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

Dear friends

Well we're back after the break and hope you had a wonderful Christmas.



We send our very best wishes to all for the 2020 New Year ahead. Perhaps you managed to go along for some carol singing and see our ancient church in all its beautiful Christmas splendour. Well of course the church is not just for Christmas and I just got to thinking about the names that Rev' Mike gives to each week of the church services through the year. After a bit of revision, I've put together a short layman's guide to what they mean if you're not familiar with the Christian calendar.

The Church year is divided into several seasons. It begins with Advent, which looks forward to Christmas. It is a season of expectation and celebrates the birth of Christ. In January the visit of the wise men to Jesus is remembered at Epiphany which leads into Lent in February. Lent is often described as lasting forty days recalling the biblical account of Jesus's temptation in the wilderness.

Ash Wednesday marks the start of the observation of Lent, a season of self-examination, penitence, self-denial, study, and preparation for Easter. Ashes are an ancient sign of penitence as from the Middle Ages onward it has been a custom to begin Lent by having the sign of the cross marked on one's forehead in ash.

Holy Week begins with the re-enactment of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. This is the beginning of a journey to the Upper Room for the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday, through to Jesus' betrayal, trial and crucifixion on Good Friday.

Easter Day commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead and on the fortieth day of Easter, Ascension Day, the Church celebrates Christ's ascension to Heaven.

Easter is celebrated for fifty days, culminating in the Day of Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit coming on the disciples empowering them for mission. Pentecost, in which Trinity (Trinity being the doctrine of there being one God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit) extends until All Saints Day in November and to Advent again at the end of the year.

That's my potted version of the Christian Calendar which I hope I've got right. I had just been thinking that it may be helpful to understand and make sense of where we are in the Calendar. *Mary Davis, Editor*

It's Pancake Day!



MESSY CHURCH PANCAKE PARTY

Shrove Tuesday

Tuesday, 25th February.
4.30 - 6pm

Burham Community Centre

BURHAM MUSIC HALL will not be presenting a show in March this year. The Company will be making changes and recruiting new members. It is hoped that dates can be arranged later in the year. Thanks to all who supported our Christmas Special and gave such a great farewell to Em & Ken.

Ken

.....and a huge, huge thankyou to Ken with Em for all the fun, laughter and musical entertainment you have given to people over 40+years. Very best wishes go to you and for the future of the Company.



PETERS VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Should anyone wish to receive further information or join the scheme please contact Steve @ Petersvillagenhw@gmail.com



CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES

FEBRUARY

Every Friday, TODDLER CHURCH.

9.15-10.15am **Term time only**

All Saints, Wouldham

Sunday, 2nd February. The Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)

9.00am Said Holy Communion Burham Community Centre

10.30am Holy Communion with hymns All Saints, Wouldham

Sunday, 9th February, 3rd Sunday before Lent

10.30am Holy Communion with hymns All Saints, Wouldham

Thursday, 13th February

11.00am Winchester House Holy Communion & hymns. All welcome

Sunday, 16th February, 2nd Sunday before Lent

9.00am Said Holy Communion All Saints, Wouldham

Sunday, 23rd February, Sunday next before Lent

10.30am Sung Holy Communion All Saints, Wouldham

Tuesday 25th February. Shrove Tuesday

4.30 – 6pm Messy Church Pancake Party Burham Community Centre

Wednesday 26th February, Ash Wednesday *Lent begins*

6.30pm Holy Communion with hymns All Saints, Wouldham

Coffee morning at All Saints Church Wouldham.

Friday, 28th February, 10.45-11.45hrs

FUNERALS: 29th November, Robert Smith
17th December, Brandy Ludlow
27th January, Brian Laker

A WORLD OF FLOWERS

Flower Festival

All Saints Church,
Wouldham
Weekend 27-28 June

Refreshments &
Live Music



This is an 'all community event' and individuals and organisations from within Burham, Wouldham & Peters Village are invited to take part. The idea is to make a floral arrangement to represent a country and we could have up to 15 arrangements depicting different countries of the world.

If you, as an individual or for your group, would like to register an interest in making an arrangement please contact:

Gwen Worcester on 01634 672060

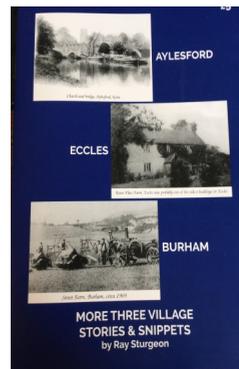
Also if you would like to register an interest in playing some music at a time during the weekend whilst people are looking at flowers, contact Gwen as above.

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FEBRUARY METHODIST SERVICES

‘The Church in Burham’

All services at the church, Church Street, Burham



- February 2nd 10.30am Covenant Service led by Rev. Naomi Oates & Rev. Gareth West
February 9th 10.30am Morning Worship led Monica Wilding
February 16th 10.30am Morning Worship led by Worship Team
February 23rd 10.30am Morning Worship led by Rev. Naomi Oates

CROSSOVER

You are invited to join our new weekly service on Thursday evenings at 7.0pm for an opportunity to worship God in an informal and relaxed atmosphere.

We would like to thank Frosts for donating the sweets for the Christingle service. This year the service was led by Rev. Naomi Oates and the collection for Action for Children amounted to £100.

CHARITIES

The collection from the Celebration of Christmas service will be donated to Maidstone Homeless Care together with the proceeds from our activities in December and January. In February our chosen charity is Book Aid which is an international organisation which aims to give street children educational books to help them out of poverty.

See the ‘What’s Going On?’ centre pages for details of our other activities here : Teas, Country Lunch, Film Club and Book Exchange,

THE CHURCH IN BURHAM (Methodist), Church Street, Burham
MINISTER Rev. Naomi Oates Tel: 01732875072 or
07485072407 Email: naomi.oates@methodist.org.uk

Stewards: Eileen Smith Tel. 01634867022.
Joyce Brown Tel. 01634864413

Rod Murr Tel. 01634868075 Trevor Smith Tel. 01634867022

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



Save the date: Events for February 2020

Monday 3rd February from 6pm: **PSYCHIC NIGHT** with Clairvoyant Tracy Fance. £20 per reading, no need to book, choice of readers, menu available.

Friday 14th & Saturday 15th February: **VALENTINES SPECTACULAR MENU**, 3- course menu, £29.95, pre-order required & £5 pp deposit on booking. Treat the one you love!

Monday 24th to Friday 28th February: **CELEBRATING SHROVE TUESDAY** with some flipping fun & tasty pancakes.

Saturday 29th February: **SPECIALITY MEXICAN NIGHT**, from 7pm, 3 course set menu, £19.99pp, £5pp deposit on booking.
See website for menu.

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

WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Our the next meeting will be on
4th February, 7.30pm in the Village Hall



We would like to wish all Wouldham residents -

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR

LIGHTS ON HALL ROAD

The Parish Council would like to thank Bellway, Hyde Housing and Peter Homewood's Kent County Council membership grant for donating the money for the new lights in Hall Road. It was a while from conception to completion but are a great addition to the village. We would also like to thank Holbrook for their help in installation and completing in the work in such a short time.

DOG POO

Once again we have to mention this, it has become an epidemic especially in the Recreation Ground. There is even dog poo on the pathway which anyone can see is used extensively by children. **PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG!**

FLY TIPPING

Another blight on our landscape. If you see anyone fly tipping call 101 and report it. Or call Waste Services on 01732 876147.

NEW VILLAGE HALL

Work is still progressing to put a new hall in the Recreation Ground, We are waiting for the sale of the old hall to go through and we are hoping for a summer opening.

NEW WEBSITE

The current Parish website will be taken off line in August so we are working on a new website. This will be called Wouldhampc.com so easy to remember. We look forward to advertising it when it comes online.

CONTACT DETAILS

CLERK: Nicky Grimes clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk 01634 864319

CHAIR: Eddie Bell ebellwpc@gmail.com

THE HENRY PETERS CHARITY

This charity was set up by Henry Peters in his will around 1912 to be distributed to the sick and poor of Wouldham by the Parish Council. The trustees have agreed that the payments could be used to fund residents getting to and from the doctors' surgery or hospital. To apply please contact the Council clerk on 01634 864319 or clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk.

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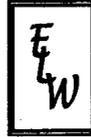
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Happy New Year (even though its February) to everyone. 2020 is set to be full of adventure and excitement and we hope it will be full of success too.

Before we start looking ahead to the future its worth reflecting on the past two months and the amazing things that have been happening.

December is always busy in a school and ours was no exception and included additional activities such as our Christmas tree festival, Christmas plays and carol singing. All went well and our tree festival concluded with a group of our Year 6 children organising and leading the Sunday service within the school hall. This was very well received and is something we hope to repeat in the future – we'll keep you posted!

We have seen our numbers grow to beyond 400 and are now pretty much full across the school with a handful of spaces in Year 6. Some children have moved on from us and we wish them well as they settle into their new homes, schools and even countries in some cases!

January has had everyone working hard on new themes and pushing learning on with a full curriculum and range of activities in full flow. Our lower juniors have visited mummies in Maidstone, Reception children have started swimming and Forest School is bracing but as good as ever! We also found out about Chinese New Year, Robbie Burns and the work of the National Trust.

February will see us celebrate Candlemas and then shortly after mark 2 years since moving to our fabulous new building. After a week off for the week beginning 17th Feb we return with a quarter of our Year 5 & 6 adventuring to North Wales for a week. This will be the second time we have operated this experience and are really looking forward to it as the activities and scenery are amazing. We get to do things that just aren't possible in our local environment.

We will also see the arrival of Lent and celebrate Shrove Tuesday in interesting ways!

There is still the chance of weather disruption and our bad weather advice is easy to find from the homepage of our website. We aim to stay open in all circumstances but always be prepared!

Dates for your diary

Friday 14 th Feb	End of Term 3. Re-open on Mon 24 th Feb.
3 rd & 4 th March	Learning Progress Meetings – all classes. 3-6pm
Wednesday 1 st April	End of Term 4. Easter holiday until 20 th April.

Carl Fitter, Headteacher

PETERS VILLAGERS KEEN TO GO GREEN ON TRANSPORT

Residents at Peters Village are overwhelmingly in favour of more sustainable transport according to a new survey commissioned by Trenport, which developed the new 1,000-home community.

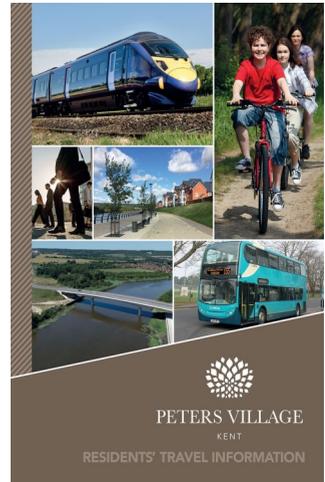
Findings from a questionnaire delivered to the 300 properties occupied so far showed:

- 90% of residents keen to encourage more public transport use and just 10% saying they would not use bus or train
- 78% of residents wanting more promotion of cycling and just 22% saying they would not take to two wheels
- 49% of residents in favour of encouraging car-sharing and 29% interested in joining a car-sharing database

Despite signing up to this greener approach though, respondents admitted that they still rely on their car – like most of their peers across the UK.

A staggering 80% drive solo to and from work, with 12% using the train, 6% sharing a car and just 2% commuting by bus or coach.

Driving alone to and from the shops is also dominant (59%) but car sharing is more encouraging (36%), 2% cycle with a further 2% happy to walk, while the bus captures just 1% support.



A fuller analysis of the results will be available soon, but Trenport Director Chris Hall said he and his team were encouraged by the findings:

“It’s clear from the data that while take up for greener options is slow, the will to change is there and we hope to see those car sharing, public transport, cycling and walking percentages rise over the coming months and years.

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“And it is early days for Peters Village – occupations are less than a third of the planned final total – but we know a key selling point is the enviable travel options, with good road and rail links as well as mapped out cycling and walking routes.

“We built Peters Bridge, the new River Medway crossing, to unlock the site’s potential with easy links to all three main motorways in the South East – the M20, M2 and M25 – and to access the rail network, particularly the high-speed service into London St Pancras. Bus and coach connections have been made too, including Clarkes of London’s city commuter service.

“But this survey underlines our determination to fine tune travel options at a time when transport’s environmental impact is under a global spotlight, and it follows up on the Peters Village Travel Plan we launched less than a year ago

(read or download at [https://petersvillage.co.uk/files//downloadables/Trenport transport brochure HI RES.pdf](https://petersvillage.co.uk/files//downloadables/Trenport%20transport%20brochure%20HI%20RES.pdf))

The data from the questionnaire will now be used to identify the following and create a detailed report:

- Common and frequent destinations – for work, study, shopping, leisure and other purposes – which might suggest possible improvements to existing routes and services.
- The most popular current transport modes and sustainable alternatives that might be boosted or introduced.
- Changes in travel modes that people have adopted since moving to Peters Village.
- Cycling: changes that current and would-be riders would like to see to encourage two-wheeled travel.
- Similarly, what changes might encourage residents to make greener transport choices, by making more use of public transport, car sharing and walking to their chosen destination.



Join us in the Old School Community Centre
for a

Games Night Monday 10th February 7:30pm – 9:00pm



ALL welcome!

*Refreshments provided – bring along a game if you wish or
just drop by for a cuppa*

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

Future events:

Monday 9th March, 7.30pm-9.00pm – Cheese and Wine Evening
Monday 6th April, 7.30pm – 9.00pm – Hot Cross Buns

*If you would like to help out in anyway, or offer new ideas, or are just
curious to see what we are about, please do drop by.*

BURHAM UNITED CHARITIES

Burham United Charities are a local charitable organisation that provides assistance to those in need living within the old parish boundaries. (i.e. Burham Village and parts of Blue Bell Hill).

Every year the Charity gives grants towards the Winter Fuel costs of retired villagers on restricted incomes.

They can also offer one off grants to help alleviate particular instances of hardship for any resident of the parish.

Parents of school age children may obtain help with some of the costs associated with schooling.

If you, or someone you know, is on a low income or has an exceptional need which is not provided for by Welfare Benefits, we may be able to help. Contact:

Dave Young (01634 867669) or Roger Kiralfy (01634 869900)

BURHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS FEBRUARY 2020

Keep up to date with Parish Council business, visit:
Website: www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk
Facebook page “Burham Parish Council”



Welcome back after the Christmas break. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year and Santa was kind.

As a reminder, we do have a part time position for a handy/odd job person, 6 hours per week flexible, current salary £8.21 per hour, increasing in April 2020. Duties include generally tidying up parish owned areas of the village. If you are interested, please give me a call or pop in to the parish office.

We also have 3 councillors' positions available. These are all on a voluntary basis. Again, give me a call if you might be interested. Since summer 2019, the village has experienced problems with laughing gas/silver canisters (nitrous oxide) being disposed of around the village. It would appear that this is a county-wide problem. Side-effects include dizziness, passing out and in extreme circumstances suffocation. If you see any of these canisters on the roads or car parks, please report to me or on 101 (the Kent Police website) and obtain a reference number. Whilst I do report any highway issues (including pot holes) to KCC Highways, when I am notified or see for myself, let me know if you notice anything which requires addressing. This includes street lights not working properly or flickering and any new pot holes.

Any anti-social behaviour should be reported to 101 when it is seen/ occurring. Alternatively, you can log any incidents via the Kent Police website on www.kent.police.uk. This includes any illegal activities on New Court Road and elsewhere in the village.

Fly-tipping is also becoming a problem. Please report any fly tipping direct to TMBC (www.tmbc.gov.uk) who are the authority who deal with this. Don't forget that most recycling can be disposed of at the main recycling site near the village hall. This includes paper & cardboard - which although we are charged for every exchange bank - we also receive payment from KCC Recycling Credits. Plastics and all glass as well as books and CD's can be recycled as well.

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 24 February 2020, 7.30 pm The Parish Building, ROCHESTER ROAD, BURHAM.

Pam Saunders – Clerk.

PARISH INFORMATION

Burham Parish Council

Pam Saunders – Clerk.

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

Opening times: Mon-Frid., 10am—2pm

Tel: 01634 685936. Email: pam@burhampc.co.uk

www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk

The next Council meeting: Monday 24th February, 7.30pm. Usually the last Monday in the month.

Wouldham Parish Council

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

www.wouldhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk

Council Meetings are held in Wouldham Village Hall. The next meeting: 4th February, 7.30pm.

Usually 1st 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 844522 www.tmbc.gov.uk

Wouldham - Car Park, Knowle Rd,
1st February, 8.00am–9.00am.

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

Eccles – Bull Lane lay-by.
1st February, 10.30- 11.30am
15th February, 8.00am—8.45am

Snodland- Saltings Road
(outside Neville Park)

8th & 22nd February,
8.00am—9.00am

Snodland—St Benedicts Rd,
junction of Paddlesworth Rd.
15th February, 8.00 - 9.00am

All sites on the Saturday Service have **WEEE** collection ie-
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Phoenix Medical Practice

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

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

Dispensary Opening Times

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

www.phoenixsurgery-burham.nhs.uk

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

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

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PRESCRIPTIONS. If you are unable to collect your prescriptions and live in Burham, Wouldham or Peters Village, the Church offers a collection service. Contact: Rachael Harris. 07725289194

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

HEARING AIDS.

HiKent Hearing Clinic, monthly—13th February (on the 2nd Thursday the month) **10.30-11.30 hrs at Burham Community Centre.** Aftercare clinics for NHS hearing aids. Free of charge & open on a drop-in basis. No need for an appointment. Trained volunteers are able to change batteries, clean and re-tube hearing aids while you wait.

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

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, **10th February 7.30pm till 9pm** (usually the second Monday of the month.) (*see page 12*)

Thursday Community Club - Burham Community Centre, 10.30-12pm. Tea, coffee, cakes. Friendly gatherings & outings.

February 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th. Contact: 01634 867669.

Hi Kent Hearing Clinic here on 13th February (*see page 15*)

Afternoon Tea The Church in Burham, Church St. 3.0 — 4pm pm 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. **28th February.**

Country Lunch - The Church in Burham, Church St.

Thursday 13th February, 1pm. Soup, Crusty Bread & Cheese, Fruit Crumble and Ice Cream, Tea or Coffee. We ask for a donation of £3 and all profits are go to our charity of the month. Contact Trevor Smith 01634867022

SHOPS

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

Frosts Service Station & Store, Rochester Rd, Burham. 01634 861228,

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

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

Closes 4pm. Closed Sunday & 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 Wednesdays twice a month. Many talented people with varied abilities in all areas of needlework. 7.30-9pm. Contact Mrs Taylor 01634 861781

BOOKS

Book Club - Meet 3rd Wednesday of the month at various local venues.
Contact - Gwen Worcester 01634 672060.

KCC Mobile Library: Fortnightly on Tuesdays:
FEBRUARY 11th & 25th
Wouldham, Walter Burke Ave - 13.15-13.45hrs.
Wouldham, Ravensknowle - 13.55-14.25hrs.
Burham, Village Hall - 14.35-15.35hrs (use us or loose us!)

Book Exchange - The Church in Burham, Church St. 1st Sat of the month.
10.30am–12 noon **Saturday 1st February**. Bring books you have read
and exchange them for others from our good selection. Tea and coffee are
served together with homemade cake for which we ask for a donation of
£1. Contact Eileen Smith 01634867022

ACTIVITY/SPORT

Burham Baton Twirlers -Village Hall every other Thursday 4.15-30pm.
Contact Lyn Robinson 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 Wednesday 3.30-7pm. Burham Old School.
Julie Potter/Hayley Mann. *duets_dance_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
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Contact Eileen Smith 01634867022

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February is a great time to get organised for the coming season, while the weather can still be chilly & wet, there are plenty of tasks to be doing inside. There are an array of seed packets or plug plants available now, & now is the ideal opportunity to start plants off early inside if you have a suitable shed/greenhouse/windowsill, and each packet of seed will raise hundreds of plants. To raise several seeds of the same variety its best to use a seed tray, & sow into a free-draining light compost with some perlite/vermiculite mixed in. Sow the seeds according to the packet instructions, & cover lightly with either compost or vermiculite before placing the tray into a tray of water. This allows water to be taken up through the soil without disturbing the seeds on top. Place in a light, frost free place, keep it moist but not wet, and wait patiently for the first signs of growth.

On finer days, there are always tasks that can be done out in the garden, particularly if you left some seeds heads etc. over winter to help provide habitats for over-wintering insects. Later in the month, last years growth from Rudbeckia, Echinacea, Fuschia & ornamental grasses can be cut back to the base, & Wisteria can be pruned ready for its summer growth. Winter flowering shrubs such as Winter Jasmine, Mahonia & Viburnum can also be pruned back. It's also a great time to get ahead with any weeding, many perennial weeds make a start early in the season before there is much else competing with them.

In the veg garden, its time to clear plots of any remaining produce from last season, & prepare beds ready for the new growing season. A generous layer of manure/compost will replace lost nutrients & also help suppress weed growth.

Other things to be doing in the garden now:

Mulch fruit trees, soft fruit & rose bushes with compost/manure.

Build raised beds, attend to shed repairs and maintenance, paint fences etc. before shrubs/perennials start putting on growth.

Keep bird feeders& baths topped up over the winter months - & don't forget this years **RSPB Garden Birdwatch is 25-27th Jan.**

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We have started the new year with some great news about our Year 6 SATs results for 2018/2019, when 74% of our Year 6 pupils reached the expected standard in reading, writing and maths, compared with an average for England of 65%. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our teaching staff for their hard work and commitment in helping our pupils to achieve these great results.

December was a busy month for school which began with the Christmas Fair organised by our PTFA on 29th November. The fair included stalls, craft activities, hamper raffle and of course Santa's Grotto. It was a huge success and raised over £800 for school funds which was a fantastic effort, so many thanks to our PTFA and all of those who were involved.

On 10th and 11th December the children performed their Christmas productions in front of large audiences of friends, family and carers. Both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 performed 'It's a Party' and 'Christmas Around the World' twice and did brilliantly, especially with all the words and songs they had to learn. A big thanks to all the staff for their help with both the preparation and performances and well done to all the children who took part. As well as staging our own productions, the children were also lucky enough to watch a performance of the pantomime 'Sleeping Beauty' from Shooting Stars Entertainment (funded by the George Day Fund.)

In December everyone enjoyed some amazing performances from the children who are having music lessons in school with Rock Steady Music School. Also Rev' Mike Hayes came into school to lead our Advent Eucharist which was also open to parents and carers to attend.

16th December was the last day of term and children came into school wearing their Christmas Jumpers to raise money for Save the Children. They were also treated to an entertaining Magic Show from Micky the Magician.

In January all our extra-curricular activities resumed including gymnastics, football, dancing, Rock Steady and Science Club.

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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All this building work doesn't stop us from having fun! We will celebrate a Valentines Ball on 14th and love will be in the air while we share romance and music and all things hearts and roses. Alongside the monthly intergenerational group on the 3rd, the residents love seeing new faces old and new alike! Musicians and singers will visit to serenade us– we all love a good singalong plus hosting the community Holy Communion alongside Mike from All Saints Church and getting Motivated with Sue and Right step Armchairs keeping us moving and grooving.

We are hoping that 2020 proves to be an exciting year full of fun and new beginnings. Life doesn't have to stop when you come to live in a nursing home, in fact we are continually learning new skills and hobbies from each other and making new friendships, at Winchester House we celebrate life and look forward to seeing what each new day brings.

February, please be a good month and bring smiles and happiness to my family and friends.

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