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PETERS VILLAGE

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Dear Friends



On 31st January, a large crowd of Burham residents gathered for the dedication of a memorial bench for Peter Jenkins who had been our postman for 30 years.



We welcomed his father, Ted and other family members. The Rector offered condolences to them on his sad death and spoke about Peter's life.



A prayer of blessing of the bench followed :

'Loving God, we thank you for Peter and the way in which his life touched ours. For his conscientious work and friendly manner. For his qualities and gifts and all that he achieved. We ask you to bless his families and friends and all who mourn him. We pray for all those who suffer from depression and ask that you will bless the efforts of this community to reach out to them. We ask you now to bless this bench, a solid and enduring reminder of a good friend of this village. May it be a blessing for those who use it, and a fitting memorial to Peter who now rests in peace.'

**All Saints' Church,
High Street, Wouldham, ME1 3TD**

To all residents of Peters Village and new residents of
Burham and Wouldham:

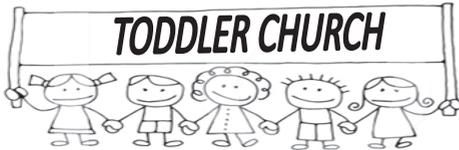
The Rector & Members of the Church Council
invite you for a visit to your
Parish Church of All Saints
on Saturday, 2nd March between 5 and 8pm

Refreshments will be served. We would love to meet you, and
you would be able to meet us and some of your neighbours.
There will be a short talk about this grade I listed building
which dates from 1058. We are child-friendly, dog-friendly
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17th March

3rd Sunday in the Month,
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Refreshments.

Contact:

[http://wouldhamchurch.org.uk/
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MARCH

Church of England Services



Every Friday, TODDLER CHURCH.

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

Sunday, 3rd March, Sunday next before Lent

9.00am Said Holy Communion Burham Community Centre

10.30am Holy Communion with Hymns All Saints, Wouldham

Wednesday, 6th March

6.30pm Ash Wednesday Communion Service All Saints, Wouldham

Sunday, 10th March, 1st Sunday of Lent

10.30am Sung Holy Communion All Saints, Wouldham

Thursday, 14th March

11.00am Winchester House Holy Communion. All are welcome

Sunday, 17th March, 2nd Sunday of Lent

9.00am Holy Communion All Saints, Wouldham

Rev Folake Makajuola

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

Sunday, 24th March, 3rd Sunday of Lent

10.30am Sung Holy Communion All Saints, Wouldham

Sunday, 31st March, Mothering Sunday, 4th of Lent

10.30am Holy Communion with - All Saints, Wouldham
Messy Church crafts.

COFFEE MORNING

Friday, 29th March, 10.45-11.45am



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Saturdays; March 23rd & 30th

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Bring your own drinks

Tickets on sale from—

Frost's Service Station or

Ken: 157 Rochester Road, 01634 861858





**Join us in the Community Centre, Burham
for a.....**

**Curry Supper Night
Monday, 11th March
7:30pm – 9pm**



**Our special guest this month will be
Deb our Community Warden**

**Please request a ticket for this so we know how
many to cater for.**

**Let us know by either: our Facebook page;
Email BMP@rkdia.co.uk; or by text only to
07419 823106**



*Refreshments are also provided,
so even if you don't like curry,
please come along for a cuppa
and an opportunity to meet your
local community.*

2019 EVENTS AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, BURHAM

(down by the river)

Come and join us in this beautiful setting



FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S BURHAM

Dr Jazz:	Saturday May 18 th 7:30pm
Quiz:	Saturday June 8 th 7:30pm
'This is my Theatre' Romeo and Juliet:	Saturday June 29 th 7:30pm
Flower Festival:	Saturday & Sunday July 13 th & 14 th 10-4pm
This is my Theatre - Wind in the Willows:	Sunday August 11 th 3pm
This is my Theatre - Importance of Being Earnest:	Sun. Aug. 11 th 7:30pm
Music Festival:	Saturday September 7 th
Art Exhibition:	Saturday & Sunday September 21 st & 22 nd 10-4pm
This is my Theatre - Snow Queen:	Saturday November 23 rd 2pm
Carols by Candlelight:	Saturday December 14 th

We will be posting dates of all these events on our facebook page
www.facebook.com/stmarysburham and in the parish magazine.

Or call Rosie 01634 672346 We hope you will be able to join us.



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MARCH MEETINGS

Tuesday March 5th	7.30pm	Wouldham Parish Council	Wouldham Village Hall
Thursdays: March 7, 14, 21, 28.	10.30 - 12 noon	Burham Thursday Morning Community Club <i>Hi Kent Hearing Aid Clinic: 14th March</i>	Old School Community Centre, Burham
Tuesdays: March 5, 12, 19, 26	2-4pm	60+CLUB Social afternoon for the over-60s	Waterman's Arms, 151 High St., Wouldham
Monday: March 25	7.30pm	Burham Parish Council	Burham Parish office
Tuesday March 19	7.30pm	W I Meeting	Burham Village Hall



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

www.phoenixsurgery-burham.nhs.uk

THIS MONTH we're supporting.....MARY'S MEALS. (see opposite)

This charity was started in 1992 by brothers Magnus Macfarlane and Fergus Barrow. They were watching the TV news showing the Bosnian conflict while enjoying a pint in their local pub. As committed Christians, they felt moved to help all those suffering and so decided to organise a local appeal, believing this to be a 'one-off'. As weeks went by and donations kept arriving they saw it was necessary to set up a registered charity. At the same time, Magnus gave up his job as a fish farmer, never to return to it.

In 2002 while providing relief in Malawi, Magnus met Emma, a single mother dying of AIDS. When Magnus asked her son what he hoped for from life, his reply was 'enough food to eat and to go to school'. So was born the guiding principle of Mary's Meals:- to give children one meal a day at school, thus ensuring that they were fed and received education. In 2002 200 children were fed and since then the number has grown dramatically so that today nearly one and a half million are fed at school. Feeding programmes are owned and run by community volunteers and where possible locally sourced produce is used, thus benefitting the local community and its farmers. It is a sobering thought that 64 million of the world's hungriest children do not attend school but survive by working or begging. Even if they do make it into the classroom, their hunger affects their ability to learn.

The Church in Burham is donating all moneys raised in March to this simple yet effective charity. If you would like to support our appeal, please contact Eileen Smith (01634 867022) or drop your contribution through the Church letter box.

BURHAM & WOULDHAM BOOK CLUB

**7.30pm, Wednesday, 20th March
Burham Methodist Church,
Church St.**



If you are interested please contact Gwen Worcester 01634 672060

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

SERVICES MARCH

March 3rd 10.30am Morning Worship led by Lesley Trott

March 10th 10.30am Morning Worship led by Local Team

March 17th 10.30am Morning Worship led by Julien Myles

March 24th 10.30am Holy Communion led by Rev. Noreen

Daley-Lee

**March 31st 10.30am Special Service for Mothering Sunday led by
Rev. Robert Zachar**

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

COUNTRY LUNCH Country Lunch will take place as usual on Thursday March 12th when everyone is welcome to enjoy our meal of homemade soup with crusty bread and cheese, followed by fruit crumble and ice cream with tea or coffee to finish. We ask for a donation of £3.

BOOK EXCHANGE Book Exchange this month will be a week later than usual on Saturday March 9th from 10.30am till 12.0. This is an opportunity for you to 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 a donation of £1.

FILM CLUB February's Film Club takes place on Wednesday March 6th at 7.30pm when we will be showing 'The Millionairess'. Do join us to watch the film and share tea and coffee afterwards for which we ask a donation of £1.

CHARITIES

In February we supported CALM. In March our chosen charity is Mary's Meals. Please see the piece opposite describing the work this charity does.

The Church in Burham would like to thank Frost's for donating the oranges and sweets for our Christingle service. This was very well attended and the collection raised £110 which was sent to Action for Children.

COME ALONG AND JOIN US FOR
A FUN NIGHT
TO RAISE MONEY FOR
BURHAM PRESCHOOL

QUIZ!

FRIDAY 8TH MARCH, 7.30PM-10.30PM
BURHAM OLD SCHOOL COMMUNITY
CENTRE

BRING YOUR OWN FOOD AND DRINK
£15 A TABLE — TEAMS OF UP TO 6 PEOPLE
CONTACT TRACEY ON 07920 599287 FOR A TABLE.
NO UNDER 13s



YOUNG LEADERS IN CRICKET AWARD

Are you 14—16yrs of age?

Do you enjoy cricket?

Would you like to get more involved in the sport?

The borough council and Tonbridge & Malling District Cricket Partnership will be running a course to develop skills in coaching, umpiring, scoring, groundsmanship and first aid.

An information evening about the course is at:

Hadlow College, 20th March, 6.30-8.00pm
for parents and players.

Leisure Services: 01732 876166.

Email: leisure.services@tmbc.gov.uk



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Miss Michelle Grima
Headteacher
Burham Church of England Primary School
Bell Lane
Burham
Rochester
Kent
ME1 3SY

7 February 2019

Dear Miss Grima,

We would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on the very high standard of achievement demonstrated in the writing Key Stage 2 assessments last year.

Your school's results, as published on 13 December, show that 100 per cent of your pupils reached or exceeded the expected standard in writing at the end of Key Stage 2. This means for achievement in writing, your school is in the top 1% of primary schools in England.

We want to equip every child with the fluency in writing necessary to prepare them for a successful secondary education and beyond, and your school has provided this to all your pupils.

Thank you for producing such high standards through your hard work and professionalism, and congratulations again to you and your staff for all you have achieved.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP
Secretary of State for Education

Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP
Minister of State for School Standards

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*

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**GET ON TO THE PETERS VILLAGE HERITAGE TRAIL –
guided by a descendant of the family
that helped shape the area.**

Peters Village might be an all-new community, but it's not without a history, as shown by a new Heritage Trail.

Installed by Peters Village developer Trenport, the trail's six information boards highlight links with Neolithic and Bronze Age cultures, the Romans, and historic figures such as Admiral Nelson.

There is also a 19th century timeline for the cement industry and the jobs it created, causing a rapid population surge around the Peters Lime & Cement Works and associated chalk quarries that once dominated the east bank of the Medway.

All this history has been highlighted on the Peters Village Heritage Trail boards: two on the Medway riverbank, two in the middle of Peters Village, one to the north east of the site and one far out to the south east to chronicle the history of Old Burham – marked by the historic St Mary's Church.

But there is a further heritage link: the boards and heritage leaflet that partners them have been created by Mark Peters, a descendant of the Peters family who established the former cement works, which gave its name to the modern-day community.

Just a few years ago though, Mark had no idea of his connection with the area despite living close by at Otford, near Sevenoaks, with his wife and two children.

But he did have an interest in local history and was curious about the coincidence in surnames so, along with brother Tim, he started digging. The brothers' father, Hugh, had grown up believing his family were Midlands stock, and nothing to do with the dynasty who not only ran the Peters works, but also owned the nearby 'grand house', Wouldham Hall – sadly demolished in 1960.

Nevertheless, Hugh and wife Felicity, and Mark and Tim, visited the area in search of graves that might prove this connection and it culminated in a spine-tingling moment worthy of TV's popular 'ancestor hunt' *Who Do You Think You Are?*

Hugh recalls: "We arrived at Halling St John the Baptist Church (on the west bank) not really expecting to find much, only to be faced with this massive headstone – it was my great-great grandfather's.

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“I felt this huge rush of emotion; Mark and Tim had worked it all out beforehand, of course, but I suddenly realised there really was this connection with this wider family, once quite famous in this part of Kent.”

The disconnection had occurred two generations earlier when Hugh’s grandmother Nina returned home to Shropshire after a life-changing event in London.

Finding work with the city’s then well-known Welford Dairies, which was the approved dairy to the Royal family at the time and ran a chain of upmarket tea houses, she married one of the company’s dairy managers, Ernest Peters – a member of the Kent dynasty.

Within two years though, tragedy struck; whether through stress or depression, Ernest took his own life, leaving his young wife pregnant with a son, Ernest junior – Hugh’s father.

“But what had thrown us previously was that my dad was born in Shropshire,” said Hugh, 79. “Until we realised my poor widowed grandmother must have returned to the bosom of her family to help bring up her baby. “She later moved near Warwick, where she bought a village shop which she ran single-handedly and raised my dad. I was then born in the brewing town of Burton on Trent, with no idea of the Kent connection.”

Now living in south London, Hugh – a semi-retired director of a motor trade group – wants to know more about his lost family, with help from Mark and Tim, who are both equally fascinated.

“We have become hooked by the whole Peters works story,” admitted Mark, who has amassed a collection of documents, history and images about his newly-discovered ancestors. “So much can be gleaned from internet archives, libraries and even old microfiche records. I have also been able to find out what sort of family my ancestors were.

“And it’s comforting to find that though they were the local ‘lords of the manor’ they seemed generous towards their employees; within the context of what were hard times for many workers and, particularly those in the cement industry, life at the Peters’ works wasn’t so bad.”

Mark’s own growing archive has also proved useful to Peters Village developer, Trenport, which then asked Mark to use his professional skills as a graphic designer to create the heritage interpretation panels and trail leaflet.

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Mark Peters proudly shows one of the Heritage Trail signs on the riverside at Peters Village.

Use this leaflet to follow the Heritage Trail where you can track down all the answers to:

- What huge mammals once roamed the North Downs above Peters Village during the Ice Age?
- What name is given to the first coinage ever produced in Britain?
- Did the invading Romans and a fierce massed army of British tribesmen clash here in 43 AD?
- Which national historical figure rowed upriver from Chatham to visit his infamous lover?
- Why did the banks of the River Medway here transform from prime farming to heavy industrialisation in just a few decades?
- Who was associated with the various 'great houses' - Wouldham Hall being the last - that were built to lord it over what is now the Peters Village site?



FINDING THE VILLAGE TRAIL

Peters Village is on the east bank of the Medway between Wouldham to the north and Riphams to the south. Travelling from the M20 on the A220 (N) take the A223 north past Snodland and you can cross at Peters Bridge into the village. Turning from the A223 onto the B2111 (A229), and follow signs for Riphams, but turning left into New Court Road for Peters Village before reaching Riphams itself.

The closest rail station is Snodland on the west bank. From there walk north to Peters Bridge and cross the river to begin the trail.

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KENT

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Peters Village Heritage Trail

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IDENTIFY THE SIX MYSTERY OBJECTS!

PETERS VILLAGE
KENT

PARISH NEWS

Baptism

20th January. Alfie Catchpole

Funeral

21st January. Molly Manley

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 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.

SATURDAY WASTE COLLECTION

*TMBC Helpline 01732 876147
www.tmbc.gov.uk*

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

2nd March

Burham, Village Hall Car Park, **2nd March, 9.15am -10.15am**

Eccles – Bull Lane lay-by.
2nd March, 10.30am- 11.30am
16th March, 8.00am—8.45am

Snodland- Saltings Road
(outside Neville Park)
9th March, 8.00am—9.00am
23rd March, 8.00am-9.00am

Snodland—St Benedicts Rd, junction of Paddlesworth Rd.
16th March, 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:
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Parish Clerk—Nicky Grimes
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01634 864319

Community Warden:-
Deb Foreman—07813694140
Police non emergency – 101

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

The library visits Burham & Wouldham fortnightly on:

Tuesdays, 12th & 26th March

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£10/ hour weekdays & £12/hour weekends.

Burham Village Hall – 07842883028

Wouldham Village Hall – 01634 864319
clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk

ALLOTMENTS

We have some Wouldham
allotment plots available.
Contact Sue: 682363

Burham Parish Council.
There are allotment plots
available.
Contact: Dave Young on
867669

BURHAM AND WOULDHAM WI

This group of ladies meet at least once a month for fun, talks, eats and education. In 2019 we took part in the WI national campaign for better provision in identification and provision for mental health. We had a talk from Professor Mathie from the Medway School of Pharmacy about pain and got excited about Kent Wildlife Trust's project on getting more wildlife in small gardens.

This year we are going to visit the Guildhall Museum and told about their precious artefacts. Also we are to learn about the History of East Malling Research Centre. In February, Kathy Keefe is going to tell us about her life in colour; you may have heard of Kathy as she curated the wedding exhibition at Wouldham Church last year.

So why not join us. We are a very friendly group of ladies and welcome newcomers.

We meet 3rd Tuesday in the month at Burham Village Hall at 7.30pm. Just come along and join in.



Heart of Kent Hospice. Make a Will 2019

With the support of seven local solicitors, who have pledged their time for free, Heart of Kent Hospice would like to invite members of the local community to make or update a Will in return for a donation to the Hospice.

Appointments will be available at participating solicitors from 1st April – 30th April but you must contact the participating solicitor of your choice by 15th March quoting 'Heart of Kent Hospice Make a Will Month'.

We understand that providing for family and friends is your key consideration when writing your Will, and although we very much hope that you will consider making a gift to us, it is not a condition of the scheme. Your solicitor will be able to advise on this.

For a list of participating solicitors, suggested donations and ways to make your donation please visit www.hokh.org or contact Claire Ashby, Supporter Care Manager on 01622 790195 – claire.ashby@hokh.co.uk

Wouldham All Saints Church of England Primary School

As March arrives I have had chance to reflect on the past twelve months and remember the significant events that happened in the life of our school. During February members of staff kept stopping and saying things like, "Do you remember that on this day last year we were unpacking removal trucks" or "Can you remember all those trolleys and crates". In some ways it seems such a long time ago that we moved and now we're celebrating our first anniversaries!

Last month we celebrated the anniversary of the official handover with a meal for staff and we will mark the anniversary of the official opening on the 19th March. One year on and we are now planning on building up to fourteen classes with effect from September – this means that the school will have the full compliment of classes and teachers. This also means we will be recruiting further members for our team – both teachers and support staff. If you're interested in joining our team then please keep track of any vacancies on www.kent-teach.com

The children have been working really hard in all areas, enjoying learning and we are looking forward to sharing successes and pointing out areas to work even harder in as we hold meetings with parents at the beginning of March. Some children have opted for an action packed adventure week in Snowdonia which is taking place in the last week of February. This is a first time visit for us and should allow our most adventurous children the chance to discover the awesome mountains and coastline of North Wales. At the time of writing we are hoping to conquer Snowdon on Friday 1st March – St David's Day but you'll have to wait until next month to find out more!

March includes Pancake Day, World Book Day, Red Nose Day, trips to the Rare Breeds Centre for KS1, a quiz night on Saturday 23rd, a performance by Years 3 and 4 on Tuesday 26th and then celebrations of Mothers Day on 29th and 30th. Our themes for Term 4 are "Reduce, Re-use, Recycle" for Key Stage II and "On the Farm" for our younger ages. All very busy and exciting! www.wouldham.kent.sch.uk

Dates for your diary

5th & 6th March Learning Progress Meetings for all classes

7th March World Book Day

8th March Magpie Class 'Make a Difference Day'

Sat 23rd March Quiz Night – can you enter a team?

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March in your Garden

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Spring welcomes the beginning of a new gardening season, and within that new opportunities to refresh, improve or change your green space. By now the soil is warming up & the herbaceous perennials are starting to put on growth for the coming year. Whilst the vegetable garden is relatively quiet in early spring, there is likely to be the remainder of the brassicas and leeks for picking, together with early sprouting broccoli just starting. Now is the time to get many of the summer crops started and to also spend some time on soil prep ready for the coming season.

March is the busiest time for sowing seeds both in the vegetable and the flower garden, and there is a vast selection of different seeds available to try. Each seed packet will tell you the ideal conditions for sowing, but as a general rule you can sow into individual pots of compost or a seed tray, with the depth being dependant on the size of the seed – small seeds will only need a dusting of compost on top and larger seed being deep enough that it has a covering. Place the pots or trays in a tray of water until they are visibly damp on top, then move them to a warm windowsill or greenhouse to germinate. Ideal seeds to be sowing now will be annual flowers such as Sunflower, Cosmos, Zinnia, and vegetables such as Peas, Leeks, Cauliflower, Chillies & Tomatoes.

If you only have a small space for growing some veg then choose the varieties carefully, & also choose those veg that you like to eat. Most veg can be grown in pots as long as there is sufficient food and water available, so take this into consideration when choosing what to grow, but also bear in mind that many veg can also be incorporated into borders if required.

Early spring is also the time to assess any summer bulbs that can be started in pots to fill gaps later in the season, Dahlia, Lilies and Freesia will also provide wonderful fragrance for the garden. Cutting back Winter Jasmine and Cornus now will also promote growth through the summer ready for their displays next winter.

Other things to be doing in the garden now:

- Start protecting fresh young shoots from pest attack, slugs and snails will be active in warmer weather

- Lift & divide larger clumps of overgrown perennials & either pot up for friends or replant in another space in the garden.

- Cut back dead foliage from perennials and ornamental grasses to allow for fresh growth.

- Mulch Rhubarb, feed Blueberries & cut back Autumn Raspberries.

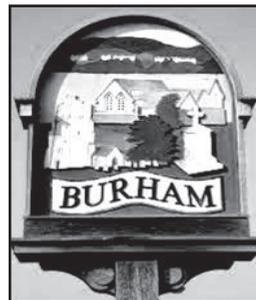
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Wouldham allotment plots are available. [Contact Sue: 682363]*

BURHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

MARCH 2019

Website: www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk

Facebook page “Burham Parish Council”



Recycling from the home (kerbside): At our 25th March monthly meeting, (7.30pm at the Parish Office) a TMBC representative will be in attendance to answer any queries residents may have.

Glass/Can Recycling: When recycling your cans and glass, if the front row of banks are full, please check and use the rear ones. On many occasions, whilst the front banks are full, there is plenty of room within the back row. If for any reasons ALL banks are full, do not leave your glass/cans around the banks, please take it home. TMBC contractors are responsible for emptying the banks.

We have some available allotments. If you are interested or would like some more information, please contact Dave Young on 01634 867669.

Church Street One Way Survey: Residents of Church Street, Baker Street, St Marys' Walk and Brisley Row received the 'one way survey'. Out of the 131 dwellings that received the survey, 39 responses were received back (29.7%). Out of the responses, 16 (41%) had a preference of one way from Rochester Rd to New Court Rd, 12 (30.8%) were not in favour of a one way system, 10 (25.6%) were other (including part one way), 1 (2.6%) was not included, as the resident's details had not been included.

Actual Church Street responses: 77 houses, 33 responses (42.85%). 14 (42.4%) Rochester Rd to NCR, 12 (36.36%) No to one way, 6 (18.18%) End of car park towards NCR, 1 other (3%).

These results were discussed fully at the 28 January monthly parish meeting and all attendees comments were considered also. It was agreed not to go forward with the proposal at this stage, but to await responses from the results.

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Spring village litter pick: This has been arranged for 23 March 2019 10am, meet at the Village Hall car park, all equipment will be provided. All welcome

Local Parish Elections are fast approaching. If you are interested in applying, please contact me for further information.

A dedication service took place at Pete's bench in late January, which was very well attended by residents, friends and family.

Please ensure that when parking in any area particularly, on the highway, that all access points to other areas including dropped kerbs and drive ways, are kept clear and there is sufficient room for other vehicles (including buses) to pass safely.

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 25 March 2019, 7.30 pm The Parish Building, ROCHESTER ROAD, BURHAM . Pam Saunders – Clerk.

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.

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SCHOOL PARKING

The PCSO has reported that dangerous parking is occurring in Worrall Drive at school pick up times. Cars are parking on the pavement with all four wheels forcing pedestrians onto the road. Always difficult to park outside schools but please be aware of the dangers to the children.

LIGHTING HALL ROAD

The PC are investigating lighting the pathway along Hall Road. We are disappointed that the relevant authorities have not agreed to put in lighting considering it is used by so many children. So we would be happy to support any local businesses willing to sponsor a light or help in any other way.

A NEW VILLAGE HALL

Following the villages rebuttal of plans to build a new village hall on the precept, the village hall committee are investigating selling the current hall to put a modular hall on the Recreation Ground. Ofsted are close to condemning the current hall for Jellybeans due to the danger on the road, no disabled access and the bad state of the toilets. There will be a meeting of residents to show the plans and hear your opinions.

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It's been a long cold wet February, and I think that the residents at Winchester are as keen as I am to get out into some sunshine, and into a garden. It feels like forever since we had bursts of colour in the courtyards, and I cannot remember when we had our last stroll around our beautiful grounds. The apple trees look so lonely and bare as they stand in out there in the wind and the sleet and the cold.

I've checked the calendar and I see that the Official First Day of Spring is March 20th. That is a day to look forward to. We are hoping to have some lovely entertainment to celebrate the coming of the season, and we were thinking along the lines of a Tea Dance. Now that should put a spring in your step, and a song in your heart.

On March 5th we will all be celebrating Shrove Tuesday as we prepare for Lent, and that is always such a special day, with pancakes for everyone. What is your special pancake filling? Most folk around the home have sugar and lemon. Have you tried cinnamon and sugar? It's a totally different experience, and quite delicious. But that is a step removed from the traditional honey or brown sugar and lemon. Whatever your choice, we hope it will be a good start to this important season of Lent.

As I was scrolling through the Calendar of Events for March I came across some very interesting 'Days' to celebrate. Significantly for us at Winchester, 3rd March is Caregiver Appreciation Day. I think that we need to mark that day especially, as we employ so many very caring and compassionate caregivers. On the 15th we can celebrate 'Everything you do is Wrong Day', followed on the 16th by 'Everything you do is Right day'. Don't forget 1st of March is St David's Day and 17th is St Patrick's Day. The month ends on Mothering Sunday, 31st March.

March therefore means celebrations. I think that we will celebrate some of these events by taking a few residents out to tea at a garden centre, so that they can experience the colours and the newness of the coming Spring, and enjoy a cuppa and a slice of something delicious.

But in the meantime, we are all wrapped up warm and looking forward to some exciting events. That's all from Winchester House for today.

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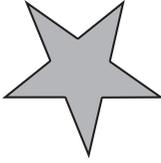
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Jennifer has sent me this rather ‘quaint’ poem written in 1984 by Charles Thomson.

There are only three buses on Sunday to Burham (a village near Maidstone in Kent) and planners were even abandoning those till publicity made them relent: I know for last Sunday it was on a bus to the village of Burham we went.

Yes, it wasn't in Paris or Calais or Brighton or even in Burton-on-Trent, in fact it was not even Sheerness or Gravesend on which our last Sunday was spent, but in Burham (that's in between Chatham and Maidstone) — like Snodland, which churns out cement.

So in future when somebody talks about Burham (that's Burham the village in Kent) The one which is in between Chatham and Maidstone, the one where last Sunday we went, which is nicer and not to be mixed up with Snodland, the place where they churn out cement.

And to which, if you're lucky, the bus service does still exist to a certain extent- but only because, as I've already told you, the press made the planners relent. I trust we can take it you'll now have a clearer idea of exactly what's meant.

Well, in 2019 we still have our buses running day and evening (*as long as we keep using them!*) and anyone planning a trip to Burham will find a very warm welcome.

There are great pubs you can eat in, a Chinese takeaway and a fish and chip van, a specially good shop at the garage/service station and a bakery for freshly made bread and cakes. Enjoy lovely walks all around with splendid views and explore the wildlife reserves. Yes and also bring your skate board to try out the ramps while the little ones can have fun in the play park. So, forget the Costa Del this year!

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