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Dear friends



The Ministry of Healing

I like to use olive oil in cooking and for salad dressings. It also has other traditional uses in lamps and in skin care.

Its use in church reflect some of these.

Each year at Easter our Bishop, James, blesses oil in Rochester Cathedral which is used in churches throughout the diocese. It is ordinary oil but is made holy, or special, by being set aside for God's purposes. It is blessed for 3 purposes:

Oil of the Sick – This is used by the priest to sign the cross on those who are sick, in mind or body. We might have this if we are preparing for surgery, or at the onset of a serious illness, and later also we might have this near to the time of our death. It is a sign of God being alongside of us when we need wholeness, comfort and courage.

The Oil of Baptism – Used in baptism (or christening) this oil, because it is blessed by the Bishop, is a sign that our baptism unites us with the whole church, the family of Christ in which we are all sisters and brothers. Being anointed with oil also symbolises the gift of God's Holy Spirit which we receive in baptism to guide us and inspire us on our journey.

The Oil of Chrism – This is used to recognise that someone is starting some special new role, or is taking on a new task. It is used at the coronations of Christian kings and queens, also at Confirmation when people make the baptism promises for themselves if they were previously baptised or christened as babies. It is also often used at ordinations.

If you would like to know more about the ministry of healing please contact me. The Laying on of hands for the Sick and anointing with oil can take place any Sunday after the Communion service, usually discreetly in the side chapel, or by arrangement in church or at home. Anyone who would like to have this ministry perhaps before going in to hospital for a procedure or for any kind of health need is welcome to request it, and although you may also wish to talk, you don't have to at all.

In peace, Mike

Is there
more to
life than this

Alpha

WHAT IS ALPHA?

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, typically run over eleven weeks. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone is welcome. It runs in cafés, churches, universities, homes – you name it. No two Alphas look the same, but generally they have three key things in common: food, a talk and good conversation.

The 'talks' are designed to engage and inspire conversation. Usually around thirty minutes long, they will be played as a video. They explore the big issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity, addressing questions from *Who is Jesus?* and *How can we have faith?* to *Why and how do I pray?* and *How does God guide us?*

Probably the most important part of any Alpha: the chance to share thoughts and ideas on the topic, and simply discuss it in a small group. It's an opportunity to hear from others and contribute your own perspective in an honest, friendly and open environment.

Where and When?

Alpha is a course for adults and is open to all people who are interested in finding out more. All sessions will take place on Monday evenings at Wouldham All Saints School. The first session will be 16th September and continue every week until 2nd December with the exception of Monday 21st October.

Meetings start at 6:30pm with a meal together and we expect them to finish around 8:30pm. It doesn't matter if you don't attend all of them or if you have missed the start and there is no cost for this activity. If you want to join us or find out more then please email Di Fitter on dfitter@wouldham.kent.sch.uk or call in to the school office. It would be great to see a good number of people.

THE CLOCK AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH, WOULDHAM

This historic clock dates from 1899. It is wound up by hand twice a week. Three heavy weights are wound up to the top of the tower. As they come down they turn the clock hands and ring the chimes. Local people have always wound the clock and we are now looking for a new small team of volunteers to take this on. It is quite physically demanding as you also have to climb the steep stone steps in the tower to get to the clock chamber.



Please contact Rev. Mike to discuss if you might be interested in helping with this.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES



OCTOBER

Every Friday, TODDLER CHURCH.

9.15-10.15am **Term time only**

All Saints, Wouldham

Sunday, 6th October, 16th Sunday after Trinity & Harvest

9.00am Said Holy Communion

Burham Community Centre

10.30am **Harvest Festival Service**

All Saints, Wouldham

Thursday, 10th October

11.00am Winchester House Holy Communion & hymns. All welcome

Sunday, 13th October, 17th Sunday after Trinity

10.30am Sung Holy Communion

All Saints, Wouldham

Sunday, 20th October, 18th Sunday after Trinity

9.00am Said Holy Communion

All Saints, Wouldham

10.30am, Messy Church (*see page 18*)

Burham Community Centre

Sunday, 27th October, Bible Sunday

10.30am Sung Holy Communion

All Saints, Wouldham

Baptisms

7th July, Jack Millett

14th July, Elsie Abbott

**4th August, Polly Weston
Sophia Barker**

1st September, Millie Scott

8th September, Archy Steadman



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our harvest donations will be given to the charities: Maidstone Homeless Care & Medway Foodbank.

Collection to Bahamas Hurricane Appeal.



BURHAM OLD SCHOOL COMMUNITY CENTRE

FRIDAY 4th OCTOBER

Doors open at 7.30pm. Bingo starts at 8.0pm

Bring your own drinks & snacks.

Guarantee you place by purchasing your bingo tickets in advance.

Books of tickets at £10/book. Contact:

Tracey 07920 599287 or speak to a Preschool Committee Member.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



**Saturday, 16th November, 1pm–3pm,
Burham Village Hall**

Raffle, Cakes, Jams & Chutneys, Bottle Stall.

Come & look for Christmas gifts

Refreshments: Tea & Homemade Cakes

Anyone wishing to sell Christmas themed goods can hire a table, contact Gwen 01634 672060

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We hope you will be able to join us.

OCTOBER

'The Church in Burham' Services

All services at the church, Church Street, Burham



Sunday 6th October

10.30am **Morning Worship** led by Mandy Harris

Sunday 13th October

10.30am **Morning Worship** led by Simon Pooley

Sunday 20th October

10.30am **Morning Worship** led by Geoff Harris

Sunday 27th October

10.30am **Morning Worship** led by Rev. Naomi Oates

Following the impact of Hurricane Dorian in The Bahamas, efforts to clear up the devastation are now underway. The nation's government has warned that the death toll will be "staggering". In addition, about 13,000 properties were severely damaged or destroyed leaving thousands of people homeless. As a result, our chosen charity for September is **The National Association of the Bahamas Hurricane Relief Fund** who are receiving monetary donations for clothes and basic toiletries

Planning for Christmas!

We are planning to decorate the church windows with Christmas themed displays as usual this year. However, this year the theme will be Christmas Pop Songs. **Would you like to decorate one of the windows this Christmas?** If so, please contact Trevor Smith for more information on 01634867022.

For details of other activities at The Church in Burham, including teas, Country Lunch, Film Club and Book Exchange, please see the 'What's Going on?' centre pages in this magazine

THE CHURCH IN BURHAM (Methodist), Church Street, Burham
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Stewards: Eileen Smith Tel. 01634867022. Joyce Brown Tel. 01634864413
Rod Murr Tel. 01634868075 Trevor Smith Tel. 01634867022

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

Race Night

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Our last meeting was on September 3rd and the next meeting will be on October 1st 7.30pm in the Village Hall

LORRY WATCH Kent County Council have put two “no HGV” areas entering Wouldham from the North on Pilgrims Way and Wouldham Road. The Parish Council have asked how these will be enforced and where the lorries will turn around when they reach them if they miss the signs in Borstal. Our Borough Councillors have recommended that we pressure the police to do more in the Wouldham area, checking on speeding and HGV’s.

RECREATION GROUND Our thanks go to Graham West who has cleared the ground against the wall in the Recreation Ground, we are very grateful. There will be a working party during half term (18th-28th October) when any planting can take place. We have bought some wildflower seeds and have some whips to put in. We will advertise nearer the time.

DOGS Once again we have to remind everyone to pick up after their dogs, the recreation ground is well used by walkers and children. Thank you to the residents who supply the dog poo bags in dispensers around the village but there are some who still don’t use them.

NUMBER PLATES STOLEN There seems to be a spate of number plate thefts at the moment, we would like to warn you that if your number plates are stolen you should report to the police on 101 straight away as they are often used for other crimes and if you haven’t reported them missing it is hard to prove you weren’t involved. There are special fastenings you can buy which stop the plates being removed without breaking them.

CAR PARK RULES Can we remind you that the car park on Knowle Road is not a place to store vehicles. All vehicles must be taxed and MOT’ed. The Parish Council are not responsible for any damage caused. Larger vehicles – vans and motorhomes cannot be stored here.

VILLAGE HALL The old hall has been sold subject to contract. We are hopeful that the sale will go through by the end of November. Then we can start to concentrate on the new build. It is a very exciting time for the village.

W.A.T. Wouldham Against Traffic are doing an excellent job of raising awareness of the traffic coming thorough the village. Front page on the Kent Messenger and on TV. The Parish Council are sharing information with them about all the suggestions and responses we have had with KCC. With the support of our Borough and County Councillors we are hoping that KCC will come with a solution for the volume of traffic in our village.

CONTACT DETAILS:

Nicky Grimes, Clerk clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk

Jenny Head, Chair jheadwpc@gmail.com

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JUST CONTACT THE EDITOR**

Wouldham All Saints Church of England Primary School

Last month saw our return to school for the start of the new year and also brought some bad news. Unfortunately, before the children returned we had visitors one night who stole one of our minibuses.

On Monday 2nd September, at 9:20pm – not exactly the dead of night – three males entered the school by breaking through a fence panel from Hall Road. Our upgraded CCTV recorded their actions as they leisurely managed to break through all the vehicle's security features and eventually drive out onto Hall Road at 9:31pm. There was a reasonable amount of traffic flowing both ways along Hall Road throughout the whole incident. This is heartbreaking for us as so many people have worked so hard at raising money so that we could replace one of our older buses earlier in the year. We had been hoping to replace our remaining aged bus this year but will now need to source a replacement for our stolen one instead.

We make such a lot of use of the minibuses for various activities and the greatest issue caused is covering our Year 6 residential visit to France. One of the worst parts about being a victim of this sort of crime is that it is possible to lose faith in others and look at everyone with suspicion. On the flip side we have had so much support and encouragement from others that this has definitely been restored. A big thank you to all those who have offered the school help and support following the theft – you are real heroes!

Following offers of help from Farleigh Coaches, Bellway Homes, Orbit Homes and Wouldham Parish Council as well as many individuals we have been able to secure a vehicle for France as well as temporary cover whilst a permanent replacement is completed. Again – thank you.

Our Year 6 children leave for France on Monday 30th September returning on Friday 4th October. They will have a great time visiting a goat cheese farm, a handmade sweet shop, Nausicaa Sealife centre, a snail farm and much more besides. We will let you know all about it in next months newsletter.

If you haven't already seen it then look up our CCTV footage on Youtube – just search 'Minibus Thieves' and you will find it. The more people who watch it the greater the chance of somebody recognising the men and bringing them to justice. In addition, these people could be visiting Wouldham and surrounding area again and if you think you see them just call the police! If you think you may recognise any of the crooks then please report it – only by getting caught can we stop them doing it again!



EVENT PLANNING. RESIDENTS NEEDED! IDEAS WANTED

Join us in the Old School Community Centre for a **WHOLE COMMUNITY EVENT PLANNING**

Monday 14th October, 7:30pm – 9pm

ALL welcome! Free refreshments included

***Psst...**Look out for future events, including details of our fortnightly ramble, via our Facebook page.*

Burham meeting Place has been running for over 6 months now with only a handful of residents organising events each month. Our intention is to ensure there is a 'hub' in our village for all Burham residents, of all ages to be able to meet up, socialise and enjoy the events that we plan. Some of our most successful evenings have been our Quiz nights and curry nights.

We are always planning hard and budgeting to ensure this is low cost and can be free of charge to all residents, so that 'everyone' can benefit from this facility. We now need your help. To continue running this group and to ensure there is a continuous stream of fresh ideas for events and fund raising ideas, we ask if there are residents who would like to get involved helping to organise and run events and also to provide some fresh ideas, to help us to bring the community together.

If you would like to be involved in this, or any other fundraising activity, please come along to The Old School Community Centre on Monday 14th October at 7.30pm, where there will be an informal meeting to discuss ideas and see how things can be progressed.

If you are unable to make this but would still like to be involved, please get in touch via our Facebook page

Future events:

Monday 11th November 7.30pm-9.00pm – Pizza night

Monday 9th December 7.30pm-9.30pm – Christmas Party

Monday 13th January 7.30pm – 9.00pm – 1st Year Celebration.

Jacket Potato night

BURHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS OCTOBER 2019



Keep up to date with Parish Council business, visit:

Website: www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk

Facebook page “Burham Parish Council”

It is hoped that the **speed limit signs** in Church Street will be addressed very soon via KCC Highways. It affects the bottom section of Church Street between the car park and New Court Rd. The speed limit for this area is 40 mph (originally 60 mph) to run in-line with New Court Rd. It should have changed in 2017 when KCC originally consulted on it. Church Street gateway is still progressing via KCC Highways – we hope to view some plans very soon.

Dog owners: Once again we remind all dog owners to be responsible and to pick up their dog poo. Most dog owners are responsible, but unfortunately, there appears to be an increase in the problem particular on the recreation ground. Please ensure that all dog poo is bagged and disposed of appropriately.

UK Power will be carrying out work to the tree branches in the power cables in Rochester Rd. Further information will follow. This work has been outstanding for over 18 months.

With the darker evenings drawing in, let me know if any street lights are inoperative, flickering or not working properly. Also any pot holes and other highway matters. I can then report them to the authorities for repair. Over the summer months we have experienced problems with **silver gas canisters being dumped** around the village, over 1000 were found over a few weeks period, mainly in the car parks. These are used by people to “get high” but are not illegal as their proper usage relates to cake making/ baking ingredients (whipping cream). Let me know if you see any of these canisters. We have been reporting all these finds to the Police and are aware that we are not the only area experiencing problems.

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 meeting is scheduled for Monday 28 October 2019, 7.30 pm The Parish Building, ROCHESTER ROAD, BURHAM. Pam Saunders – Clerk.



BURHAM CE PRIMARY SCHOOL PTFA

FIREWORK DISPLAY

FRIDAY, 1st NOVEMBER

BAR * GAMES & STALLS * REFRESHMENTS

Family ticket: £15 (admits up to 5 people)

Individual ticket: £5

Tickets available from 1st October from:

School reception or

Helen: 01634 660756 or

Vickie: 07957 529595

Tickets must be bought in advance and will not be available on the night. Please do not bring your own sparklers or fireworks.



Burham Music Hall Group is staging a

CHRISTMAS SPECIAL SHOW

Full of Christmas Goodies for all the family

7th December. 7.00 for 7.30pm

Burham Village Hall

Tickets available from November:

Adults £8 Children £4





COMPASSION, ACCEPTANCE, RESPONSIBILITY,
FORGIVENESS, TRUST

We would like to welcome all the children and their families back to school and extend a warm welcome to our new Reception class and all the other new children who have joined us this term.

On Friday 5th July all the children took part in our Family Fun Day. This year's event also included a rounders match between our Year 6 pupils and their parents which everyone enjoyed. We were pleased that so many family and friends were able to attend and many of them stayed for our family picnic which followed the sporting events. On Saturday 6th July we held our annual Summer Fair and managed to raise a fantastic £1,677 for school funds. Many thanks to our PTFA, as well as members of staff and other volunteers who helped to make this event successful.

On 8th July our Year 6 children went to Harry Potter World, which they fully funded from their own enterprise during the course of the year. Our Year 3 and 4 pupils took a trip to the Rare Breeds Centre on 15th July, while KS1 children visited the British Wildlife Centre on 18th July. On 16th July, Years 5 and 6 took part in an activity day at Lower Grange Scout Centre where they did activities including climbing, zorbing and archery. They all had a great time. So it is safe to say that all of our pupils had lots of fun at the end of term.

The children having music lessons with Rocksteady Music School treated their parents and all the children to a concert on 17th July while our end of term Eucharist, led by Reverend Mike Hayes, took place at the school on 11th July.

On the last day of term we held our Leaver's Service for our Year 6 children and their families, followed by a Leaver's Lunch.

Another year of successful results in Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 and a first look at the National Interim results we are in a healthy position. In line with Ofsted action points, the number of children working at greater depth has improved on last year.

We are already looking forward to our PTFA Firework Display on Friday 1st November. (*see opposite*) We hope that as many people as possible from the village and surrounding area will be able to attend. More details to follow in the next Newsletter.

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

Michelle Grima - Headteacher

PARISH INFORMATION

Burham Parish Council

Pam Saunders – Clerk.

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

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The next Council meeting: 28th October, 7.30pm. Usually the last Monday in the month.

Wouldham Parish Council

Parish Clerk—Nicky Grimes 01634 864319 clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk

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Council Meetings are held in Wouldham Village Hall. The next meeting: 1st Oct, 7.30pm. Usually on the first Tuesday of the month.

COMMUNITY WARDEN:- Vivien Hickmott 07813694140

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

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

SATURDAY WASTE COLLECTION

TMBC Helpline 01732 876147 www.tmbc.gov.uk

Wouldham - Car Park, Knowle Rd,
5th October, 8.00am–9.00am.

Burham, Village Hall Car Park,
5th October, 9.15am -10.15am

Eccles – Bull Lane lay-by.
5th October, 10.30- 11.30am
19th October, 8.00am—8.45am

Snodland- Saltings Road
(outside Neville Park)
12 & 26 Oct. 8.00am—9.00am

Snodland—St Benedicts Rd,
junction of Paddlesworth Rd.
19th October, 8.00-9.00am

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2. Outside Wouldham Village Hall.
3. Outside Wouldham Village Store.

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HEARING AIDS.

HiKent Hearing Clinic, monthly—17th October. 10.30—12.30hrs, 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/>

What's Going On?

SOCIAL GROUPS & MEETINGS

Women's Institute - 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Burham Village Hall. 7.30pm. Contact Eileen Smith 01634 867022.

Wouldham 60+CLUB. Social afternoon for over 60s. Meeting Tuesdays, 2-4pm at the Watermans Arms, Wouldham

Burham Meeting Place - A Community Group socialising with events for the whole community. Meeting once a month on a Monday evening, **October 14th**, 7.30pm till 9pm (usually the second Monday of the month.) (*see page 10*)

Thursday Community Club - Burham Community Centre, 10.30-12pm. Tea, coffee, cakes. Friendly gatherings & outings. **October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.** Contact: 01634 867669. **Hi Kent Hearing Clinic** here. (*see page 15*)

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

Coffee Morning. All Saints Church, Wouldham. Last Friday of the month 10.45 –11.45am. **25th October.**

Country Lunch - The Church in Burham, Church St. 1pm, Thurs, **10th October** (2nd week of the month as usual). Soup, Crusty Bread, Cheese, Fruit Crumble, Ice Cream, Tea/ Coffee. We ask for a donation of £3. Profits to our charity of the month. Contact Trevor Smith 01634867022

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

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Hours: Monday-Friday:7-7pm. Saturday:7-6pm. Sunday:8-1pm.

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

Closes 4pm. Closed on Monday.

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

Wouldham: Contact Sue 01634 682363

CRAFTS Bear Paws Quilters in Burham Community Centre. Meeting twice a month on a Wednesday. 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 venues.
Contact - Gwen Worcester 01634 672060.

KCC Mobile Library: Fortnightly on Tuesdays:

OCTOBER: 8th & 22nd

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 - 1st Saturday of the month. The Church in Burham, Church St. **5th October**, 10.30-12 noon. Bring books you have read and exchange them for others from our good selection. Tea, coffee served with homemade cake for a donation of £1. Contact Eileen Smith 01634867022.

ACTIVITY/SPORT

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

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

Duet Dance School Fri 3.30-7pm. Julie Potter/Hayley Mann.
duets_dancer_school@yahoo.com

Burham Football Club - Contact Paul Fitzpatrick 07805198937.

Force Medway Group - Self Defence in Burham Village Hall.

Tues 7.30-9.30pm. Weds 6-7.15pm. Fri 6-8.30pm.

Contact Stuart or Lorraine Lowe 01634 862943

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

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

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

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

CHURCHS

Church of England Parish of Burham & Wouldham: *(See page 3)*

1. **All Saints, Wouldham. Parish Church.**
2. **Burham Old School Community Centre:**
 - (i) Messy Church – 3rd Sunday of the month 10.30-12 noon.
Rod Murr 01634 868075. For all ages. Games, painting and many other activities and a special bible story. Refreshments.
 - (ii) 9.00am Early morning communion. 1st Sun. of the month.
3. **St Marys Church**, Old Church Rd, Burham is a redundant Anglican Church under the care of the Churches Conservation Trust. Occasional special C of E services held there and events run by the Friends of St Marys. *(page 4)*

Methodist. The ‘Church in Burham’ *(page 5)*

EATING & DRINKING

The Butchers Block Pub/Restaurant, Burham - 01634 786626

The Robin Hood Pub/Restaurant. Common Rd, 01634 861500

The Windmill Inn /Restaurant, Burham - 01634 864570

Happy House Chinese Takeaway, Burham - 01634 668326

Fish & Chips Van: Wednesday, 5-8pm. Burham Village Hall car park

Saturday, 5-8pm. Wouldham recreation ground car park.

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

Waterman Arms, Wouldham. Sunday lunch and Friday afternoon tea.

01634 681830

THEATRE/MUSIC/FILM/ART

Burham Music Hall Group. *(see page 12)* Meeting weekly on Thursdays, 8.0pm, Burham Village Hall. Planning/ rehearsals for Music Hall performances in March 2020. Come along. New members welcome.

Film Club 7.30pm Wednesday **2nd October.** The Church in Burham, Church St. Join us to watch ‘**Victoria and Abdul**’ starring Judi Dench as Queen Victoria. Share tea and coffee after. Donation of £1.

Contact Eileen Smith 01634867022

Church Choir. All Saints Church Choir. Choir practice is 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. Practice: Weds at 8pm. New ringers are welcome. Tina Miles Tel: 07967 795913

This is my Theatre. Snow Queen, Saturday, **November 23rd 2pm.**

St Marys Church, Burham. *(see page 4)*

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Mon - Fri. Lunch Club 11.45 - 12.20

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Supervisor - Tracey Beechey Tel: 07920 599287/07710 829954

Email: **Burham.pre-school@hotmail.com**

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Our Ofsted Inspection found Jellybeans to be 'good'.

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Mon - Thurs pm 12.25 - 2.55

Mon - Thurs Lunch Club 11.45 - 12.25

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Mrs Donna Cook (Supervisor) on 07932551771



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October in Your Garden

'Anyone who thinks fallen leaves are dead, has never watched them dance in the Autumn breeze.'

October is a wonderful time of the year, Autumn has arrived, the nights are drawing in, and nature's colours are changing. It's a time when nature can throw it all at us, with temperatures dropping and the nights drawing in, perhaps giving fewer opportunities to get out – but it makes those bright warm days all the better. The leaves are changing colour to the bright, vibrant reds, oranges and yellows, before they scatter themselves on the ground - & no-one can deny the fun to be had from kicking through piles of leaves & watching them fall all over again. Once you're done with the fun part, the very same leaves can be gathered up into sacks (make a few holes in the first), & stored away to make leaf mould, which is an excellent (& free) soil conditioner. However, don't gather up any diseased leaves (burn or dispose of these instead), such as rose leaves that have suffered from black spot, as the spores will remain and then potentially re-infect your plants at a later date.

Now is the time to make the most of opportunities to tidy up in the garden before the winter sets in. The last cuts for lawns and hedges can be carried out prior to any frosts, tidy lawn edges for the winter too, cut back herbaceous plants, as well as any lifting/moving/dividing required, empty any pots that have annuals in them, & reuse the compost as a mulch on the borders, do a final weed through borders, and lightly fork over the surface to improve aeration and drainage before adding a compost or bark mulch. There are autumn bedding plants available now to fill any gaps in borders, or empty pots, Pansies, Violas, Wallflowers (annuals), Bellis & Polyanthus are all vibrant and will continue to flower through autumn, & may even last until spring before the bulbs start to emerge. October is the ideal time to plant bulbs such as Narcissi, Hyacinth, Crocus & Snowdrop, and you can extend your display through into spring by planting the bulbs in the same pots & topping them with the autumn annuals. In the veg garden, cropping of summer veg will be slowing down, and by the end of the month it will be time to clear beds ready for next season. Winter veg such as Cauliflower, Broccoli & Brussel Sprouts, as well as Parsnips, Leeks & Carrots can stay in the ground and be harvested when needed. Now is the time to plant out spring cabbages and any winter salad crops that were started in the greenhouse.

Other things to be doing in the garden now:

Cut back summer fruiting raspberry canes

Top up the bird feeders and baths ready for the months ahead

Lift Dahlia and Begonia tubers, remove foliage and leave to dry before storing over winter

Move tender plants indoors into a shed or greenhouse if possible.

Sue Durrani, Secretary, Allotment Association, Wouldham
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Friday 6 December, Royal Worcester 4 days, Mercure Bewdley Hotel, Kidderminster. 3 nights dinner, bed & breakfast. Excursions to Royal Worcester, Hereford & Hop Pocket shopping village. £289

Sunday 15 December, Thursford Christmas Spectacular 2 Days, Brook Hotel, Norwich. 1 night dinner, bed & breakfast and matinee ticket to the Thursford Show. £179

Monday 23 December, 5 days Christmas Break, 3* Comfort Hotel, Great Yarmouth. 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast, complimentary mulled wine, traditional Christmas extras, evening entertainment and a gift for everyone! £449

Monday 30 December, 4 days New Year Break, Bournemouth. 4* Best Western Hotel Royale. 3 nights dinner, bed and breakfast, bubbly, canapes, an afternoon tea, evening entertainment and a coach excursion to Poole. £429

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Peters Village starts to feel it really is a village

Neighbours became friends and put the word ‘village’ into Peters Village when they met at the fledgling community’s first ever residents’ picnic.

Organised by the newly formed Peters Village Sports & Social Committee it is now hoped it can become an annual event according to group creator, Stacy Carroll, who said it was intended as an ice-breaker for newly-arrived families at Peters Village: “We already had some great networking going on with people phoning, emailing and Facebooking for advice on who to contact about various things once they had moved in, but we needed to be able to put faces to names.

“(Peters Village developer) Trenport gave us the go ahead to stage the picnic on the new playing fields and contributed to the cost of the bouncy castle. It was a great setting, but we didn’t want people to feel they should simply sit on their own blanket and eat the food they had brought, so we asked everyone to bring a dish to share on the community table. Everyone was soon mingling and chatting and that’s what convinced us we had to do it again. We are also talking about staging a Christmas event.” For more about Peters Village Sports & Social Committee, please go to Facebook: Peters Village Connect.

More Peters Village News

By popular demand, Kent Wildlife Trust has started guided tours of the Peters Pit Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) at Peters Village. It was designated in 2000, notably for preservation of a Great Crested Newt (pictured below) colony – one of the finest in the UK – but the 29 hectare/71 acre site is also home to other rarities including the dormouse, bats, orchids and butterflies. The site is managed by Kent Wildlife Trust (KWT) with funding by Peters Village developer Trenport and if you want to join a tour, please contact KWT Medway Valley Warden Steve Weeks: stephen.weeks@kentwildlife.org.uk. Steve said: “Technically, the Peters Pit SSSI is off limits to the general public in the interests of conservation of rare species like the newts, but there has been unauthorised access by dog walkers and others so, short of erecting an unfeasibly high fence, we hope these guided tours will help spread the word about admiring this wonderful natural asset from afar in. This approach has certainly worked at other sites we manage.

“And that’s not to say that residents of Peters Village and the surrounding area cannot be inspired by the SSSI to further encourage wild species in their gardens and open spaces.” He quoted a list of ideas, which can be found on this Peters Village website page: <http://bit.ly/32FlerT>.

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Nine months on from launch, Clarkes of London's commuter coach service from Peters Village now has 11 regular customers.

The 764a and 764b service picks up from the bus stops at Keepers Cottage Lane (05:52 and 06:30) and Village Road (05:50 and 06:28).

Clarkes' Commuter Manager, Sarah Hackett said: "There has been a steady take-up drawn from the 200 or so properties now occupied at Peters Village. The level is about what we would expect from a new community that still has a lot of growing to do – 1,000-plus homes being projected."

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

National Grid has begun a pylon refurbishment programme across the Peters Village section of the Medway Valley, with the following timeline:

August-October - preparation for main wire replacement, including laying a temporary roadway, foundation inspection, tower strengthening and scaffolding erection. **September** - pylon re-painting. **September-October** - main wire replacement. **November** - removal of equipment and materials. Any public queries should be made to National Grid via 0800 319 6188 or email: nationalgrid@littlebrookkemsley.co.uk.

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As summer fades away and we fall into autumn, we reflect over the wonderful summer we have all had. We finish our summer with a final trip on the Kingfisher boat before it docks for the season. We thank the crew for making each trip a unique and wonderful experience and can't wait to sail away again next year.

We would also like to thank everyone that has donated to our memory lane units so far, your generosity has been overwhelming, and all your donations have been welcomed with open arms by residents, family and staff alike.

As we write this, we are busy with preparations for our scarecrow and harvest festival celebrations, as well as having discussions and remembering Septembers of our own when we were going back to school after the holidays. We hope all the children had a wonderful time off and are enjoying their new school classes. We are excited for the children to visit our home again as the new school year progresses.

Autumn brings a season of change for all of us and everyone at Winchester House is ready to embrace it .

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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)

REPORTING 155 BUS PROBLEMS ?

A number of residents who rely on buses have spoken to local councillors about late and 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. It's important that they get the evidence your reports provide.

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. Our MP, KCC & TMBC councillors and our two parish councils are still working on this problem and making slow progress.

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