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All Saints Church, Wouldham



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Wouldham Parish Council: www.wouldhampc.com

Burham Parish Council: www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk

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

CHURCH OF ENGLAND WORSHIP

REV'D MIKE HAYES



Dear friends

I found this beautiful elegy by priest and poet Malcolm Guite and I have his permission to share it with you.

*At close of day I hear the gentle rain
Whilst experts on the radio explain
Mind-numbing numbers rising by the day
Cyphers of unimaginable pain*

*Each evening they announce the deadly toll
And patient voices calmly call the roll
I hear the numbers, cannot know the names
Behind each number, mind and heart and soul*

*Behind each number one beloved face
A light in life whom no one can replace,
Leaves on this world a signature, a trace,
A gleaning and a memory of grace*

*All loved and loving, carried to the grave
The ones whom every effort could not save
Amongst them all those carers whose strong love
Bought life for others with the lives they gave*

*The sun sets and I find myself in prayer
Lifting aloft the sorrow that we share
Feeling for words of hope amidst despair
I voice my vespers through the quiet air:*

*O Christ who suffers with us, hold us close,
Deep in the secret garden of the rose,
Raise over us the banner of your love
And raise us up beyond our last repose.*

The poem can be found in his collection ‘**Quarantine Quatrains**’ and on his website www.malcolmguite.com

Our Holy Week and Easter services express our sorrows and our joys, our fears and our hopes and details can be found on the **church services page 3** & <https://www.facebook.com>

I wish you a blessed Easter.

In peace, Mike

FUNERALS

Eileen Brown - 4th March
Mary Cooper - 17th March

INTERMENT OF ASHES

Helen Davies (nee Martin) - 9th March

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH, WOULDHAM,
WEATHERVANE APPEAL**



For 218 years the tower at All Saints Church in Wouldham has been surmounted by a fine iron weather vane. Sadly after more than 200 years it is in need of urgent restoration. The church is seeking to raise £2500.00 to enable this to be undertaken by local craftsmen, this will involve removing the weathervane and transporting it, restoring the iron work and the original gilding, finally reinstating atop the tower for another 200 years. Please consider giving a donation towards preserving this beautiful iconic part of our village history. Thank you.

You can donate by visiting:
[www.https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/weathervanewouldham](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/weathervanewouldham)

Or, if you prefer, you can send a donation by cheque (*payable to Burham & Wouldham PCC Acc.*)

Send to: Mrs Heather Lloyd, 40 Downs View, Burham, ME1 3RR

I wish to donate £..... to the Weather Vane Appeal.

My name

Contact details



CHURCH OF ENGLAND

All Saints, Wouldham

APRIL SERVICES

At present we are continuing to hold services in church but encouraging all those who are able to follow on Zoom to do so. We are constantly reviewing this and the guidelines may change. Anyone who doesn't get the link please email Mike to receive it. mikejhayes@hotmail.co.uk

Maundy Thursday, 1st April, 7.30pm Eucharist in church and on Zoom
Good Friday, 2nd April, 3pm. Service in church and on Zoom
Easter Day, 3rd April, 5.30am Dawn Vigil Service to be recorded for our church facebook page
10.30am Eucharist in church and on zoom

Some future changes: *(all are provisional depending on government guidelines)*

When other venues open indoors in the week beginning 17 May, we will invite everyone to attend services in person on the following Sunday.

This will be **Pentecost Sunday, 23th May.**

After this, we will continue to be on Zoom as well.

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

Individual Prayer in church. Sundays 1-2pm.

www.wouldhamchurch.org.uk

<https://www.facebook.com>



CANDLE PRAYER TIME

Troubled times

but your churches are here for you

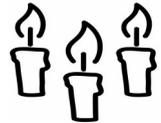
.....ask for a prayer for yourself or others

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

Join them also in prayer with a lighted candle from your home.

With much love to all in Wouldham, Burham & Peters Village.

From all at All Saints and The Church in Burham



April is Stress Awareness Month

Stress is something which many of us face as a part of our day-to day lives. Whilst stress can be a positive element to our lives— motivating us to do things and complete tasks, but when it becomes overwhelming it can be distressing and detrimental to our mental health and our wellbeing. This month, it's important to understand that there are many proactive ways that we can reduce our stress levels—by finding ways to cope, including but not limited to:

- taking time to exercise— whether that be indoors or outdoors
- Taking the time to practice mindfulness where possible
- Staying connected with people via mediums like ZOOM, the telephone etc.
- Passing time with proactive activities we enjoy—such as arts and crafts, cooking etc.

If you would like to find out more about stress, you can book a space on one of Mid Kent Mind's Training Courses.

Visit: midkentmind.org.uk to learn more about all the training on offer



Our Charity Registration number is 1167328

Mid Kent Mind
23 College Road,
Maidstone
ME15 6YH

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. It's always available to the residents of Burham to cover the transport costs for any type of medical appointments including the Covid 19 vaccination.

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)

APRIL
News from
The Church in Burham (Methodist)



Dear friends,

Regrettably this year the Church cannot open for the usual Eastertide services although hopefully it will be possible to hold services again in perhaps a couple of months' time.

Any changes will be announced in this Magazine and will also be displayed on the Church Notice Board and notice board outside the Community Centre.



Easter is such an important festival in the life of the Church but the joy of Christ's resurrection can be celebrated in many other ways. The members of the Church in Burham extend their best Easter wishes to all as we look forward to some new beginnings in the not too distant future.

Alternatively, we would be delighted to see you at one of our **online circuit services held every Sunday at 10.30am**. You can also dial in and listen to these services by phone

if you are not online. See <https://www.nkmethodists.org.uk/news/invitation-to-worship-from-home.html> for details of all online services.

THE CHURCH IN BURHAM (Methodist), Church Street, Burham
MINISTER The Revd Bonni-Belle Pickard 07590564477

Email: bonni-belle.pickard@methodist.org.uk

Stewards Eileen Smith Tel. 01634867022

Joyce Brown Tel. 01634864413. Rod Murr Tel. 01634868075

Requests for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals to:

Rev Bonni-Bell Pickard or one of the Stewards.

FILAMENTS II

Installation of threads light and projection

This event was to have taken place at St Marys Church, Burham on Jan 22nd but had to be postponed. However we do intend to put the event on just as soon as we are able but cannot put out a new date yet. A new date will be posted on

www.facebook.com/stmarysburham just as soon as we know.



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TONBRIDGE AND MALLING RAMBLERS



Our friendly group is one of 13 Ramblers groups in Kent and part of the national Ramblers walking organisation. We offer a variety of group walks, mostly on Sunday mornings with additional mid-week rambles each month. Our walks are usually circular and about 5-6 miles in duration. We explore the beautiful Kent countryside from different starting points within the Tonbridge and Malling area and, occasionally, further afield. New members are welcome, as are those wishing to try us out before joining Ramblers.

Group walks are scheduled to restart on Wednesday 14 April, subject to the national lockdown roadmap and Ramblers walking guidelines.

To find out how you can join one of our upcoming walks, please email info@tonbridgeandmallingsramblers.org.uk. Or take a look at our website: <http://www.tonbridgeandmallingsramblers.org.uk>.

Looking after our footpaths

We try to ensure that public footpaths within Tonbridge & Malling are readily accessible to all walkers. We have footpath observers in each parish who report issues such as broken stiles and gates; broken or missing footpath signs; fallen trees and other obstructions. If you are out walking and encounter a problem, please do raise an alert. You can do this by logging the fault on the Kent Country Council website (search for 'KCC public rights of way') or by emailing details (with photo and path number/location) to info@tonbridgeandmallingsramblers.org.uk.

I know some of you would like to list walk details, especially if they are in your parish. Unfortunately, as all walks are now limited in numbers and must be booked for contact tracing purposes, we are still not publishing a forward programme. I'm sorry about this but we cannot risk people just turning up; we would have to turn them away.

Nicola Brown,

Publicity rep for Tonbridge & Malling Ramblers. 07709 334 871

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 07904281522 or clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk.

WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MARCH



NEW WEBSITE: *Wouldhampc.com*

Our next PC meeting will be on April 6th via Zoom, anyone can contact me for the link.

ZOOM MEETINGS. The Parish Council have been holding their meetings via Zoom since October 2020, we have been advised that Zoom meetings can continue until June, obviously we are looking forward to being back in the hall with our resident's present. We will advertise when that will be, until then, anyone can log into our meetings from home.

PRECEPT. The Parish Council reduced it's council tax payments by 5% this year, one of very few Parish Councils who were able to do so. Here is the breakdown for a band D property in Wouldham:

KCC £1418.76 5% increase. 70.9 % of total bill.

Kent police £218.15 7.4 % increase 10.9% of total bill.

TMBC £219.50 2.3 % increase 11% of total bill.

Kent Fire and rescue. £80.82. 1.9% increase 4% of total bill.

Parish Councils combined across Borough £64.76 6.3% increase 3.2 % of total bill.

NEW VILLAGE HALL. The PC are about to start a new planning application to put a new hall on the car park, this is the only area we own that does not have a covenant on it that would require someone else's permission. Residents who live near the new site will be informed and given information on the planning number where they can comment. This has been a long-drawn-out process but I hope you can see that we are not going to give up. Wouldham needs a village hall and we are doing all we can to provide one.

YOUTH HUT. Recently our hut on the recreation ground has been left in a terrible state for purposes both legal and illegal. The PC are looking at what can be done about it, we are considering moving it or just removing it. One of the things to come out of these discussions is having our own police officer designated to the village. Watch this space.

GOOD NEWS. I always like to finish with something good, our litter warden is doing a great job around the village, considering the state of the roads leading into the village I'm sure you will agree. Schools are back, vaccines are working, spring is nearly here. Take care Wouldham.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

CONTACT: Clerk **Nicky Grimes** clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk

07904 281522 (hours 8.30-12.30 Monday-Friday)

Chair Eddy Bell ebellwpc@gmail.com

WHAT CAN WE DO TO SUPPORT SOMEONE WHO IS BEREAVED?



Right now, loss and grief have come into sharp focus. Everyone knows someone who is bereaved, but often people are anxious about what to do and say.

Working with a number of bereavement charities, including ataloss.org, the Church of England has produced a few simple steps – **and a short film** - to help everyone feel confident that there is something they can do to support someone who is grieving, even in the current situation.

Watch it at: www.churchofengland.org/life-events/funerals/funeral-and-bereavement-resources-ministers

CONTACT – Get in touch. People who are bereaved need support – but we might step back for fear of not knowing what to say. Send a card, letter message, flowers or a gift, saying sorry about their loss and you're thinking of them.

SHARE - Perhaps if you knew the person, share what you remember about them and how they will be missed. At the end of the letter, say you don't expect them to respond. That takes the pressure off.



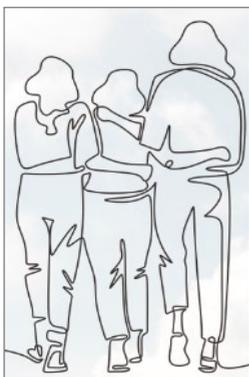
CALL – Pick up the phone, but perhaps don't video call, not without asking first. Expect them not to pick up. Leave a message to say when you'll call again but that it's ok if they don't feel like picking up.

OFFER – Offer practical help. Where restrictions allow, offering to do their shopping, drop round a meal, walk the dog or make calls on their behalf may be helpful. Making the first move is important.

DON'T GIVE SOLUTIONS -

Your ideas about what might make them feel better are your ideas and not theirs. Hear their problems and hear their responses.

Assure them that it is all normal and acknowledge their pain. It's ok not to be ok.



LISTEN – We mustn't think we know – every bereavement is different. Ask about the person who has died. Ask about what happened about feelings and issues. Listen and then ask again. The more they tell their story the more it might help them process their loss.

BLESS – Brighten someone's day. Think about what could be said, done or given to help someone that is grieving feel special and loved. Make sure others around you are supporting and do signpost to specialist services.

KEEP GOING –

Be prepared to be in this for the long haul, especially right now. The grief journey can be long and complicated.

Have you been bereaved? We're sorry for your loss. If you would like some support with how you are feeling, the following organisations can offer advice and support:

AtaLoss: www.ataloss.org

Cruse Bereavement Care: www.cruse.org.uk/

Hope Again- young people living after loss: www.hopeagain.org.uk



BURHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS APRIL 2021



Keep up to date with Parish Council business, visit:

Website: www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk

Facebook page “Burham Parish Council”

All Parish Council information is included on these two platforms.

Virtual monthly meetings continue with a reduced agenda. Any items not included on these will not be forgotten, just on hold for the time being. Legally we are able to use virtual meetings up until 6th May 2021, although the relevant bodies are pushing for this date to be extended. If no extension is granted, then face to face meetings can resume after that date. In light of this, under recommendations from National Association of Local Councils, we may combine the Annual Meeting of Electors and the Annual Meeting of Parish Council (Election of Officers) into one on the 26th April. The Annual Meeting of Electors is due on 26th April, but the Annual Meeting of Parish Council (Election of Officers) is not normally held until towards the end of May. Any combined meeting on 26th April would be virtual. A final decision will be made nearer the time. As a reminder, residents can still join the virtual Parish Council meetings. An e-mail address needs to be provided. Any resident wishing to join in should contact me by noon on the Friday before the meeting to have any questions/queries addressed to council members.

The lease on Court Meadow, the walking area between Court Rd and New Court Rd expires April 2021. Trenport have advised they are happy to extend the lease for another two years under peppercorn rent. So we await further details. We are obtaining quotes for 3rd pedestrian gates into Court Meadow, where the hedge has been breached near to the vehicle access. We have noticed increased litter occurring in the village. Whilst we normally do have a village-wide litter pick, we are not able to this due to the restrictions imposed. Please therefore take your litter home or use the bins provided.

Burham United Charities are always available to the residents of Burham to cover the transport costs for any type of medical appointments including the Covid 19 vaccination. If you need any assistance, please contact Dave Young 01634 867669 or Roger Kiralfy 01634 869900.

Burham Parish Council website will be changing soon.
Further details to follow.

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As a reminder, please be a responsible dog owner (we know that most of you are) and any dog fouling bagged up and disposed of correctly. There still appear to be some people that “forget”. Dog fouling bags are available in many areas of the village. Dog fouling is not only deeply unpleasant, it is dangerous. Whilst rare, contact with dog excrement can cause toxocariasis – a nasty infection that can lead to dizziness, nausea, asthma and even blindness or seizures and in rare cases death.

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 join in at the next scheduled meeting, which is due 26 April 2021 – Virtual “Annual Meeting of Electors” – see above for further information. *Pam Saunders – Clerk.*

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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. Meetings usually the last Monday in the month.. The next Council meeting: 26th April.

Format of meeting (either via MS Teams or normal face to face) to be agreed nearer the time. *See page 10*

WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk—Nicky Grimes 07904281522

clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk www.wouldhampc.com

Council Meetings are held in Wouldham Village Hall. Usually 1st Tuesday of the month The next meeting: 6th April by ZOOM.

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COMMUNITY WARDEN:- Vivien Hickmott 07813694140

POLICE - PCSO Samir Patangwa. Non emergency tel. no. – 101

PETERS VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Steve Rimmington: petersvillagenhw@gmail.com



TRANSPORT

Bus Services: Arriva no.155. There are to be additional routes as 'lockdown' is lifted.

Clarks of London's commuter coach service. The 764a and 764b service picks up from bus stops: Keepers Cottage Lane (05:52 & 06:30) & Village Road (05:50 and 06:28). www.clarkescommute.co.uk or call 020 8778 6697.

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

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

ALLOTMENTS To enquire about the availability of allotments,

contact: Burham: Dave Young 01634 867669.

Wouldham: Sue Durrani 01634 682363



Phoenix Medical Practice

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

Opening times

Monday & Thursday: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

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

Dispensary Opening Times

Monday & Thursday: 8:45 am - 12:00 pm

2:00 pm – 4:45 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 8:45 am - 12:00 pm

3:30 pm – 6:15 pm

www.phoenixsurgery-burham.nhs.uk

NHS 111 can help if you have an urgent medical problem and you're not sure what to do. NHS 111 is available 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week. Get NHS help online or on the phone.

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

DEFIBRILLATORS: Situated:

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

If a machine is needed, call 999 for the code and instructions.

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, TEMPORALLY SUSPENDED monthly—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. <https://hikent.org.uk/>

SHOPS

Frosts Service Station & Store, Rochester Rd, Burham. 01634 861228, Opening times: Mon- Sat: 7.0am - 9.0pm. Sun: 7.0am - 8.0pm

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

Closes 4pm. Closed Sunday & Monday.

VISITING HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRES DURING CORONAVIRUS

Our household waste and recycling centres (HWRCs) at Capstone, Hoath Way, Cuxton Site (Medway Council) & Tovil (Kent County Council) are open for essential use only. You can only use these sites if there's a risk of injury, health or harm by storing your waste at home.

To be able to visit a HWRC **you must book a slot online in advance**. Please note that slots are very limited in order to maintain social distancing for staff and visitors. You will only be able to book one visit in any 4 week period per household to ensure everyone can use sites safely. Kent residents visiting Medway Council sites must show identification.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/environment-waste-and-planning/rubbish-and-recycling/household-waste-recycling-centres/find-your-nearest-tip/maidstone>

https://www.medway.gov.uk/directory_record/153/cuxton_waste_and_recycling_centre

SATURDAY WASTE COLLECTION—SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

TMBC Helpline 01732 844522 www.tmbc.gov.uk

KCC MOBILE LIBRARY

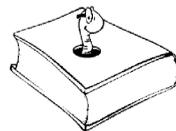
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APRIL 6th

Wouldham, Walter Burke Ave - 13.15-13.45hrs.

Wouldham, Ravensknowle - 13.55-14.25hrs.

Burham, Village Hall - 14.35-15.35hrs



It's part of KCC Library and free to use & join. We offer a wide range of services on board and return dates are extendable.

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joanne.woolgar@kent.gov.uk or telephone 0300 041 8558

or go online to:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries/visiting-a-library/mobile-libraries-during-coronavirus>

CHURCHES

Church of England Parish of Burham & Wouldham:

1. **All Saints, Wouldham.** Holy Communion at 10.30 every Sunday. Please follow on Zoom if you can and email Mike for the link, mikejhaves@hotmail.co.uk
The Church is open for individual prayer on Sundays 12-1pm
See page 3 & <https://www.facebook.com>
2. **St Marys Church, Burham.** Old Church Rd,
Open daily 10.0—4.0 pm . Closed during ‘lock down’
A redundant Anglican Church under the care of the ‘Churches Conservation Trust’. Occasional special C of E services are held there and events run by the Friends of St Marys. *See page 5*
3. **The ‘Church in Burham’ (Methodist). Church St.**
Every Sunday at 10.30am. *See page 5 for update details*
Also online services.

EATING & DRINKING

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

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

The Windmill Inn /Restaurant/takeaway, Burham - 01634 864570

Happy House Chinese Takeaway, Burham - 01634 668326

Fish & Chips Van: 07840 181 091

Tues.	Bluebell Hill Village hall.	4pm-8pm
Wed.	Burham car park	4pm-8pm
Thur.	Cuxton main street.	4pm-8pm
Sat.	Wouldham car pk. alternate weeks.	4pm-8pm

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

Watermans Arms, Wouldham. 01634 681830

THEATRE/MUSIC/FILM/ART

St Marys Old Church, down by the river. **Filaments II. Installation of light and Projection.** *See page 5*

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

New junior and senior members are most welcome.

Enquiries: Sandra Holman: 01634-867586

Church Bell Ringing All Saints Church, Wouldham.

Tina Miles Tel: 07967 795913. Currently suspended.

Film Club The Church in Burham, Church St. Currently suspended.

Contact Eileen Smith 01634867022

The Robin Hood

364 Common Rd, Blue Bell Hill, ME5 9RJ

01634 861500

TAKEAWAY MENU

Frid & Sat 5-9pm. Sun 12- 6pm
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Pub Classics

Beer Battered Cod

Large freshly battered cod fillet coated in our own beer batter. Served with chips and tartare sauce £9.90

Pork Belly

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Chilli and Rice (mild)

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Kid's Menu £4.50 each

Sausage and chips

Beef burger in a brioche bun with chips

Southern fried chicken goujons and chips

Appetisers and Sides

Southern fried chicken goujons £3.95

Garlic ciabatta bread (V) £3.25

Cheesy garlic ciabatta bread (V) £3.75

Crispy fried potato skins topped with bacon and cheese £5.25

Beer Battered onion rings (V) £3.25

Chunky gourmet chips (V) £2.75

Chunky gourmet chips with melted cheese (V) £3.25

Chunky gourmet chips with chilli and cheese £4.95

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Sauces £0.60p each

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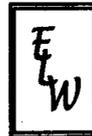
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APRIL in Your Garden

*'To be interested in the changing Seasons is a happier state of mind
than to be hopelessly in love with Spring*

Spring has sprung, the clocks have changed, and the Bank Holiday weekend (even in lockdown) is something to enjoy. Whilst our worlds are starting to get back to some sort of normal, in nature the seasons will always roll on, thankfully unaffected by any other restrictions. Does it make you appreciate its beauty and simplicity?? Its nice to be able to appreciate that despite any others factors that are affecting us now, that Spring will give way to Summer, and that our gardens and outdoor spaces will continue to provide colour and freshness as they burst into life once again. At the moment the spring colour is at its most vivid, the bold Tulips and Hyacinth having taken over from the Narcissus. Magnolia, Forsythia and Photinia are blooming, and summer perennials are putting on their growth ready for the coming season. Birds will also be nesting now, so keep an eye out for activity in and around hedges and bushes that might suggest a nest, they will often be very inconspicuous, but it is exciting and a privilege to have birds choose your garden to nest. I was lucky enough to have Wrens nest in my garden last year which was an absolute joy during lockdown. Roses, Jasmine, Wisteria and Clematis will have started to put on new growth now too, so if they need training up a wall or trellis then start tying it in early as this will help to create the effect you are looking for. It's also worth thinking about the vertical space in your garden and making use of walls and fences as a backdrop to climbing plants. Or they can be used for espalier fruit trees to create a feature of the area instead. It's important to think of your garden as a three-dimensional space by making use of the vertical growing space. Another great idea is to hang a few pots from fence laterals or by screwing them onto the posts, that way you can either add some annuals for the season, or how about growing some strawberries, salads or herbs in them so that they can be picked as they are ready to be eaten ... there are lots of options available. Now the weather has warmed up a little, it's also time to start regularly cutting the lawn, keep the mower settings high a little while longer as we may still experience some colder nights, but towards the end of the month they can be lowered a little to create a closer cut. Regular mowing will help to keep weeds in check and help to create a thicker, lusher lawn. Having said that, the bees will love you for letting the daisies and dandelions flower for a few days before mowing in order for them to harvest the early nectar. By tidying the edges of the lawn, cut them with a half moon, or trim using edging shears, it will keep the lawn looking neater for longer too. If your lawn is looking a bit tired or has bare patches, then it's also the time to feed it and reseed the bare patches. *continued.....*

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To reseed, rough up the soil a little with a rake or a fork, water if the soil is dry, and scatter the seed over the area according to the instructions. If possible protect the area as the birds will love the fresh seed, & keep it watered if the weather is dry.

In the vegetable garden, April is a busy time, as most main crop seeds can be sown either ready for planting out later in the season, or direct sowing into the earth. Carrots, Parsnips, Potatoes, Spring Onions, Broad Beans, Beetroot, Peas and Lettuce can all be sown direct now – just keep an eye for any cold snaps that might affect young foliage and protect them with some fleece if necessary. You can also sow a successional crop of Beetroot and Peas in pots ready to go in a few weeks time. Brassicas can also be sown in pots now, as well as French Beans, Cucumber, Pumpkins and Courgettes ready for planting out in a months time once all danger of frost has passed. If you have a greenhouse then you can also sow Melon and Aubergine for growing on through the season. Keep an eye out for interesting varieties of veg seed and maybe try something different this year.

Other things to be doing in the garden now:

Continue to keep an eye on pest control, as the weather warms up slugs and snails will be more active looking for fresh growth. Set beer traps and encourage beneficial birds and mammals before resorting to pellets if poss.

Consider sowing some wildflowers seeds in pots or in the borders to encourage beneficial wildlife. Poppy, Ox Eye Daisy, Cornflower, Foxglove and Scabious are all great varieties to choose.

Empty out compost bins and use as a mulch on beds and borders. Keep topping it up with fresh grass cuttings, veg peelings and garden waste to keep the process going.

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

Make sure containers don't dry out in the warm windier weather.

Also top dress containers that have perennial plants on & apply a slow release feed too. Empty spent containers ready for new season planting.

Keep on top of weeding as weeds will germinate quickly in warm damp soil. Hoe or hand weed regularly to keep on top of them, or at least remove flower heads in the border to prevent them seeding.

Sue Durrani, Allotment Association, Wouldham.

Contact Sue to enquire about the availability of allotment plots in Wouldham: 01634 682363



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