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**THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARISH OF BURHAM & WOULDHAM**

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# Merry Christmas

Welcome to the December 2022 & January 2023 Magazine.

The end of the year approaches and there are lots of fun items detailed within this edition to help you prepare and enjoy the festive season such as: Carol singing, colouring competition, markets, and church services plus exciting things for the new year too.

Thanks are extended to Mary Davis who has helped in finalising this copy due to some personal issues I have had to attend to.

The Photograph is of Licky Leo, a rescue dog who licks to reduce his stress hence the name but he looks cute in his festive bow tie from <https://www.etsy.com/uk/shop/LickyLeo>.

If you would like anything placed in the February issue please send me the details by the 10th of January 2023.

From all the volunteers and contributors we would like to wish you a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Season's greetings from Licky Leo



With my very best wishes,  
Pamla Dawn Walker, Editor  
[editorwbpvmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:editorwbpvmagazine@gmail.com)

Dear Friends



When does Christmas begin for you?  
I think the reality is that Christmas comes much earlier than it used to.  
When I was a child (in the 1950s) we never put up decorations or a tree until Christmas Eve.

Now the shops are proclaiming Christmas before Halloween is over.  
In church over the years we have had to adapt to this a bit.  
For some time now we have had a Carol Service on the Sunday before Christmas instead of after.

There used to be 12 days of Christmas (I can remember present-opening being spread out over those days!) but now the party is over much sooner.  
But whenever we start or end our celebrations the spiritual importance of Christmas remains.

It's surely about being thankful that God enters our world to share our human lives. That Christ brings light into our lives and that Christ will come back to usher in a kingdom of justice and peace for all.

It's also about mirroring the generous love of God in the actions of our own lives.  
And there are plenty of ways of doing that just at the moment.

It's a real blessing to be able to give presents to the people we love. At Christmas people often make gifts to charities as well. This year some people will still be able to do that but many people will have little spare money. Some will be giving gifts other than money, gifts of time for the lonely, gifts of care for the sick, gifts of encouragement for the down-hearted, gifts of hopefulness in a world which seems to have lost its way.

I pray that in our parish and community there will be an overflowing of love, joy and peace from our generous God. The God who longs for the best for all of God's creation.

*In peace, Mike*

# CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Every Sunday at All Saints Church,  
Wouldham



Morning prayer at 9:15 am and Sung Eucharist  
at 10:30am every Sunday morning.

**EVERY TUESDAY, All Saints Church, 7.30pm Said Eucharist ,**

All are welcome to attend in person.

Services will also be on Zoom; email Mike for the link.

Sunday 4th December	2nd Sunday of Advent	10:30am
Sunday 11th December	3rd Sunday of Advent with junior choir	10:30am
Sunday 18th December	4th Sunday of Advent Carol Service 6.30pm with junior choir	10:30am
Sunday 24th December	Christingle	4.00pm
Christmas Eve	Midnight Mass	11.30pm
Sunday 25th December	Christmas Morning Service	10.30am
Sunday 1st January	2nd Sunday of Christmas	10.30am
Sunday 8th January	Epiphany	10.30am
Sunday 15th January	2nd Sunday of Epiphany	10.30am
Sunday 22nd January	3rd Sunday of Epiphany	10.30am
Sunday 29th January	4th Sunday of Epiphany	10.30am

**Toddler Church** at All Saints Church. Every Friday in term-time between 9.15-10.15am for babies, toddlers, parents, and carers. Come and enjoy: Tea, conversation, play, story, song, and prayer.

**Candle Prayer Time** The prayer group continues to pray at 7.30pm every Wednesday. All welcome to send in prayer requests to Gwen on: 01634 672060 or [gwenworcester@hotmail.com](mailto:gwenworcester@hotmail.com)

**Music in Church:** Choir Practice is normally held on Thursdays at 7.30pm. To apply to join the choir, or to find out more, please contact Douglas Henn-Macrae. [www.wouldhamchurch.org.uk](http://www.wouldhamchurch.org.uk)

## CHRISTMAS FUN FOR FREE!

There will be a FREE **Christmas Colouring Competition** which will run from the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December until the 17<sup>th</sup> of December.

Judging will take place on the 18<sup>th</sup> of December.

Please collect/return entry forms from the 3rd of December from:  
111 High Street Wouldham or 2 Black Robin Lane P.V.

There will also be FREE Christmas gifts again this year on the Wouldham sign on the Village Green. They will appear on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December and will be on a first come basis.

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Friday, 11th February 2023**

Banish those New Year blues with a

### **BIG BAND BONANZA**

Join us to enjoy a 15 piece orchestra playing music from the swing era of the 1940's and 50's and more.



**At All Saints Church, Wouldham, from 7:00pm.**

Music from all the big band leaders will put you in the mood for Valentine's day.

Tickets cost £8.00 which includes tea/coffee from church members or on the door or contact 01634 672060

### CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

#### **All Saints, Wouldham Church Choir:**

Choir practices are normally held in the church at 7:30pm on Thursdays, and there are vacancies for over-18s in all voice parts.

For more information please contact Douglas Henn-Macrae

Tel. No. 01634 683096 or e-mail [douglas@gundulf.org.uk](mailto:douglas@gundulf.org.uk)

#### **Church Bell Ringing:**

All Saints Church, Wouldham 8pm on Wednesdays

New ringers welcome, contact Tina Miles on Tel: 07967 795913.

# **FOODBANK**

**Your local foodbank is at THE EAST MALLING CENTRE.**

This centre provides a foodbank for those folk from Wouldham, Burham, and Peters Village who need a helping hand at this difficult time.

Your local church, All Saints, is supporting the foodbank with tinned and dried foodstuff along with fresh fruit and vegetable donations.

If you require help please contact 01732 846314 and you will receive a kind response and more information. If you have genuine difficulties accessing the foodbank it will be possible for a volunteer to deliver your food parcel; this will be arranged by the Foodbank.

## **Calling all Wouldham, Burham and Peters Village residents**

All Saints church will be open on Monday evenings between 6:30pm and 7:30pm for anyone wishing to bring food donations for the East Malling Foodbank.

Also the local pubs have kindly offered to take your donations.

All items will be delivered to East Malling on Tuesday mornings by church volunteers.

Items welcome include: Tinned goods such as beans, peas, carrots, soup, meatballs in sauce, chilli in a can, corned beef, curry in a can and hot dogs. Also, dried goods such as pasta, cous cous, sugar, rice, and pet food along with fresh vegetables, fruit and milk.

# CHRISTMAS MARKETS



## Rochester

Friday, 2nd December 12– 8pm  
 Sat.3rd & Sun.4th December. 10– 7pm  
 Friday, 9th December 12 –8pm

## Aylesford Farmer’s Market, Aylesford Priory, ME20 7BX

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month. 9.30am—1.30pm  
 Next markets are on: 18th, December & 15th January 2023

## Tonbridge and Malling Ramblers December walks 2022



Non-members are welcome.

To find the dates, locations, and start times for our walks, see: [www.tonbridgeandmallinghamblers.org.uk](http://www.tonbridgeandmallinghamblers.org.uk).

Or email: [info@tonbridgeandmallinghamblers.org.uk](mailto:info@tonbridgeandmallinghamblers.org.uk).

For January walks please see the websites above.

Thursday 8 December	Leisurely circular walk from Shipbourne Common to Underriver. Includes 17 stiles!	5.6 miles
Thursday 15 December	Leisurely circular walk from Wrotham to Trottiscliffe; mainly flat with some road walking.	6 miles
Sunday 18 December	A circular walk in beautiful countryside around Plaxtol. Moderate difficulty	5 miles
Wednesday 28 December	Leisurely circular walk from West Peckham along the Greensand Way and Oxon Hoath estate with fine views of Hadlow Tower. Return via farmland, orchards and the Wealdway.	6.7 miles



**Friends of St Mary's Old Church, Burham**

*(down by the river)*



## ***Annual Carols by Candlelight***

**Saturday, 10 December at 6pm**

***Join us for this always magical evening of  
Christmas Carols and other music,  
lit by dozens of candles.***

**Mince pies and mulled wine—*donations welcome*  
Dress warmly!**

### **WINCHESTER HOUSE CARE HOME ....**

.....will be welcoming anyone from our villages of  
Wouldham, Burham, and Peters Village to join  
**The Dementia Café**  
on the **first Wednesday of each month at 10:30am.**

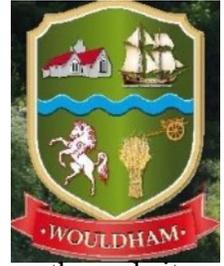
Do join us for a friendly chat and support and a chance to  
reflect and remember good times together.

Also, members of Wouldham Church will be joining us and  
singing—

**Carols at Winchester House. Friday, 16th December, 6pm;**  
you are very welcome to join us.

**Winchester House, 180 Wouldham Rd, Wouldham, ME1 3TR**

## WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL



Our last meeting was on the 1st of November, 2022.  
Minutes will be published on our website.

The next meetings will be on:

Tuesday the 6th of December, 2022 and

Tuesday the 10th of January 2023 in the Village Hall,  
commencing at 7:30pm. Agenda and details can be found on the website.

**Keep up to date by visiting: [www.wouldhampc.com](http://www.wouldhampc.com)  
or via Facebook: Wouldham Parish Council**

### Cost of Living

As costs continue to rise, many people may find it difficult to make ends meet. Whilst we all may have to make savings over the coming months, here are some links where you may be able to find support:

<https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/cost-of-living>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cost-of-living-support/cost-of-living-support-factsheet-26-may-2022>

### Lights in Oldfield

The Chairman of the Parish Council has received reply from Cllr Gough, Leader of KCC in relation to the lights continually on around Oldfield. Apparently, this was caused by a central management system fault and as a safety feature, they stayed on as they do not have photo cell. Gough confirmed that electricity used during this failure will not be charged as the unit is still under warranty. On the 20<sup>th</sup> of October the unit was replaced and all units have been set to their original settings. However, there are some bulbs now not working so these have also been reported.

### Roads/Footpaths/Grounds Maintenance/Fly Tipping

As a reminder, potholes etc can be reported directly to KCC through their website: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/what-we-look-after/roads/potholes>

Water leaks can also be reported to: [www.southeastwater.co.uk](http://www.southeastwater.co.uk)

Fly tipping can be reported to:

<https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/bins-waste/report-fly-tipping>.

Alternatively, you can download the ‘Country Eye’ app and report it with a photo.

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### **Over 60's Club**

A very social group who meet in the Watermans Arms on Tuesdays from 2-4:00pm for quizzes, bingo, trips out and good conversation. Membership is £2.50 per week which pays for the trips. New members always welcome.

### **Coffee Mornings**

Regular coffee mornings run every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month. A nice warm place to have a cuppa and a chat with neighbours and friends.

### **Girlguiding**

The Village now has a Rainbows group running on Mondays (currently with a waiting list and a Brownies group on Wednesdays (spaces available). Please contact Ashley on: 07852 485291 for further details.

### **Defibrillators**

We currently have 2 defibrillators in the village. They are located at both ends of the village: The Village Hall, 15 High Street  
The Community Centre, Tolhurst Road

### **Lifebuoys**

As we all live near a very fast-moving river, it is vital that all our life-buoys are always fit for purpose. Councillors regularly check these, but if you have any concerns about them, please contact the Clerk.

### **Christmas Colouring Competition**

Rosemary Bell is arranging a Christmas colouring competition for the Village children. Sheets will be available from 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Further details can be found on local Facebook pages.

Thank you for your continued efforts Rosemary!



### **And Finally...**

A massive THANK YOU to all the volunteers that have painted the Village Hall, especially Anne Marr for arranging it. It's a great space for parties or groups. Further improvements are planned over the coming months too.

**Christmas Closure:** The Parish Office will be closed from 15/12/22 - 5/1/23. Any emergencies can be directed to the Chair, Eddy Bell.

Email: [clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk)

Tina Miles  
Tel. No. 07904 281522

*A day in the life of...* Pamla Dawn Walker

*Job title:* Technical Illustrator and Editor for Ravelin Archaeological Services, Volunteer Editor of this magazine, and Pet Portrait Artist at Pamla Dawn Art.

*When did you start this role?*

I returned to being a draughtsman, or Technical Illustrator, about two years ago having started out at the age of 18 as a Civil Engineering Technician.

*What qualifications do you need to perform this role?*

As I enjoy two careers at the moment the qualifications for being a Technical Illustrator meant I completed a five year apprenticeship in Civil Engineering starting out on the drawing board with further training on Computer Aided Drafting (CAD) which helped immensely especially with the ubiquitous changes needed during the design of a Power station or new road scheme. As I also edit Archaeological Reports I have completed Editing/proofreading courses with several organisations. As a part time artist, it is simply time and practise and watching the odd video tutorial which helps me progress and enjoy producing art that I hope people enjoy.

*What attracted you to this position?*

I always wanted to be a Mechanical Engineer but sadly in the early 80's when I left college, after being the first girl to achieve OND in Electrical and mechanical Engineering at North Trafford College in Manchester where I grew up, the industry had been decimated by the then Government so I went into Civil Engineering instead. It was not an easy time as there was a lot of objection to me working in the industry, sadly, but I soldiered through and gained my qualifications and spent 20 years in Civil Engineering.

*What is your favourite part of the job?*

As a Technical illustrator seeing hand drawn sketches from site turned into 'pretty' technical drawings that help the archaeology come alive in the report.

*And the least?*

As a pet portrait artist completing about 70% of a drawing then realising the paper I am using has bald patches and therefore cannot take any more layers; so frustrating!

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*What is a typical day like for you?*

As a Technical Illustrator: Scanning in site drawings, buying OS Maps and setting up the CAD drawings then producing the final drawings which I use when editing reports to ensure they tally up.

*What advice would you give to someone thinking of this position as a career?*

Seek out an apprenticeship with a large company who will be able to support your training and continued professional development.

*Can you share the funniest, embarrassing or most memorable story?*

This would be a most memorable, sad, story of when I worked in Civil Engineering. I had an annual appraisal with a new Engineer who marked me down on everything. When I challenged him as to why he said 'You are taking a man's job and should be at home raising children'. I sat there agog for what seemed like an eternity with my blood boiling as you can imagine so I decided to thank him for his appraisal and walked out of the meeting straight to my Director who was not impressed with the Engineer's appraisal and had very stern words with him. I hope one day all we see is a person rather than gender, colour, age, etc ...

*How would you rate job satisfaction out of 10?*

I love both my jobs so 10/10 for each.



Ravelin Archaeological Services can be contacted on:

Email: [admin@ravelinarchservices.co.uk](mailto:admin@ravelinarchservices.co.uk)

Tel. No. 01634 612640

Pamla Dawn Art; Commissions being taken from the end of January 2023 for pet portraits in coloured pencils. Pamla can be contacted on:

Email: [pamladawnart@gmail.com](mailto:pamladawnart@gmail.com)

Tel. No. 07988 645801



# BURHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Keep up to date with Parish Council business by Visiting the following platforms:

Website: [www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk)

Facebook page: **Burham Parish Council**



## **The next meetings is scheduled for the 19th December 2022 & 30th Jan 2023**

(Normally the last Monday of the month excluding Bank Holidays).

### **One way system on Church Street**

At the time of submission, there was no update on the one way system in Church Street. A meeting with KCC Highways was due early November, but that was cancelled by them due to sickness. We are currently awaiting a new meeting date.

### **Street Lights**

During October, due to extreme prices increases, four street light lamps were defused. These particular lights are the ones that we are responsible for and are nothing to do with the street lights that KCC look after. We now have 1 x lamp in Church Street car park, 1 x lamp in Bell Lane car park and 1 x other junction of Scarborough Lane/Rochester Rd. We are however in the process of installing a solar lamp in Church Street car park as well as it is appreciated that the car park is quite dark.

### **Bus Services**

There have been some changes to the Nu Venture bus service: From the 27<sup>th</sup> of October, the Thursday number 29 return journey from Maidstone will run one hour later (at 13.08 from Maidstone, was originally 12.08). No change to the Tuesday service. From the 31st of October, the 529 afternoon journey (School bus) from Maidstone to Aylesford, Burham, Wouldham and Peters Village will start at pudding Lane at 16.05. It will no longer service Tonbridge Rd, Queens Rd, or Chequers bus station. The 529 can be used by others including those with bus passes (normal conditions apply).

### **TMBC Local Plan regulation 18:**

Hopefully as many residents as possible submitted comments to TMBC. Whilst it was a complex and large document, that was resident's chance to have their say on the potential development of the village.

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**Local elections:** In May 2023, local elections will be taking place for councillors to stand at parish level. There will be eight vacancies available. Whilst existing councillors can of course re-stand, it would be great if we could see some new faces come forward. If you might be interested in the volunteer councillor roles, give me a call on the number below for an informal chat, don't just moan about village matters, come and get involved!

### **Odd Job employee**

Just to advise that no-one applied for the vacancy of odd job person.

### **Defibrillator**

Located on the outside wall of the parish office. As the device is security coded, if required, please dial 999 for a code to access the device.

### **General**

It is appreciated that not all residents are online or have access to the internet. If you would like a paper copy of the community magazine, just let me know and I will ensure that you are added to the list who receive paper copies. There are paper copies left around the village including the parish office.

Also, just to advise that Facebook, Keep Burham Connected, is nothing to do with the parish council. If you have a query or question, the official means of communication are via email ([pam@burhampc.co.uk](mailto:pam@burhampc.co.uk)), via the website [burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk) (contact us section) or via the telephone (01634 685936). Comments/queries posted on Facebook, Keep Burham Connected will not be replied to.

If you spot any street lights that are out/flickering/not working properly, just let me know, so I can contact KCC for rectification work to be carried out, if of course it is one of theirs.

If you have any items that you would like the Parish Council to discuss, contact me on the details below or join in at the next scheduled meeting, which is due on the 19th of December 2022.

We would like to wish all our residents a very Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for 2023.

Pam Saunders, Clerk on 01634 685936  
or email: [pam@burhampc.co.uk](mailto:pam@burhampc.co.uk)



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Call 07450 943098 or email [theathletesfootcare@hotmail.com](mailto:theathletesfootcare@hotmail.com)



**NHS**

Providing NHS services

## FREE Health & Wellbeing Check Friday 11th November & Friday 9th December

Burham Old School Community Hall, 1 Bell Ln, Burham,  
Rochester ME1 3SY

Take the opportunity to chat to us about any health concerns  
and receive a full health MOT in our community ambulance.

Health Checks Include:

- BMI
- Blood Pressure
- Cholesterol
- Blood Sugar
- Diet & exercise advice
- Smoking & Alcohol Reduction
- Support with social issues that may be impacting on your wellbeing



Walk In 10am to 2pm  
Open to ALL

# Richard Watts Charities

Established since 1579, Richard Watts Charities provides grants and services to people living in ME1 and ME2.

## Almshouse Accommodation:

We have 67 flats and bungalows in Rochester. The criteria to apply for accommodation is below.

If you are need of housing feel free to contact us to see if we can help.

- living in ME1 or ME2 (or returning to be near family or friends)
- aged State Pension age or over
- no longer employed
- in need of accommodation
- in reasonable health and able to look after yourself

**Grants and Services:** for people who are financially eligible.

## Household Essential Grants:

for items such as cookers or fridges for any age group.

## School Uniforms:

we can fund primary or secondary school uniforms.

## Educational Grants:

for items associated with education or training, e.g. books, equipment, special needs arrangements, music or outings.

## Apprenticeship Grants:

up to £100 is available to new apprentices aged under 25.

## Home Help Service:

provides help to people at home and in the local community, including shopping, housework, and laundry but not personal care. £13.50 per hour unless a free service is agreed. Laundry £11.50.

## Medway Telecare Service:

can be funded by RWC.

## Lawn Cutting Service:

for older or disabled people who are unable to cut the lawn themselves.

## Grants to Organisations or Schools within ME1 and ME2:

applications can be made to assist with education, training or outings.

Please call **01634 842194** or email **[admin@richardwatts.org.uk](mailto:admin@richardwatts.org.uk)** for further information.

**[www.richardwatts.org.uk](http://www.richardwatts.org.uk)**



## PARISH INFORMATION

BURHAM PARISH COUNCIL: Mon-Friday, 10am - 2pm

Pam Saunders, Clerk: Tel: 01634 685936.

Email: [pam@burhampc.co.uk](mailto:pam@burhampc.co.uk)      [www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk).

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

Meetings usually held on the last Monday in the month.

Next Council meeting: Monday the 19th of December 2022 .

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### WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL:

Tina Miles, Clerk, Tel. No. 07904281522

Email: [clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk)

[www.wouldhampc.com](http://www.wouldhampc.com)

The next meeting will be Tuesday the 6th of December 2022. For details about how to join in please see the agenda published on [wouldhampc.com](http://wouldhampc.com)

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### COMMUNITY WARDEN: 07813694140

Police: PCSO Samir Patangwa.

Non emergency Tel. No.: 101



### TRANSPORT:

Bus Services: Nu Venture No. 19.

[29 - Peters Village - Aylesford - Maidstone – Nu-Venture – bustimes.org](http://29-PetersVillage-Aylesford-Maidstone-Nu-Venture-bustimes.org)

Clarkes of London's commuter coach service:

[www.clarkescommute.co.uk](http://www.clarkescommute.co.uk)

The 764a and 764b service picks up from bus stops:

Keepers Cottage Lane (05:52 & 06:30) &

Village Road (05:50 and 06:28). or call: 020 8778 6697.

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**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.**



**www.phoenixsurgery-burham.nhs.uk**

<b>Surgery opening times</b>	<b>Opens</b>	<b>Closes</b>
Monday & Thursday	8:30 am	5:00pm
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday	8:30am	6:00pm
<b>Dispensary opening times</b>	<b>Opens</b>	<b>Closes</b>
Monday & Thursday	8:45am	12:00 noon
	2:00pm	4:45pm
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday	8:45am	12:00 noon
	2:00pm	6:15pm

*Dissolution of Partnership*

*Notice is given that the partnership formerly subsisting between Dr Nicholas Pile and Dr Ruth Thom carrying on business as medical practice at 33 Bell Lane, Burham, Rochester, Kent ME1 3SX under the name Phoenix Medical Practice has been dissolved as from the 31st of March 2021.*

**NHS111:** If you require urgent medical help ring 111 or visit 111.nhs.uk

**Defibrillators** are situated at Burham Parish Office, Wouldham Village Hall, and the Community Centre, Tolhurst Road, Peters Village.

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

**Prescriptions** can be arranged to be collected, thanks to a service offered by the church. The surgery requires 4 days notice to prepare them and 24 hours notice is required for volunteers to collect them. Contact Rachel Harris (who will be available to deliver medicines on Tuesdays and Thursdays) on 07725 289194 for more details.

**Hearing aids** availability and maintenance from <https://hikent.org.uk> are looking for volunteers to help with the aftercare clinics they normally hold on the 2nd Thursday of the month at Burham Community Centre. Ring 01622 691151 for more information.

## Churches:

### Church of England Parish of Burham & Wouldham:

\* **All Saints, High Street, Wouldham.**

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**News from  
The Church in Burham (Methodist)  
Church Street, Burham  
All morning services commence at 10:30am**



**Services in December/January**

Sunday 4th Dec.	Celebration of Christmas lead by Rev. Naomi Oates and Robin Oakley	4:00pm
Sunday 11th Dec.	Morning Worship lead by members	10:30am
Sunday 18th Dec.	Holy Communion lead by Rev. Naomi Oates	10:30am
Sunday 25th Dec.	Christmas Day NO SERVICE	
Sunday 1st Jan.	Morning Worship lead by David Newell	10:30am
Sunday 8th Jan.	Morning Worship lead by members	10.30am
Sunday 15th Jan.	Morning Worship lead by Rev. Bryan Tolhurst	10:30am
Sunday 22rd Jan.	Morning Worship lead by members	10.30am
Sunday 29th Jan.	Morning Worship lead by members	10.30am

**Christingle: Christmas Eve at 2:00pm**

This year we will be holding our Christingle Service in the Church when all families and children are welcome to come to assemble their Christingles and share in an informal service led by Rev. Naomi Oates.

**Country lunch**

Our special Christmas Country Lunch will take place on the 15th of December at 1.00pm. Do join us for our lunch of soup with crusty bread and cheese, followed by homemade Christmas Pudding and cream with tea or coffee to finish. We ask for a donation of £4 to cover costs and any profit will be sent to charity.

THERE WILL BE NO COUNTRY LUNCH IN JANUARY

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### **Book exchange**

There will be a Book Exchange on Saturday the 3rd of December from 10.30am till 12 noon for you to exchange books you have read for others from our good selection while enjoying a cup of tea or coffee with home-made cakes and a time to chat with friends. All donations will be sent to charity.

**THERE WILL BE NO BOOK EXCHANGE IN JANUARY**

### **Film Club**

Our next Film Club will be on the 14th of December at 7.30pm. Please check on Facebook for information about the film we will be showing.

**THERE WILL BE NO FILM CLUB IN JANUARY**

Our Minister, Rev Naomi Oates will be going on Maternity Leave in January.

We wish her, Luke, and Rachel all the very best and look forward to her return in October.

Eileen Smith

Are your young ladies looking for a new adventure?

### **BROWNIE SPACES AVAILABLE.**

To join our new Brownies unit for girls aged between 7 and 10 years go to [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) to register your daughter or become a volunteer.

**Rainbows on Mondays between 5:00-6:00pm**  
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**Women's Institute:** 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Burham Village Hall. 7.30pm. Contact Eileen Smith 01634 867022.

**Thursday Morning Community Club:** Burham Old School Community Centre, 10.30am – 12 noon. Tea, coffee, cakes. Friendly gatherings & outings. Contact: 01634 867669.

### **Activity/sport**

**Burham Baton Twirlers:** Village Hall every other Thursday 4.15-6.30pm. Contact Lyn Robinson 07729 373558.

**Short Mat Bowls:** Mondays & Wednesdays in Burham Village Hall, 7.30pm – 9.30pm. New Members are always welcome. Contact - Irene Benton 01634 867466.

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## **BURHAM UNITED CHARITIES**

A local charitable organisation that provides financial assistance to those in need living within the old Burham 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.
- \* Transport costs for medical appointments including the Covid 19 vaccination.
- \* Alleviating particular instances of hardship for any resident of the parish.
- \* Helping 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)

Whatever else you know about the WI let me tell you that our ladies know how to have a good time.

We may campaign about Autism identification in girls and women, we may be a voice in favour of rural busses (not very successfully here) we may advocate strategies to prevent the seas becoming plastic soups but on a local level we know how to party.



You don't need to be a member to join us on the 20<sup>th</sup> December when we are entertained by Jasmine Kittermaster with her classic Christmas Show. However it would help our catering if you could inform Jan, our guest co-ordinator, on 07795081911.

Heather Brown  
Secretary

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## DECEMBER & JANUARY IN YOUR GARDEN



*'We can't stop the Winter from coming. We can't make the seasons other than they are. They are gifts from the universe that we can't refuse, but we can choose what they will contribute to life when each arrives.'*

December and January herald the depth of winter, the weather tends to be colder, wetter and the days are short. However the light in winter can be fabulous on cold crisp days, and once the shortest day passes our spirits lift and a renewed focus on new things and new seasons spur us on.

In the garden, when many of our deciduous shrubs, and herbaceous perennials are still resting, the new year will bring the early bulbs of snowdrops and aconites out, and the Hellebores will also be flowering. Winter Jasmine and Sarcococca also add colour and a delicate fragrance to the borders, while the winter stems of Cornus, Salix and Acers all provide additional colour through winter. Now is also a good time to evaluate the evergreen structure of your garden; does your outdoor space still have interest and colour? Evergreen plants such as Viburnum, Aucuba, Laurel, and Eleagnus will all help the garden to maintain some interest and structure through the winter months. Often a light prune in Autumn will keep any of these shrubs looking neat until spring.

Naturally at this time of year the season favourites of Holly, Ivy, and Yew are also perfect for our gardens, but they also have added benefits for our native wildlife; the birds love the holly berries and bees will gather the pollen from Ivy flowers, and all three provide perfect nesting and hibernation habitats.

Whilst I would encourage you to forage for some lovely winter foliage to bring indoors from any of the above, please also bear in mind the winter habitats that our native plants provide for wildlife, so only take a little if possible. By adding some baubles or fairy lights to your garden will help to add a bit of festive sparkle to your outdoor space.

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In the vegetable garden, winter is a time of preparation as opportunities to get out sowing and planting are fewer. Make sure onions and garlic are in before the end of January, and around the same time Broad Beans can also be sown as these will provide a valuable early harvest.

It's also an ideal time to do a stock check; plan for the growing year ahead and make sure you have the seeds and compost etc. ready to get started in early spring. Cleaning your pots and seed trays ready for the new season along with the greenhouse glass are also a great winter jobs, as well as doing any repairs required

.Other things to be doing in the garden now:

- \* Spike the lawn if weather is still mild; push a garden fork into the ground to create air holes, this will help with drainage & relieve compaction.
- \* Continue to provide food and water for the birds, especially once the ground is frozen.

Enjoy a wonderful festive season and wishing everyone  
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Sue Durrani

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**Burham and Wouldham**

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