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Burham & Wouldham



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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARISH OF BURHAM & WOULDHAM
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The Parish of Burham and Wouldham All Saints' Church, Wouldham



www.wouldhamchurch.org.uk

Dear Friends

We enter this month the church's season of Advent. Advent simply means 'the coming' and refers to the coming of Jesus. It's a time of preparation for Christmas festivities when we celebrate the actual coming of Jesus as a baby into our world.

At Christmas we will celebrate with family gatherings, special food and gifts, and with many special services in our churches and schools. And I look forward to welcoming people at church at this time, particularly those who are new to the parish, and those who have moved in to Peters Village.

In the bible story Jesus was homeless at the time of his birth, and became a refugee shortly after. So Christmas reminds us that God identifies with the poor and the suffering. And it encourages us to be generous at this time to all those in need.

Advent is also a time when we think about another 'coming'. And that is the coming again of Jesus to our world at the end of time to judge it and to create a new heaven and a new earth. So our preparations also involve prayer and reflection about how we can work to bring peace and justice into our lives and our world.

So as well as preparing for the festivities we also prepare our hearts to receive Jesus and to try to show love in the world in the same way that Jesus does.

I wish you all a joyful Advent and Christmas season.

In peace, Mike

Join us over this Christmas period,
you will be most welcome

Carol Service,
Mince Pies &
Mulled Wine.
6.30pm
23rd December



Messy Church
Carol Singing
around Burham
from 5pm,
Friday, 21st
December



Christingle
4.00pm
Christmas Eve
24th December

Midnight Mass
11.30pm,
Christmas Eve
24th December

Carols with All Saints
Choir at Winchester House
6.30pm, Wednesday,
19th December

All Saints Church, Wouldham
is open to view the Christmas flowers
21st & 22nd December, 11–2pm.

DECEMBER
Church of England Services
Burham & Wouldham



Every Friday, TODDLER CHURCH.

9.15-10.15am **Term time only** (*see page 7*) All Saints, Wouldham

Sunday, 2nd December, Sunday of Advent

9.00am Said Holy Communion Burham Community Centre

10.30am Holy Communion with Hymns All Saints, Wouldham

Sunday, 9th December, 2nd Sunday of Advent

10.30am Sung Holy Communion All Saints, Wouldham

Thursday, 13th December

11.00am Winchester House Holy Communion. All are welcome

Sunday, 16th December, 3rd Sunday of Advent

9.00am Holy Communion All Saints, Wouldham

10.30am, Messy Church (*see page 5*) Burham Community Centre

Sunday, 23rd December, 4th Sunday before Advent

10.30am Holy Communion with hymns All Saints, Wouldham

6.30pm Carol Service All Saints, Wouldham

Monday, 24th December, Christmas Eve

4.00pm Christingle All Saints, Wouldham

11.30pm Midnight Mass All Saints, Wouldham

Tuesday 25th December, Christmas Day

10.30am Holy Communion with carols All Saints, Wouldham

Sunday 30th December

10.30am Café Church All Saints, Wouldham

NO COFFEE MORNING THIS MONTH

FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE AT CHRISTMAS



It is customary to remember family and friends who have sadly departed with flowers at Christmas time. This Christmas, with your help, we would like to fill our Parish Church in Wouldham with flowers in memory of our loved ones. All their names will be recorded in a book of remembrance which will be on display in the Church over Christmas.

The Church will be open from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm on Friday 21st & Saturday 22nd December giving families and friends the opportunity to see the flowers and to have a time of reflection and quietness during this busy period.

If you would like to remember your loved ones in this way please use the form below. Make cheques payable to ‘*Burham & Wouldham PCC Account*’ and send to Gwen Worcester, 4 Church St, Burham ME1 3SD. Cash payments please to Gwen Worcester in Burham or Sandy Holman, 175 High St, Wouldham ME1 3TY

PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS

I would like Flowers to be placed in Wouldham Church this Christmas in memory of:

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Donation from:

.....

Telephone number:I enclosed £



MERRY CHRISTMAS



BEST WISHES TO ALL FOR
A JOYFUL CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

As well as a 'BIG THANK YOU' to all those who contribute to the Magazine, our advertisers and to all the volunteers who deliver the Magazines each month. *from Mary Davis, Editor*

Heather and John Lloyd wish all our friends and neighbours a Very Happy Christmas and every blessing for the New Year.



Wishing my neighbours and all my friends in Wouldham and Burham a joyful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Trish Rothwell

MESSY CHURCH

for all ages

16th December

20th January

3rd Sunday in the Month,

Burham Community Centre

Games, painting and many other activities and a special bible story . Refreshments.

Contact:

<http://wouldhamchurch.org.uk/contact.html>

**Messy Church will be Carol Singing
around Burham on
Friday, 21st December
from 5pm.**



ST MARY'S CHURCH, BURHAM (down by the river)



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT



SATURDAY, 15th DECEMBER, 6.00pm

Mulled wine and mince pies.
Free entry, donations welcome.
Dress warmly & bring a torch.

For more details go to: <http://www.facebook.com/stmarysburham>

United Charities of the Ancient Parish of Burham

Winter Fuel Grant 2018

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

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

The weekly HOUSEHOLD income of applicants, i.e. the total income from all occupants, must not exceed £265 for single occupancy or £335 for multiple occupancy. For this purpose, income is determined after deducting half of rent payable (rent after deducting any housing benefit received) and ignoring attendance allowance and similar state benefits and credits. Only one application per household will be considered. The Trustees reserve the right to make such enquiries as they believe necessary to confirm entitlement to the grant.

Application Forms will be available from Thu 1st November 2018 from:

Burham

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

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

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

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

All applications are handled in the strictest confidence

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

Completed Application Forms should be returned to Mr. Kiralfy at Arkadia, 159 Rochester Rd Burham ME1 3SF by Tue 20th December 2018.

Registered Charity Number 233519

JANUARY
Church of England Services
Burham & Wouldham



Every Friday, TODDLER CHURCH.

9.15-10.15am **Term time only** (*see below*) All Saints, Wouldham

Sunday, 6th January, Epiphany

9.00am Said Holy Communion Burham Community Centre

10.30am Holy Communion with Hymns All Saints, Wouldham

Thursday, 10th January

11.00am Winchester House Holy Communion. All are welcome

Sunday, 13th January, 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

10.30am, Sung Holy Communion All Saints, Wouldham

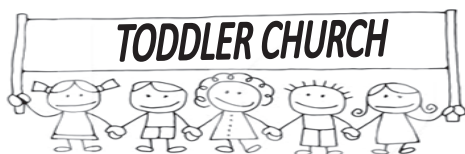
Sunday, 20th January, 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

9.00am Holy Communion All Saints, Wouldham

10.30am, Messy Church Burham Community Centre

Sunday 27th January, 4th Sunday of Epiphany

10.30am Sung Holy Communion All Saints, Wouldham



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or 07964 697556

**COFFEE
MORNING**

**Friday,
25th January,
10.45-11.45am**

**just come along to...
All Saints, Wouldham.
You will be very
welcome**

THE CHURCH IN BURHAM (Methodist), Church St.

Minister:- Rev. Noreen Daley-Lee. Tel No 01732 642581

Stewards:- Eileen Smith, 01634 867022 & Joyce Brown 01634 864413
Trevor Smith 01634 867022. & Rod Murr 01634 868075

Requests for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals to: Rev Noreen Daley-Lee or stewards.

SERVICES FOR DECEMBER & JANUARY

**Dec 2nd 10.30 Advent Sunday and Dedication of Christmas Windows
led by Gill Gray**

Dec 9th 10.30 Celebration of Christmas led by Elena Markova

Dec 16th 10.30 Morning Worship led by David Newell

Dec 23rd 10.30 Holy Communion led by Rev. Noreen Daley-Lee

Dec 25th Christmas Day Service of Praise and Thanksgiving

Dec 30th NO SERVICE

Jan 6th 10.30 Morning Worship led by Mandy Harris

Jan 13th 10.30 Morning Worship led by Monica Wilding

Jan 20th 10.30 Morning Worship led by Simon Pooley

Jan 27th 10.30 Holy Communion led by Rev. Bryan Tolhurst

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE 2.0pm on Christmas Eve. Don't forget our special annual Christingle Service which this year will be taken by Tracey Burch. This is always a great service to enjoy as Christmas Day arrives.

AFTERNOON TEA This will continue as usual each Tuesday afternoon from 3.0pm till 4.30pm apart from Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Everyone is most welcome to join us for a cup of tea, homemade cake and a 'Fun Quiz'

COUNTRY LUNCH Our special Christmas Country Lunch takes place on Thursday December 13th with a festive meal of turkey soup, crusty bread, cheese followed by homemade Christmas pudding, cream or ice cream and tea or coffee. We ask for a donation of £4.00. The usual Lunch will be January 10th at 1.0pm.

BOOK EXCHANGE The Book Exchange will be on Saturday December 1st and January 5th, 10.30am till 12.0pm. So please come with the books you have read and exchange them for others from our good selection while enjoying tea or coffee with homemade cake and having a chat with friends.

FILM CLUB December's Film Club is on Wednesday December 5th at 7.30pm showing 'Clockwise' starring John Cleese and Alison Steadman. Do join us to watch the film and share tea and coffee afterwards for which we ask a donation of £1. There will be no Film Club in January.

CHARITIES

In November we supported The Rainbow Trust which supports young people with life threatening illnesses. In December we will be supporting the local charity Maidstone Homeless Care. The Collection from the Christingle Service will be sent to Action for Children.

DECEMBER & JANUARY MEETINGS

Tuesday December 4th	7.30pm	Wouldham Parish Council	Wouldham Village Hall
Thursdays: December 6, 13, 20, 27 January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.	10.30 - 12 noon	Thursday Community Club <i>Hi Kent Hearing Aid Clinic:</i> <i>13th Dec. & 10th Jan.</i>	Old School Community Centre, Burham
Tuesdays: December 4, 11, 18, 25. January 8, 15, 22, 29.	2-4pm	60+CLUB Social afternoon for the over-60s	Waterman's Arms, 151 High St., Wouldham
Monday: December 17 January 28	7.30pm	Burham Parish Council	Burham Parish office
Tuesday: December 18	7.30pm	WI MEETING Musical Extravaganza No Competition	Burham Village Hall



Phoenix Medical Practice

33, Bell Lane, Burham, Rochester. ME1 3SX
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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

We offer an early morning blood clinic on a Tuesday (at Eccles) and Wednesday (at Burham) starting at 7am to make it easier for those patients who work full time to attend their blood tests.

www.phoenixsurgery-burham.nhs.uk

BURHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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Website: www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk

Facebook page “Burham Parish Council”

All Parish Council information is included on these.

As you have hopefully seen the surface to the Village Hall overflow car park is in the process of being addressed. Work commenced on 12 November and it is anticipated the work could take up to 6 weeks. It was necessary to close the car park and the recycling area for a few weeks whilst the top area was being attended to. Hopefully by the time this hits the mats, the recycling area should be open to pedestrians. The plastic bank was re-sited to the grassed area between the main and the overflow car park so that it could be accessed by the public and the service vehicle for emptying. One each of the glass banks were moved on a temporary basis to Wouldham Recycling site to help with possible overflow. The steps and the gate accessing the dog walking field behind the village hall, together with access to the parish office remains open to pedestrians for the duration of the works. It was not practicable to keep the area completely open whilst the works was carried out.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme: This is a wonderful scheme for young people and two participants doing to bronze level in our village are litter picking for their volunteering section of the award. Another is working towards the Silver Award. Please talk to them and encourage them if you see them when you are out and about.

KCC now have funding to sort out the junction of New Court Rd and Burham Court Rd so that Lorries and other vehicles can readily turn left. MR10 will also be repaired and concrete blocks put across the PROW to restrict vehicle traffic whilst keeping it open for all legitimate PROW users. KCC will plan this over the winter with a view of taking action in the mid to late spring 2019.

The Parish Council has some allotment plots available. Please contact David Young on 01634 867669 for more information.

Don't forget to contact me if you are experiencing difficulties with the 155 day time bus service, whether it be lateness, no show or driver problems, as I am still logging the incidents.

Pete Bench: This is going forward and will be positioned in the recreation ground near to or under the Millennium Oak. A remembrance plaque will be installed on the bench. Our thanks to the Thursday Coffee Club and Mr. Jim Dowle who donated towards the cost of the bench/plaque and groundworks.

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We reported last month the changes to kerbside recycling to come into effect from March 2019. It is hoped that representation from TMBC will be available to answer any questions from members of the public at our monthly meeting on 25th March 2019. (This is subject to confirmation). The main recycling site at the Village Hall overflow car park will remain in situ subject to monitoring after March 2019, although other recycling sites within the borough will be closing. Alex Hill/Rochester Rd roadworks: This commenced early November for up to 6 weeks and relates to replacement of the cast iron gas main for a more durable plastic pipe. Three way traffic lights were installed.

Once again we need to remind dog owners to be a responsible dog owner and pick up any mess that is made by your dog. The recreation ground is an area for all to enjoy and not the place for dog poo. When out walking your dog, please ensure that you have sufficient dog poo bags in order to bag it up and dispose of it appropriately. The Parish Council may have to consider installing cameras to catch offenders if this continues.

With the darker evenings and the winter months upon us, if you see any street lights out or pot holes that needs addressing, please let me know so that I can contact the authorities.

Finally, we would like to wish all our residents a very merry Christmas and a peaceful and happy New Year.

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 monthly meetings, normally held the last Monday of the month. The next meetings are scheduled for Monday 17th December 2018 & 28th January 2019, 7.30 pm The Parish Building, ROCHESTER ROAD, BURHAM.

Pam Saunders – Clerk

BURHAM & WOULDHAM BOOK CLUB

**7.30pm, Wednesday,
December 19th & January 16th.
Burham Methodist Church,
Church St**



Come and join us.
Books are given out at the meetings.
No need to obtain your own copy.

COACH LINK TO LONDON BOOSTS THE COMMUTER APPEAL OF PETERS VILLAGE

Peters Village has a new commuter link into London, following the launch of coach services by Clarkes of London.

The 764a and 764b service picks up from the bus stops at Keepers Cottage Lane (05:55 and 06:32) and Village Road (05:57 and 06:34).

The long-distance link comes hard on the heels of the new community's connection to the local bus network, through Arriva's 155 service between the Medway Towns and Maidstone, which already stops at neighbouring Wouldham, Burham and Eccles.

With the new connection to London now also operational, Clarkes said commuters can benefit from several offers to switch their current journey by rail or car, including 'try before you buy', 10% off a first ticket purchase, and a trade-in deal against an existing rail season ticket.

The company also claims that rail commuters can save more than £1,000 a year by changing, while also benefitting from free on-board wi-fi and entertainment, a guaranteed (and reclining) seat, and a mobile phone tracker for coaches operating the service.

Founded in 1958, Clarkes operates more than 50 coaches on commuter routes, plus private and VIP hire, and is part of The Kings Ferry group within National Express.

Clarkes of London Commuter Manager Sarah Hackett said: "We are excited to be introducing our commuter service to Peters Village and welcoming some new commuters on-board.

"We offer a cost-effective alternative to rail and, with two pick-up points within the village and key drop offs in Canary Wharf, the City and Westminster, we are also a more convenient service."

The move was welcomed in turn by Peters Village developer, Trenport. Director Chris Hall said: "This is an excellent addition to the appealing package being offered to people re-locating to Peters Village. Clarkes of London is a high-quality operator and now offers a third commuting option to the city, and enhances the community's enviable transport links for jobs, education, leisure and socialising."

For more details and times on the Peters Village 'Medway Service' please go to www.clarkescommute.co.uk or call 020 8778 6697.

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*Home hunters now have even more choice at Peters Village with the launch of a new range of properties from Hyde New Homes, in partnership with Westerhill Homes.

The partners' new Evabourne phase within the 1,000-home community beside the existing Wouldham village, will offer 73 properties including two, three and four-bedroom terraced, semi-detached, and detached houses, plus four one-bedroom apartments – two show homes will be available for view from launch and prices for the houses start at £289,995. The first 100 homes at Peters Village are already occupied and the community is developing around a hub comprising medical centre, shops, village hall - including changing rooms serving two full-sized playing fields – and the recently relocated Wouldham All Saints Church of England Primary School within an all-new campus.

For more about Evabourne at Peters Village, please visit www.evabourne.co.uk or call Ward & Partners' sales team on 0808 301 9520.



The Heart of Kent Hospice is delighted to be taking over the management of the West Malling Christmas Festival event which has been a long standing tradition in the village.

The West Malling Christmas Festival

**Sunday 2nd December,
12 pm – 5.30 pm
The light switch on is at 5 pm.
Entry is free.**



Enjoy a great day out for all the family including live entertainment on stage all afternoon, Santa's Grotto, face painting, bungee trampolines, teacup and carousel rides, shopping, stalls, crafts and specialist food & drink.



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Wouldham All Saints Church of England Primary School

Happy December to all! Enjoy opening your Advent Calendars! November was a very special month and incredibly busy. Starting with our celebration of All Saints Day on the 1st which was also the day of our annual fireworks party. This worked well on our new site and was well attended even though the weather was a little dodgy during the daytime! Next up was a week away with Year 5 (and a few Year 6) to Swattenden Outdoor Centre where we had an amazing week of adventures. The children were brilliant and climbed up things, swung on things, made things with sticks, jumped off things, rafted, walked in the woods and generally had an exhausting week of physical challenges! Well done to all of you – it was a real week of 'Flying HIGH' and 'Making your best your Standard!'

Marking 100 years since the end of the 1st World War was helped by a visit from some veterans and by having a number of 'Tommies' who appeared around school. These were silhouettes to signify people who were no longer there and gave us chance to think carefully about those who have given the biggest sacrifice possible for all of our futures.

We also held Learning Progress Meetings for all children and shared 'difference makers' to highlight what children need to really work on in order to achieve the best progress possible.

It has also been a time of showing prospective new families around our school to see if they would like to apply for a place for the next school year in September 2019. There has been a lot of growth in the school population since July and this has also meant we have started looking for new members of our team in a range of roles. Hopefully we will have found and started some great new members of our team by the time the next news item is shared. Although we have some classes which are completely full we still have plenty of room to grow in the future. If you are new to the area and need a space for a child, or if you are looking for a place for starting school in September then do please get in touch with us. Finally, as we approach the depths of winter it is important to check our website for our plans in the case of severe weather. We do aim to continue operating a normal service without any significant disruption but this is always a challenge and depends largely on the ability of staff to make it in to school safely. Whatever the weather throws at us.....

Have a very wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

www.wouldham.kent.sch.uk

Carl Fitter, Headteacher

PARISH NEWS

Funeral

17th October,
Doreen Brown

Weddings

13th October, Olivia Laker & Ben McGonigle
20th October, Mandy Agates & Neil Turner
27th October, Nicola Manington & Luke Holland

Choir Practice

Church choir practice is on
Thursdays, 7.30pm at All Saints
Church, Wouldham.

New junior and senior members
are most welcome.

For enquiries, please contact
Sandra Holman
Tel. 01634-867586

Bell Ringing

Bell Ringing Practice is on
Wednesdays at 8pm at
All Saints Church, Wouldham.
New ringers always welcome

Prescriptions

If you are unable to collect your
prescriptions and live in the Parish
of Burham & Wouldham, the
Church offers a collection service.

Contact:

Rachael Harris. 07725289194

*Volunteers collecting these
prescriptions need 24hrs notice
and the surgery require 72 hours
to prepare the prescription.*

SATURDAY WASTE COLLECTION

TMBC Helpline 01732 876147

www.tmbc.gov.uk

**For January dates, please check with
TMBC.**

Wouldham - Village Car Park,
Knowle Rd, **8.00am–9.00am.**

1st December,

Burham, Village Hall Car Park,
1st December, 9.15am -10.15am

Eccles – Bull Lane lay-by.

1st December 10.30am- 11.30am
15th December, 8.00am—8.45am

Snodland- Saltings Road
(outside Neville Park)

8th December, 8.00am—9.00am
22nd December, 8.00am-9.00am

Snodland—St Benedicts Rd,
junction of Paddlesworth Rd.

15th December 8.00-9.00am

All sites on the Saturday Service
have **WEEE** collection ie-
Waste,Electical,Electronic,Equipment
& **scrap metal items** at the same
time that Veolia's vehicles are on
site. *Do not leave waste unattended at
the collection sites or in advance of the
waste vehicles arriving.*

PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

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

Wouldham Parish Council

www.wouldhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk

Parish Clerk—Nicky Grimes

clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk

01634 864319

Community Warden, Deb Foreman—07813694140
Police non emergency – 101

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

The library visits Burham & Wouldham fortnightly on **Tuesdays**.

On Tuesdays:

December 4th & 18th

January 15th & 29th

Wouldham, Walter Burke Ave - 13.15-13.45hrs

Wouldham, Ravensknowle - 13.55-14.25hrs

Burham, Village Hall - 14.35-15.35hrs

A selection of books –
fiction & non-fiction.
Large print books.
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Halls for Hire

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Burham Methodist Church Hall

– 01634 867022

Burham Old School Community

Centre – 01634 863322

Burham Village Hall –

07842883028

Wouldham Village Hall –

clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk

01634 864319

ALLOTMENTS

**We have some Wouldham
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Contact Sue: 682363

Burham Parish Council.

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**Contact: Dave Young on
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A play written by actor Chris Barltrop to celebrate the legacy of Phillip Astley, the creator of circus entertainment.

Come and find out the story of how the first circus was invented in 1768 on an open field in Lambeth, London.

Writer and actor Chris Barltrop has worked as a circus ringmaster all over the world for over 40 years, appearing in two Royal Variety Performances and spending seven years on tour in the UK with the legendary Moscow State Circus.

The play runs for 45 minutes. It gained a coveted five-star rating at the 2018 Edinburgh Fringe Festival, being praised by the critics as 'fascinating, engaging' & 'entertaining, informative, classy!'

NEW HYMN BOOKS FOR ALL SAINTS CHURCH, WOULDHAM

The new Ancient & Modern hymn books have now been ordered. The Church is grateful for the donations already received. Further donations to buy more copies would be welcomed, by using the reply slip below. Each full music edition costs £22.50 and the melody edition, £15. Anyone making a donation may, if they wish, have a book plate put in a hymn book in memory of a loved one.

Rev' Mike Hayes

Name & Address-

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WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL



Some people are allowing their dogs to poo on the new pathway across the Rec, this is supposed to be a safe walkway for children. Please be vigilant when walking your dog. Every year our lovely litter warden has to clean up after fireworks on the Rec, we are concerned about this because our insurance would not cover any accidents. Please ask us if you want to set off fireworks in the Rec next year.

The Breakfast Club is up and running in the Village Hall thanks to Martin and Sarah. The next date is December 2nd from 10-12pm.

Happy Christmas to all our residents:

We will be putting up our tree as we have the previous 2 years, anyone is welcome to put commemorative decorations of their own on it.

2019 is an election year for the Parish Council. The Parish Council will continue working hard for the village and we would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Contact:

Clerk Nicky Grimes: clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk 01634 864319 (also for village hall bookings)

Chair Jenny Head: jennyhead1@gmail.com

FINAL CONSULTATION ON BORROWING TO TARMAC THE CAR PARK ON KNOWLE ROAD

Wouldham Parish Council (WPC) would like to apply to the Secretary of State for borrowing approval to take out an exclusive-fixed low rate loan with the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) for £50,000, repayable over a 5 year term, to tarmac the car park at Knowle Road, Wouldham.

WPC take their duty of care to the residents of Wouldham very seriously. We are concerned that the car park is now becoming unsafe, and the craters can no longer be refilled successfully due to heavy usage as parking becomes more difficult in the village. By resurfacing the car park and adding properly laid out white lined parking bays, we can double the number of cars that can be parked.

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The car park is a very important asset of the village:

It is used by residents.

The hirers of the village hall.

For Fun Days.

For customers of the Medway Inn (an important business in the village).

Rural Kent for their coffee mornings.

By parents dropping children off to school.

Dropping/collecting young children from Jellybeans

Anyone using the village hall, a community facility for the whole village.

Help in keeping our two pubs & shop busy and key to any vibrant community.

Anyone bringing their younger children to the play area.

Parking whilst using the rec for football etc. or during our very successful family Fun Days.

WPC have already purchased and installed CCTV for the car park which has proved very useful in reporting incidents and deterring crime in the car park.

The new pathway across the Rec is part of a wider village plan by WPC to enable pedestrians, especially children to easily get from one side of the village to another without having to walk along the busy, narrow High St. We are in consultation with KCC to put in appropriate traffic calming measures throughout the village and an improved and safe car park for residents is an important part of this plan.

WPC are also working to get extra parking in the centre of the village near the Tramway, which WPC see as an integrated part of their plan for the village.

The PC have worked hard on figures for the borrowing to ensure that we get the best possible interest rate and the best possible quote for the work.

The business plan is on our website, but here is our recommended repayment schedules for the duration of the loan:

YEAR	BAND D REPAYMENT	% INCREASE
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Our Year 6 children have begun their Enterprise fundraising for this year's end of year trip, by having a cake sale and selling hot chocolate. They have lots of other fundraising activities planned as the year progresses and we are confident they will reach their target.

On 16th November children were able to come into school in non-uniform to raise money for BBC Children in Need and in the week beginning 19th November we again welcomed the Faith Mission who ran a 'Treasure Seeker's Club' after school throughout the course of the week.

Our PTFA will hold their annual Christmas Fair on Friday 30th November (more of which next time) and on Tuesday 4th December our Year 6 pupils will visit Kent Life for their Victorian Day as part of their Creative Curriculum learning.

As Christmas approaches we look forward to our Christmas plays, performances and other celebrations which we will report on in the new year. Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

As always, all updates relating to our school can be found on our website 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

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2018 TOURS

Sunday 23rd December – Derby Christmas Break, 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast, Christmas Day lunch, a welcome cream tea, a pre-dinner reception drink, a Bucks Fizz breakfast & much more! 4* hotel – £495 per person

Sunday 30th December – Bournemouth New Year Break, 3 nights dinner, bed & breakfast, 3* Hotel, New Year Celebrations - £399 per person

2019 TOURS

Friday 18th January – Somerset Weekend Break, 3 nights dinner, bed & breakfast, FREE evening house bar, Weston Super Mare - £199

Friday 25th January – Bournemouth Leisure Break, 2 nights dinner, bed & breakfast, 3* Hotel, FREE evening house bar, Bournemouth - £149

Friday 22nd February – Eastbourne £1.00 Evening Bar Break, 3 nights dinner, bed & breakfast, Eastbourne - £165

Friday 8th March – Cotswolds Spring Break, 3 nights dinner, bed and breakfast, 3* Hotel, Gloucester – from £209 per person

Friday 5th April – Spring Mystery Break, 2 nights dinner, bed & breakfast, 3*/4* Hotel? – from £159 per person

Monday 15th April – Mill Rythe Family Entertainment & Activity Easter Holiday Break, 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast – Child from £99, Adult £199

Friday 19th April — 4 days Poole Easter Break – The 3* Thistle Hotel from £269

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The ghosts and ghouls have all been packed away for another year. Here at Winchester House we are in a month of Reminiscing, and Remembrance Sunday has kicked that off.

I sit with a lady and she tells me about her life and she shares some war memories. It is an honour to sit with her, and hear how she and her little sister watched planes overhead in a dogfight. I hold her hand and she gets that far away look in her eyes as she gazes into the distance somewhere past my left ear. And so we just sit, with some old time music playing softly in the background as she listens and sees things that I am unable to see. Then she turns to me, she sighs a deep sigh ...”any chance for a cuppa tea?” The moment has passed but I am deeply aware that something wonderful and profound has happened as we sat here together.

This time of remembering is over too soon. Maybe we should make more space and time for remembering and reflecting before the jolly season is once again upon us.

Our Christmas arrangements have taken on an urgency. We have almost one hundred gifts to buy and wrap and then distribute among the residents on The Day. It's been such fun trawling the net for just the right pair of socks for Frank, and the most delectable box of choccies for Frieda.

I think we'll send an urgent request to The North Pole and request the services of a few elves to help with the wrapping of all the lovely goodies (and to make sure we don't sample too many choccies before they are wrapped).

Thank you Rev Mike and your loyal team of volunteers for serving us so faithfully during the year.

Wishing you all Peace, Joy and Happiness as the year draws to a close.

Events in December :

Monday 3rd December - Intergenerational Games

Thursday 6th December - Upchurch Bell Ringers

Thursday 13th December - Communion 11am, - Children to sing Carols

Wednesday 19th December - All Saints Church Choir

Tuesday 25th December - Christmas Day

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December & January in your Garden

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As one gardening year draws to a close then another one begins just as quickly. As the seasons now are less defined it does allow the seasons to extend and enable us to enjoy our gardens for longer. By including winter interest plants such as Cyclamen and evergreen Sarcococa, or Cornus for their stem colour its possible to create winter scenes in your Garden that are still delightful to look at. Now the trees have lost their leaves you can see the structure and shape of them & as long as the weather is mild then you can prune any stems or branches that are in the wrong place. To create a festive feel out in the garden over the festivities you can tie fairy lights around the trunk & branches, & hang a few baubles too. For indoor festive colour there's always Poinsettias for Christmas, that should last well into the New Year, & for scent Hyacinth are perfect. Decorating mantelpieces and picture frames with winter foliage such as yew, ivy and holly also brings the outdoors in for the duration, and berried stems mixed with winter stems and foliage can look wonderful in a vase too.

The new year signals the start of the next season for the garden, with hellebores and snowdrops making early appearances in the garden. It's also the ideal time to plan for the coming year – once the days start to lengthen & the ground starts to warm up it's possible to lightly dig over the soil and prepare any beds for the new season. December & January are the perfect time to prune fruit trees, to maintain an open goblet shape remove stems and branches heading towards the centre of the tree, and remove any dead, diseased or damaged branches too. However, do not prune stone fruit trees, such as cherries and plums, until summer as they are susceptible to diseases in the winter.

Also prune climbing roses now, remove older stems and prune new growth back to two buds, and gather up and leaves that have been shed over winter and dispose to discourage any spread of black spot next season. Acers, vines and Wisteria can also be pruned now.

In the vegetable garden, lift any remaining veg left in the soil such as carrots, parsnips and leeks, before the soil becomes too frozen. Also continue to clear any remaining debris from summer crops to the compost heap, & spread any compost that is ready to be used across beds to allow it to be worked in by the worms over the next few months.

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By December garlic sets should be planted out, & January is the ideal time to plant onion sets.

It's also good to get chilli and tomato seeds sown as they need a long germination period. It's an ideal time to get started with an allotment too – the digging & prep work can all be started prior to the growing season.

Other things to do now:

Take hardwood cuttings of shrubs.

Plant raspberry canes, and strawberry crowns ready for new harvests

Keep bird feeders topped up, and bird baths defrosted for the birds

Float a tennis ball on your pond to ensure the top has an air gap for any plants or insects that are in your pond.

Wash tools and pots ready for the new season.

*Sue Durrani, Secretary, Allotment Association, Wouldham
Wouldham allotment plots are available. [Contact Sue: 682363]*

REPORTING 155 BUS PROBLEMS ?



A number of residents who rely on buses have spoken to local councillors about late cancelled 155 buses.

The buses are a vital link for many people and especially those who do not drive. It is important if there is a poor or non-existent service, that it is reported. So a new system of reporting problems has been set up.

If you have problems please contact **Pam Saunders: 01634 685936 or pam@burhampc.co.uk** (Parish Clerk for Burham) or **Nicky Grimes: 01634 864319 or clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk** (Parish Clerk, Wouldham.)

They will require the date and time of the incident, the direction of the bus and brief details of the problem. This should be done as soon as possible after the incident and the details will then be passed to Kent County Council for follow up action.

Any poor service we suffer from now will take time to sort out and it is dependent on timely reporting of the problems as they occur.

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living in Burham who are either suffering themselves, or caring for others. Many villages now are running initiatives, which are becoming very popular within their own local communities, such as Men Sheds, Talking Buses and Mind Cafes. We have a few ideas but need to trial whether this is something the community wants.

The Community Centre in Burham has been hired for an evening meeting on Monday 14th January.

If you would like to either; meet up with the community, (initially once a month), are feeling lonely, would like to speak to someone, or you feel you can make any contribution, then please do come along for a cuppa, a cake and a chat. If you have a neighbour on their own, please bring them along too. Nearer the time flyers will be delivered giving more information.

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