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# CHURCH OF ENGLAND WORSHIP

REV'D MIKE HAYES



Dear friends

As I write for this May edition, Spring has definitely sprung. The leaves on the trees are bursting open into every shade of green and the blossom is out. It's just so beautiful. I'm struck by the new life all around us and how it brings hope out of so much loss and grief being suffered in many, many ways.

Just now the 'covid restrictions' are beginning to be lifted and we can begin to meet up again albeit still 'socially distanced' So, we are looking forward to new events in the villages which will gradually be advertised within....

The churches are open again to attend services (*pages 3 & 5*) and ZOOM services are to continue as they've proved very popular.

This month we have some news again from our schools (*pages 6 & 8*) after this covid lockdown year and when the children's education has been so disrupted. You will see what an amazing job the schools have done, in very difficult circumstances over this covid time, and in getting the children safely back into schooling.

Hopefully by the time we go to print we shall be enjoying some warmer weather and those of us that enjoy gardening will be getting on with ..... well, Sue (*page 20*) advises us what needs to be done. There's always a lot to do.

The Magazine has had rather a disrupted year. Of course we are back in print again after the lockdown but it's now only being delivered to those people who have specifically requested a copy. (*see outside back cover for details*). Currently though you can pick up a copy from Frosts Shop, the churches, the Baker and Waterman's Pub. Also, the Magazine can be viewed digitally on the Church and Villages' Facebook pages and on the Church and both Parish Council Websites.

So, this is my opportunity also to say that after the next edition for June, I shall be stepping down as Magazine Editor. It's rather lost in history how long I've been doing this!

The new Editor is Ms Pamla Walker who lives locally. She takes a keen interest in our local communities and has been specially selected for her ideas to bring new content and thus new life to the Magazine. There is a bit of work for us to do in handing over the 'ins and outs' of the Magazine so then, in June, I will tell you how to contact Pamla so that she can take things on for the July/August edition. The deadline for submitting copy will now be reverting to the 10th of the preceding month as before.

My 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 weather vane. 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.

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**Contact:**

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## CHURCH OF ENGLAND

### MAY SERVICES

#### All Saints, Wouldham

**Every Sunday, Eucharist, 10.30am**

**Sunday, 2nd May, 10.30am.** *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

**Sunday, 9th May, 10.30am** *Sixth Sunday of Easter*  
*(Christian Aid Week 9-15)*

**Thursday, 13th May, 7.30pm** *Ascension Day*

**Sunday, 16th May, 10.30am** *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

**Sunday, 23rd May, 10.30am** *Day of Pentecost (Whit Sunday)*

**Sunday, 30th May, 10.30am** *Trinity Sunday*

At present we are continuing to hold services in church but encouraging all those who are able to do so to follow on Zoom.

From **23<sup>rd</sup> May** we are inviting all to attend in person again but will continue to offer Zoom option. Masks are to be worn and congregational singing is still not allowed.

There is hand sanitiser at the door and also Sign-in. We are constantly reviewing this and the guidelines may change.

Anyone who doesn't get the link please email Mike to receive it.

**[mikejhayes@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mikejhayes@hotmail.co.uk)**

**Candle Prayer Time** *The prayer group continues to pray at 7.30 every Wednesday. All welcome to send in prayer requests to Gwen on 672060 or [gwenworcester@hotmail.com](mailto:gwenworcester@hotmail.com)*

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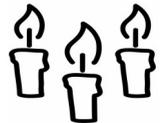
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..... contact Gwen Worcester on 01634 672060 or ***[mikejhayes@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mikejhayes@hotmail.co.uk)*** to add your prayer request for our Candle Prayer Time group to say in their homes on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm.

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From all at All Saints and The Church in Burham





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We hope you will be able to join us.

# FILAMENTS II

Installation of threads light and projection

This event was to have taken place at St Marys Church, Burham on Jan 22nd but had to be postponed.

However we do intend to put the event on just as soon as we are able but cannot put out a new date yet. A new date will be posted on [www.facebook.com/stmarysburham](http://www.facebook.com/stmarysburham) just as soon as we know.



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a torch

**MAY**  
**News from**  
**The Church in Burham (Methodist)**



Dear friends, Great News!

We are hoping to begin holding services again from May 23<sup>rd</sup> which is Whit Sunday when we remember God's gift of the Holy Spirit.

Please keep an eye on the Notice Board outside Burham Community Centre and outside The Church in Burham once we have confirmed the arrangements.

The usual social-distancing will be observed and it is likely that there will be no singing allowed. However this is a wonderful start to getting back to some sort of normality.

As yet we don't know when any other of our usual activities will be able to re-commence but notice will be given in the usual places when this is possible,

Many people have enjoyed the on-line services provided by the Circuit and it is likely that these will continue for some time yet.

You can also dial in and listen to these services by phone if you are not online.



See <https://www.nkmethodists.org.uk/news/invitation-to-worship-from-home.html> for details of all online services.

**THE CHURCH IN BURHAM (Methodist), Church Street, Burham**  
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*Requests for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals to:*

*Rev Bonni-Bell Pickard or one of the Stewards.*

# WOULDHAM ALL SAINTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

A bit of a different type of report this year. What a year!! I have not been allowed into school for the last year due to covid restrictions, which has been very strange, governor meetings have been on Zoom and we have been unable to visit the school to do our normal monitoring activities. Carl has been very good at keeping us up to speed on what is going on and our Chair and Vice Chair of the governing body have been allowed to visit and have been feeding back to the rest of the governing body.

It has been an incredibly difficult year for all schools, not just Wouldham, and I think we have managed the crisis admirably. In the first lockdown we provided care for key worker children from other schools, we were a “hub” for other schools that were unable to provide appropriate care.

During the year our staff have worked so hard. Besides teaching the children who are in school they have spent hours organising home school learning. We have been able to supply IT devices to children who need them, 15 government funded, some school funded, but home schooling is not ideal and it is great that we have all our children back in school.

Besides providing learning for our children, Carl and his school team have been providing food for our vulnerable families, delivering food parcels to homes, putting our school minibuses to good use!

It’s great having our pupils back. But what a responsibility! Lots of changes to the school day, staggered drop off and pick up times, lunch times and play time breaks. Children (and staff) are in bubbles, restricted mixing and strict adherence to covid safety. We have employed extra cleaning staff who are on site throughout the day sanitising switches, handles and cleaning the toilet facilities. All staff are now having lateral flow tests for covid twice weekly.

Our usual School Improvement Plan has been suspended for now and we are working on a new “Catch Up” plan to do the best we can for our pupils.

It has been strange not to be able to say a proper “thank you and farewell” to Sue Jarvis, our Foundation Governor.

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*continued* ..... She has done a lot of work for the school in general governor duties and especially in her work for preparation for our SIAMS inspections (the church aspect of our C of E school). She has stepped down to be replaced by Chris our curate, who joined us in September. He has only met the governors on Zoom so far.

I am really looking forward to things returning to normal and visiting the school in my role as governor. Contact for the school with the church will, hopefully, return to normal as restrictions ease, and we will see our children using our church soon. I am so proud of our school and how Carl and our wonderful staff have managed this most difficult year and done the best for our children.

*Helen Wells, Foundation Governor*

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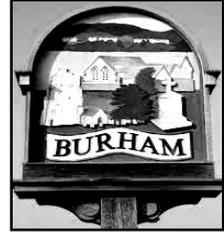


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**Website:** [www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk)

**Facebook page** “Burham Parish Council”

All Parish Council information is included on these two platforms.

At the time of going to press, there were still uncertainties when face to face meetings will/can resume.

The new website is hopefully up and running. Although it is a new website, the domain name *burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk* remains unchanged.

Trenport have offered the Parish Council another lease on Court Meadow. This time it is for 5 years, under the same terms as previously including a peppercorn rent.

KCC highways have advised regarding their works programme that will be taking place for 2021/22 and 2022/23; Rochester Road footway from outside 402 to approximately 484, surface preservation. Also Scarborough Terrace to Whitehouse Crescent, road surface preservation. Once we have more details, we will of course advise.

As some of you are already aware, Trenport’s application for 58 dwellings (TM/20/02988), on land northwest of Bell Lane has been withdrawn due to ecology and archaeology reasons. However, they will be submitting another application shortly, (it may have already been submitted). Whilst obviously TMBC Planning do have the original observations/objections submitted by residents/consultees, the new application will be classed as exactly that, new, so residents would need to re-submit to TMBC Planning.

From the verbal survey carried out with Church Street residents in relation to additional parking facilities and other aspects, the majority of residents advised that more parking is wanted and/or needed. Trenport was advised of this information and then a short while after the application was withdrawn for the reasons stated above.

A planning application has also been submitted to TMBC for The Windmill Public House (TM/21/00575 4 x 2 bed flats). Many residents have submitted their objections/observations to TMBC regarding this, so we await a decision from TMBC.

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In due course, new basketball nets will be fitted to the MUGA and it is hoped that some painting will be carried out to at least one of the benches and the bin in the children's play area.

Another reminder; regarding the picking up and the proper disposal of dog poo. Whilst most of the village dog owners are very good, a few are still letting the side down. Please ensure that any dog fouling in any area including the pavements and the recreation ground is addressed in an appropriate manner.

Some residents have enquired when the Saturday bulky refuse may return. We hope to have further information regarding this in June.

As a reminder, there is now a clothing recycling bank at the recycling site. This, like the cardboard/paper bank, bring general funds for us. So this is the ideal place to dispose of them if you have clothes that are no longer needed.

**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 join in at the next scheduled meeting, which is due 24 May 2021. The format of the May meeting will be advised nearer the time.**

*Pam Saunders – Clerk.*

## **THE WINDMILL PUBLIC HOUSE PLANNING APPLICATION, TM21 /0075FL**

The owner of The Windmill Public House submitted a planning application to change it's usage from a pub to 4 flats for private use. On advice from TMBC planning officers, the owner withdrew the application because of the weakness of the case presented.

A significant part of the weakness of the case were the approximately 200 objections received from local people. There were other strong planning reasons.

The applicant may resubmit a planning application, but it must be a much stronger one than that presented previously.

As a principle of planning law, each application must be treated on its own merits and therefore, if a new application is submitted, people must resend their objections to that new application. The old ones do not count in this new situation but new reasons for objecting are not required. No action is required until a new application is submitted.

From: *TMBC Councillors Roger Dalton & Dave Davis*



*COMPASSION, ACCEPTANCE, RESPONSIBILITY, FORGIVENESS, TRUST*

After a further two months where the majority of our pupils were not at school, we reopened the school doors to all of our pupils on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

During the lockdown 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 any new pupils and their families who are joining us for the remainder of this academic year.

Life in school has gone back to the way it was when we returned in September and parents, pupils and staff have once again embraced and supported this. We are pleased with the way it is working and as before, 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.

Before the Easter holidays our Year 6 class held their Easter Raffle as part of their Year 6 Enterprise. Thanks to the generosity of parents and the school community they had more than 50 prizes to give away! In the last week of term our PTFA funded an Easter Craft activity which all children took part in within their class bubbles and on our last day of term all the classes joined on Zoom with Reverend Mike Hayes for our Easter Eucharist.

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After Easter, some extra curricular activities will be returning such as football and RockSteady and although we will not be holding our annual Summer Fair, our PTFA will be organising some other fundraising events that can be held safely within the restrictions.

We are hopeful that our Annual Firework Display will be able to make a welcome return in November but this is of course subject to Government guidance and restrictions.

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*

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# WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## MAY

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



### WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Our last meeting was via Zoom on April 6<sup>th</sup>, the next one will be in the Village Hall (covid permitting) on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm

### TRENPORT AND THE LOCAL PLAN

As you may all know by now Trenport are looking at putting an estate where the allotments are. The reason they are going ahead with this is because Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council have not had their Local Plan including housing agreed by the Secretary of State which give developers carte blanche to build almost where they like.

Trenport have asked the PC if they would like some input over the design, the PC are asking the residents what they think. The PC think that it is better to talk to Trenport than not.

If you have any comments, please email the PC. We cannot take any comments that are on social media. The PC will keep you fully informed about the proposal.

Trenport have also refused to vary the covenant on the Recreation Ground to allow the PC to build a new village hall on the site. The PC have had no choice but to apply to build it on the only space they own which does not have a covenant which is where the Social Club and the Jubilee Hall used to stand. The application is TM/21/00778/FL on the TMBC website if you would like to comment.

### CAR PARKING

Car parking in the village is decreasing all the time due to developers buying up any small space to build on (see Local Plan above). The PC are trying to alleviate this by considering additional parking in the Recreation Ground, currently this is only a consideration, the PC would have to get planning permission so there would be a consultation. The previous owners of the Tramway told the PC they would put in a car park but once they had sold the land, they denied this had been their intention.

With the through traffic to the bridge and more and more building planned, the PC are doing their best to highlight the problems that Wouldham has but KCC tell us that their budget would not stretch to anything more than small amounts of traffic calming.

**PETERS VILLAGE** also has problems with parking; cars parking on pavements and corners which hides sightlines. All the PC can do is ask for everyone to be considerate and, wherever possible, park on their allotted spaces. We can consider double yellow lines but many residents do not want this and even if KCC agreed the next phase of works is 2023.

**CONTACT: Clerk Nicky Grimes**  
**07904281522**

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

**Chair Eddy Bell**

**[ebellwpc@gmail.com](mailto:ebellwpc@gmail.com)**

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**To apply please contact the Council clerk on 07904281522 or [clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk).**

# PARISH INFORMATION

## BURHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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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: 24th May.

Format of meeting (either via MS Teams or normal face to face) to be agreed nearer the time. *See page 8.*

## WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Council Meetings are held in Wouldham Village Hall. Usually 1st Tuesday of the month The next meeting: 4th May by ZOOM.

*See page 12.*

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PETERS VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

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## TRANSPORT

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## HALLS FOR HIRE

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## CHURCHES

### Church of England Parish of Burham & Wouldham:

1. **All Saints, Wouldham.** Holy Communion at 10.30 every Sunday. Please follow on Zoom if you can and email Mike for the link, [mikejhaves@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mikejhaves@hotmail.co.uk) See page 3
2. **St Marys Church, Burham.** Old Church Rd, Open daily 10.0—4.0 pm . Closed during ‘lock down’ 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. See page 4.
3. **The ‘Church in Burham’ (Methodist). Church St.** See page 5 for update details. Also online services.

## EATING & DRINKING

**The Butchers Block Pub/Restaurant/takeaway, Burham - 01634 786626**

**The Robin Hood Pub/Restaurant/takeaway. Common Rd, Burham**  
01634 861500 (page 8)

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**St Marys Old Church, down by the river. This is My Theatre, Treasure Island & Filaments II. Installation of Light and Projection.** See page 4.

**All Saints, Wouldham Church Choir.** Choir practice on **Thursdays, 7.30pm**, All Saints Church, Wouldham. Currently suspended.

New junior and senior members are most welcome.

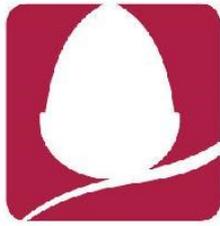
Enquiries: Sandra Holman: 01634-867586

**Church Bell Ringing** All Saints Church, Wouldham.

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Supervisor - Tracey Beechey Tel: 07920 599287/07710 829954

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

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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

## MAY in Your Garden

*Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in,  
where nature may give strength to body and soul.'*

May is a joyous month in the garden, the evenings are light and the days are warmer, which means the soil is warmer promoting strong healthy growth from your garden plants. The temperatures through April have been seasonally cool, despite us being used to warmer temperatures over recent years it is only in May that it really starts to get warmer. April was also quite dry so if you haven't got into the routine of watering pots and baskets then now is the time to get going. If the soil in pots has dried out too much it will struggle to take on water, so the best thing to do, if possible, is to submerge the whole pot into a large bucket full of water. Hold it under the water until it no longer wants to float, and any air bubbles that are bubbling through have stopped – this will mean you have replaced the air with water, so the roots will now have accessible water ready to take up. Let them have a good drink, and then keep up with regular watering, and also feeding on a weekly basis where possible.

Most of the garden will benefit from feeding by now, and using a slow release multi-purpose feed such as blood, fish & bone or chicken manure pellets liberally sprinkled through beds and borders and into pots will give them a boost for their early growth. Tender plants such as Dahlia, Canna and Lemon trees can all be moved outside now, but keep protected if there are any cold nights, and summer bulbs such as Gladioli and Lilies can also be planted out into pots or into the border.

Healthy soil equals healthy plants. If you haven't already started on a compost heap, there is never a bad time to start, and it will benefit your garden no end. The principles are easy, making sure it contains a mix of green and brown ingredients – green being garden waste such a lawn & hedge cuttings as well as kitchen waste such as veg peelings and banana skins etc. & brown being dry items such as twigs and branches and shredded paper or cardboard. If you layer these up in equal quantities, in a matter of months you will have compost. Keep adding to the pile to keep feeding the organisms and to keep them working, and they will continue to make more compost for use around the garden and veg patch.



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Likewise if you don't have a water butt, or a means to collect water, then now is a good time to try to harvest as much rain water as possible. Not only does it save your water bill, but rain water is often better from plants, particularly indoor plants, as it contains fewer additives etc. Either attach a water butt to your down-pipes, or place buckets around the garden to collect the rain – put them out when its forecast & then collect them in after and transfer the water to watering cans or a bucket out of sight



Keep a covering over full containers so that wildlife can't fall in. Harvesting water and making your own compost are vital for the vegetable garden too as its essential to make sure it's well watered and fed to produce wonderful bountiful crops. By making your own compost it helps to save pennies and returns vital nutrients back into the soil, as well as improving the soil structure, making it easier for the plant roots to access both water and nutrients.

The productive garden is also bursting back into growth, with blossoms on the fruit trees and bushes, and seedlings starting to push through the soil. Bees are vital for their pollination so companion planting with flowers will encourage them to visit your plot and help with that pollination. Early flowering sweet Williams, Peonies and Violas will all provide e nectar for them, and think about planting some wild flowers, Nasturtiums and Marigolds for later in the season as these also have the benefit of encouraging in beneficial insects to deal with some of the pests.

Early May can see successional sowing of carrots, radishes, beetroot, spring onion, salads, peas, and broad beans direct into the ground. Make sure you have prepared your soil so that it is a fine friable consistency, then mark a row by pushing a cane into the ground to make a depressions, or for bigger seeds use a trowel or the back of a rake to make a row, then water the bottom of the trench and sow your seeds direct at the suggested spacings. Cover them back over with soil and water if the weather is really dry, or if not you can wait until they start to sprout.

Continue sowing courgettes, French and runner beans and salads for successional planting in a few weeks. Also plant out leeks and brassicas that should be strong enough now to hold their own outside - cover the brassicas with netting else the birds will shred them within a couple of days.

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Other things to be doing in the garden now:

Continue to keep an eye on pest control, as the weather warms up slugs and snails will be more active looking for fresh growth.

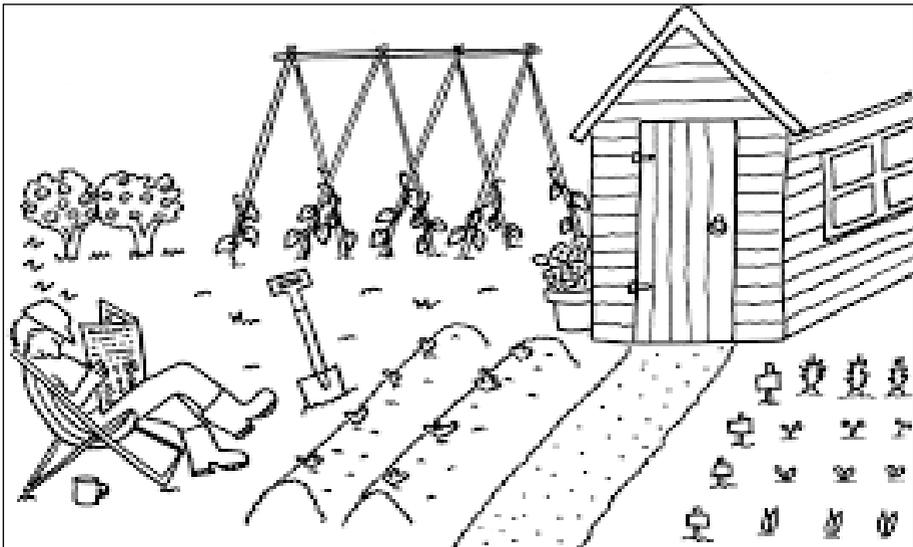
Continue to keep bird feeders and baths topped up, as many will be starting to feed young now.

Look after house plants – make sure they haven't dried out too much over winter. Follow the watering tips above but houseplants will also benefit from being misted with a water spray regularly to maintain the humidity around their leaves.

Tie in Roses, Sweet peas and other climbers onto their supports to encourage them upwards.

Dead head daffs & tulips but leave the foliage to die back naturally, feed the plants to strengthen them for next years blooms.

*Sue Durrani, Allotment Association, Wouldham. 01634 682363*  
**Contact Sue to enquire about allotment plots in Wouldham:**



## DAY TRIPS FOR JUNE 2021



- ◇ EASTBOURNE DAY TRIP - Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June - £28
- ◇ KENNET & AVON HORSE DRAWN BOAT CRUISE  
– Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - £57
- ◇ RYE ON MARKET DAY - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - £29
- ◇ SOUTHEND ON SEA - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June - £28
- ◇ BLETCHLEY PARK - Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June - £45
- ◇ TENTERDEN & RYE ON MARKET DAY - Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June - £29
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- ◇ ELY ON MARKET DAY - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June - £31
- ◇ KEW GARDENS - Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June - £42
- ◇ BATTLE & BEXHILL – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June - £29
- ◇ HERNE BAY - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - £28
- ◇ BLENHEIM FLOWER SHOW - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June - £54
- ◇ BATTLE OF BRITAIN AIR SHOW - Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June - £44
- ◇ WHITSTABLE - Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June - £28

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### Lake District

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## THE COMPASSIONATE NEIGHBOUR PROJECT



### Why we need your help?

The Compassionate Neighbour project was launched in January 2020 to tackle social isolation and loneliness for those living with a life-limiting illness or frailty in Maidstone, Tonbridge and Malling and surrounding towns and villages. In just one year, the project has recruited and trained 67 Compassionate Neighbour volunteers, of which 51 have been matched and supported 67 isolated members within the local community. To meet the needs of the community, so that no one nearing the end of their life through age or illness feels lonely, Heart of Kent Hospice is aiming to recruit and train at least six new volunteers every month.

### COULD YOU BE A COMPASSIONATE NEIGHBOUR?

Could you give just 1 -2 hours a week to offer friendship and support to a person in your local community effected by terminal illness or frailty and experiencing loneliness or social isolation?

The project works by matching local people based on shared likes, experiences and interests. Volunteering as a Compassionate Neighbour is a rewarding role in which you build genuine friendships with local people who are socially isolated. We encourage you both to catch-up together, either on the phone or in person, at least once a week.

### COVID-19 update:

Please note that our Compassionate Neighbours are currently working remotely due to Covid-19. They can still offer a regular, friendly contact of your choice by telephone, videocall, email, letter or text ?

If you would like to join our Hospice team of Compassionate Neighbours and live in Maidstone, Tonbridge and Malling and surrounding towns and villages and have an hour a week to offer social and emotional support,

see : <https://www.hokh.org/support-us/volunteer-for-us/compassionate-neighbours/>

### WOULD YOU LIKE A COMPASSIONATE NEIGHBOUR?

If you, or someone you know would like to be connected with a Compassionate Neighbour, please contact the Compassionate Neighbour Project, **Jennie Steer, Compassionate Neighbours Community Engagement Lead** on

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# BLUE BUTTERFLIES

*from: WilderKent, Spring 2021*

The blue butterflies are some of our most dazzling and endearing insects; winged gems that come alive in the spring or summer sunlight and dance from flower to flower .

They shimmer in shades of blue and silver, although a few of the UK's nine resident species are misleadingly brown.

Some of these butterflies are now only found in the few places where their favoured habitat remains.

Many of these areas are now nature reserves, protected by The Wildlife Trusts.

Some, however, can be seen more widely: Common Blues emerge around May and fly over many grasslands, including road verges, and Holly Blues appear around April to flutter through parks and gardens. Your best chance of spotting butterflies is on a calm, sunny day.

**See the spectacle for yourself:.....**

## **BURHAM DOWN. ME5 9RG**

With sublime views over the Weald of Kent, this swathe of beautiful chalk grassland, topped with woodland, is great for the Brown Argus, Common Blue and the Adonis Blue. If your lucky you may see the rare Small Blue too.

## **NASHENDEN DOWN. ME1 3TQ**

Among sheep grazed meadows filled with bird's-foot trefoil and small scabious, a tiny butterfly of the blue family dances over the slopes of this flower-rich chalk grassland. The Small Blue displays brown and silver colours when it flies and is about the size of a bumble bee. It needs kidney vetch as this is perfect for it to lay it's eggs on.

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