently there are no plans to reinstate this service at the moment; any updates will be posted on our website. Apologies for the inconvenience.” As soon as we receive an update, it will be posted on our website and Facebook page.

Whilst we do continually receive complaints/comments in relation to anti-social behaviour particularly along New Court Road, the Parish Council does not have any powers to address this type of behaviour. ALL ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR needs to be reported to Kent Police, either on 101 or via the Kent Police website at the time that the incident is happening if possible. The Police are the acting authority and The more calls/logs that they receive, the more likelihood they will attend. Whilst residents may be reluctant to make the call, it is the only way to ensure that the Police are fully aware of the situation and they can see that this is and has been an on-going problem.

As reported last month, there are a good number of dog poo bag holders which have been installed around the village, near to or close to bins. So if you happen to forget your dog poo bag when you are walking the dog, there should be bags available nearby.

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If you happen to see a holder which is empty, please let me know as I have a supply at the office awaiting usage. More signs in relation to this have also been installed around the village. Let's try and keep Burham areas free of dog poo and all the nasties that it can carry.

The annual inspection of the "play" equipment which includes the youth shelter, Spectra, MUGA and of course the kiddies play area equipment took place in late August by Wicksteed. No high risk areas were identified, which was great.

It is hoped that by the time this edition is circulated, we may have a new member of the Parish Council – further details to follow. Even so, we still have two vacancies for parish Councillors. If you are interested, give me a call on the number listed below.

**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 next scheduled meeting, which is due 26 October 2020 – format of meeting (either via MS Teams or normal face to face) to be agreed nearer the time.**

*Pam Saunders – Clerk.*

## **TONBRIDGE & MALLING RAMBLERS**

We are one of 13 Ramblers groups in Kent and part of the national Ramblers walking charity. Mostly we go out on Sunday mornings with additional mid-week rambles each month. Our walks are usually circular and about 5-6 miles in duration. We offer occasional shorter walks too. Most walks are in the Tonbridge and Malling area and, occasionally, further afield.



New members are welcome, as are those wishing to try us out before joining Ramblers.

Following Covid-19 safety guidelines and to assist with contact tracing, we now require walkers to book onto our walks in advance. For details of upcoming walks, please email: [\*\*info@tonbridgeandmallingeramblers.co.uk\*\*](mailto:info@tonbridgeandmallingeramblers.co.uk)

# WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## OCTOBER

*NEW WEBSITE: [Wouldhampc.com](http://Wouldhampc.com)*



The last Parish Council meeting was held on September 8<sup>th</sup>, the next meeting is on October 6<sup>th</sup> and will possibly held by Zoom with the new Government guidelines.

### **VILLAGE HALL**

Once again we have to report that the sale of the old hall and the purchase of the new hall is still progressing, it has been a long haul but will be worth it to have this new asset for Wouldham. Plans are available to see on our website and there is a new Facebook Group: Wouldham Village Hall with more plans and pictures.

### **RECREATION GROUND**

We would like to thank John Head for preparing the ground along the wall on the Recreation Ground for wildflower seed planting, after much discussion the plan is for a couple of pathways through the area but planting of wildflowers and possibly some trees. We would also like to thank Anne and Sue for all their efforts on this area, sadly it was too big an area for 2 volunteers but we hope they will be happy with the result. The Parish Council are happy for residents to put gates through their wall onto the Rec, but we cannot allow permanent pathways. This is private property and has to be maintained for the village.

### **HALL ROAD**

The PC are aware that the trees lining Hall Road between the road and the new pathway are dead elms, KCC are looking into removing them as they are unsafe during strong wind. What to do with the hedgerow after that is under discussion but will cost quite a bit of money to replant.

### **VACANCY**

There is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor at Wouldham. If you are interested please contact the Clerk, or if you just want a chat about what the work involves. Closing date is October 16<sup>th</sup> and decision will be made at the PC meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE**

The Parish Council have a Facebook page and their own website where we post any items of interest to the village, they are both a great way to keep in touch.

## **TRAFFIC**

We have been told that KCC has some money to spend on traffic calming for Wouldham but we haven't heard anything about their plans. We have asked our MP Tracey Crouch to follow up with them to find out what, if anything they have decided. The PC are conducting another traffic survey along the High Street and Village Road and will publish the results on FB and on our website.

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

The PC are setting up a NHW in Wouldham, please contact the clerk if you are interested, the one in PV is up and running and proving very successful. If we could get one household in every street looking out for the interests of the whole village, that would be a success.

## **CCTV FOR THE VILLAGE**

The PC are looking into putting CCTV cameras on the exits and entrances to the village. We will be talking to relevant houses and looking into the costings. This is currently only an idea, if you would like to comment please contact the clerk.

## **DOG POO**

It is still everywhere. PLEASE PLEASE watch your dog when you are walking it and pick up after it.

## **CONTACT:**

Clerk Nicky Grimes [clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk) 0790428522

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Pam Saunders – Clerk.

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[www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk). Meetings usually the last Monday in the month.. The next Council meeting: 26th October.

Format of meeting (either via MS Teams or normal face to face) to be agreed nearer the time.

## WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk—Nicky Grimes 07904281522

[clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk) [www.wouldhampc.com](http://www.wouldhampc.com)

Council Meetings are held in Wouldham Village Hall. Usually 1st Tuesday of the month The next meeting: 6th October. Possibly by ZOOM

COMMUNITY WARDEN:- Vivien Hickmott 07813694140

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

**PETERS VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Steve @ [Petersvillagenhw@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.clarkescommute.co.uk) or call 020 8778 6697.

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

## 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)

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

**Wouldham:** Contact Sue 01634 682363

# HEALTH



## Phoenix Medical Practice

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### Opening times

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

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To get help from NHS 111, you can: -  
go to [111.nhs.uk](http://111.nhs.uk) (for people aged 5 and over only) or telephone 111

**DEFIBRILLATORS:** Situated:

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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/>**

## 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>

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## 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

TMBC Helpline 01732 844522 [www.tmbc.gov.uk](http://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

## 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 are held there and events run by the Friends of St Marys.
3. **The ‘Church in Burham’ (Methodist). Church St.**  
Every Sunday at 10.30am.  
Also online services. *See page 4.*

## 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 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.  
Tina Miles Tel: 07967 795913

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

**Women's Institute** - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 01634 867022

**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 01634 867022

**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.

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:  
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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. **Not currently running.** 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 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.

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

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

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

**Tonbridge & Malling Ramblers** . For details of upcoming walks, please email: [info@tonbridgeandmalligramblers.co.uk](mailto:info@tonbridgeandmalligramblers.co.uk) *See page 11.*

**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](mailto:duets_dance_school@yahoo.com)

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

**Medway Lindy Hoppers** – Dancing classes in Burham Village Hall. details [www.medwaylindyhoppers.co.uk](http://www.medwaylindyhoppers.co.uk)



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## **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

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Email: [Burham.pre-school@hotmail.com](mailto: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

# October in Your Garden

*'The heat of Autumn is different to the heat of Summer, one ripens apples, the other turns them to cider.'*



October evenings are always shorter as the nights draw in, and with this brings the turning of the garden as it slowly drifts into a less floral autumnal display. It is at this point where late flowering plants come into their own, as well as the evergreen backbone of the garden which will remain through winter. Salvia, Penstemon, Dahlia and Echinacea will all continue to flower right through until the first frosts, so keep deadheading them in the meantime. Once the frost blackens the foliage, then its time to cut back all foliage, and for Dahlia & Begonia protect the tubers for winter.

There is plenty of winter bedding available such as Pansies, Violas and Cyclamen to provide pops of colour in the borders or in pots closer to the house, so there is always something of interest in the garden. October also isn't too late to plant out any new shrubs or trees, although the earlier this is done the better as its better for the plants to have time to establish before any truly harsh winter weather arrives – we're lucky in the south as this is rarely until the new year. Shrubs that will look good throughout the winter months are Photinia (Red Robin), Cornus (Dogwood), Winter Jasmine, Sarcococca (Sweet Box) and Hellebores, and so will provide that extra interest and structure through your borders (or in pots if you have a terrace).

By now it is time to be tidying the garden by cutting back the foliage of summer perennials that don't offer any additional winter structure. Remember to leave a few stems if possible as these will provide vital habitats for overwintering beneficial bugs & insects, & the rest can all be composted to provide a useful recycled resource to go back into the garden next year.....

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..... If you haven't yet started a compost heap, its never too late, and you can easily create a small heap in a corner of the garden (make sure it's on earth not paving to allow the organisms from the earth to access the heap for the decomposition process) by layering your garden cuttings with grass clippings, shredded paper and fruit & veg peelings. In less than a year it will have broken down enough to be able to be used back in the garden as a mulch or dug into your soil to improve it's structure. Continue to add to the pile thru winter and into next year as it will continue to rot down into lovely homemade compost.

It is also time to prepare to move any tender plants indoors or into the most sheltered area of the garden, so make sure the storage areas are clear ready for the move. If possible clean & disinfect the greenhouse for maximum light levels and to keep plants healthy over winter. Autumn is also the ideal time to mulch beds and borders, whilst the soil is still warm & the moisture levels have improved

Once any cutting back has been done and any obvious weeds have been removed, then place a good layer, at least 3 inches (or 8cm), of well-rotted manure, garden compost or chipped bark on top of the soil. This will help to protect the soil from erosion over the winter, whilst also enriching the soil and improving its structure. Over time the worms etc will work the organic matter into the soil, so it's a process that should be repeated each autumn. Its also great for keeping weed growth in check, and makes any weeds that do appear much easier to remove.

In the vegetable garden there is still plenty to harvest, winter veg such as Swedes, Parsnips and Cauliflower are all ready to be picked for use, Squashes should be harvested before the first frosts, but can be stored for months in a frost free shed etc. The last beetroot, beans and courgettes should also be harvested now, and can be pickled or frozen for storing through winter. Tomatoes, Peppers and Chillies will also need to be picked now and ripened indoors.

Other things to be doing in the garden now:

Update pots of summer bedding by changing for winter bedding, the old compost can be used as a mulch on the garden or added to the compost heap.

Continue to cut the lawn on a higher setting if the weather is mild.

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Give evergreen hedges a final cut to create a tidy hedge for the winter months.

Rake up any garden leaves into black sacks - punch some holes in the bag before piling the leaves in, tie the top & leave behind the shed until next year. The leaves will rot down to create leaf mould which is an excellent soil improver.

Aerate the lawn by sinking a garden fork in as far as possible, this will help to improve drainage and also relieve the compaction from being walked on through summer.

Also rake the lawn to remove any thatch before applying and autumn lawn treatment to help improve the lawn ready for next year.

Net ponds to prevent leaves etc falling in as they will decompose over the winter and clog up the pond.

Prune Roses back by one third, ideally to an outward facing bud, to help prevent wind rock. Also clear and dispose of any fallen leaves to prevent any chance of black spot overwintering in the ground then mulch well around the base.

*Sue Durrani, Secretary, Allotment Association, Wouldham*

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

## **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)



**SOME TRIPS TO LOOK FORWARD TO ...**

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8<sup>TH</sup> October

**AUTUMN MYSTERY TOUR  
& PUB LUNCH**  
22nd October

**EASTBOURNE**  
25th October

**MILESTONE MUSEUM**  
27th October

**RYE ON MARKET DAY**  
29th October

**COCKNEY MATINEE**  
3rd November

**ELY CHRISTMAS GIFT &  
FOOD FAIR**  
14th November

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CHRISTMAS PUB LUNCH**  
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28th November

**BIRMINGHAM CHRISTMAS  
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5th December

**WINCHESTER CHRISTMAS  
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